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## SC sets up Pegasus probe panel

Ex-SC judge to supervise work of 3-member committee of cyber experts

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday appointed a three-member panel of cyber experts to probe the alleged use of Israeli spyware Pegasus for surveillance of politicians, journalists, corporates and judges, saying every citizen needs protection against privacy violation and mere invocation of "national security by state" does not render the court a "mute spectator".

The committee comprising three technical members will be supervised by its retired judge Justice RV Raveendran to be assisted by Alok Joshi, former IPS officer (1976 batch) and Sundeep Oberoi, Chairman, Sub Committee in (International Organisation of Standardisation/International Electro-Technical Commission /Joint Technical Committee).

The three technical members of the committee are: Naveen Kumar Chaudhary, former judge Justice Justice Raveendran to oversee the functioning of the three member panel and sought a report expeditiously from the committee.



Dean, National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Prabakaran P is a Professor (School of Engineering), Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri, Kerala, and has "two decades of experience in computer science and security areas".

Third member of the technical committee Gumaste is Institute Chair Associate Professor (Computer Science and Engineering), Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Maharashtra.

The apex court rejected the Centre's plea to allow it to appoint an expert committee to investigate the allegations on the grounds that such a course of action would violate the settled judicial principle against bias. The top court urged its former judge Justice Justice Raveendran to oversee the functioning of the three member panel and sought a report expeditiously from the committee.



Stating that "justice must not only be done, but also be seen to be done," the bench headed by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana and comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli rejected the Centre's vehement submissions on national security saying, "...This does not mean that the State gets a free pass every time the spectre of 'national security' is raised. National security cannot be the bugbear that the judiciary shies away from, by virtue of its mere mentioning. Although this court should be circumspect in encroaching

the domain of national security, no omnibus prohibition can be called for against judicial review."

The top court said in this world of conflicts it is an extremely uphill task to find and select experts who are free from prejudices, are independent and competent, rather than relying upon any Government agencies or any private entity.

In the 46 page Judgment, the Bench reiterated the need of freedom of press in a democratic society. "Such a scenario might result in self-censorship."

This is of particular concern when it relates to the freedom of the press, which is an important pillar of democracy. Such chilling effect on the freedom of speech is an assault on the vital public-watchdog role of the press, which may undermine the ability of the press to provide accurate and reliable information," said the apex court highlighting freedom of press.

"We make it clear that our effort is to uphold Constitutional aspirations and rule of law, without allowing ourselves to be consumed in political rhetoric," the bench said, adding that this court has always been conscious of not entering political thicket. "Members of civilised democratic society have reasonable expectation of privacy. Privacy is not singular concern of journalists or social activists," the bench said.

In a democratic country governed by rule of law, indiscriminate spying on individuals cannot be allowed except with sufficient statutory safeguards, by following procedure established by law under Constitution, it said.

The bench had reserved order on September 13, saying it only wanted to know whether or not the Centre used the Pegasus spyware through illegal methods to allegedly snoop on citizens.

### Terms of Reference

■ The committee is requested to prepare the report after a thorough enquiry and place it expeditiously before the court, it said.

■ The panel would probe what steps/actions have been taken by the Centre after reports were published in 2019 about hacking of WhatsApp accounts of Indian citizens, using the Pegasus suite of spyware

■ Whether any Pegasus suite was acquired by the Union of India, or any state government, or any central or state agency for use against the citizens

■ Under what law, rule, guideline, protocol or lawful procedure was such deployment made?

## MEA flays China for new land border law

India asks China to avoid actions that can impact bilateral pacts

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India has taken strong exception to China's decision to have a new land border law and said such "unilateral" legislation will have implications on the existing bilateral pacts regarding the border.

This response from the Ministry of External Affairs here came on Wednesday after reports said the new boundary law will become operational from January 1 next year. The legislation stipulates that "the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of China are sacred and inviolable".

Enunciating India's position, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "We also expect that China will avoid undertaking action under the pretext of this law which could unilaterally alter the situation in the India-China border areas."

"We have noted that China has passed a new land boundary law on October 23, 2021. The law states among other things that China abides by



In this file photo, an Indian Army convoy moves on the Srinagar-Ladakh highway at Gagangar, northeast of Srinagar AP

treaties concluded with or jointly acceded to by foreign countries on land boundary affairs. It also has provisions to carry out reorganisation of districts in the border areas," Bagchi said.

India and China have still not resolved the boundary question. Both sides have agreed to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable resolution to the boundary question through consultations on an equal footing.

"We have also concluded several bilateral agreements, protocols and arrangements to maintain peace and tranquility along the LAC in India-China border areas in the interim," Bagchi said.

"In this regard, China's

unilateral decision to bring about a legislation which can have implication on our existing bilateral arrangements on border management as well as on the boundary question is of concern to us," he said.

"Such unilateral move will have no bearing on the arrangements that both sides have already reached earlier, whether it is on the boundary question or for maintaining peace and tranquility along the LAC in India-China border areas."

We also expect that China will avoid undertaking action under the pretext of this law which could unilaterally alter the situation in the India-China border areas," Bagchi said.

### CAPSULE

#### 10 CONVICTED IN 2013 PATNA BLAST CASE

Patna: A special NIA court on Wednesday convicted 10 people in connection with 2013 serial blasts that left 6 dead and scores injured at venue here of a political rally of PM, who was then chief minister of Gujarat.

#### WAQAR APOLOGISES FOR 'NAMAZ' COMMENT

Karachi: Waqar Younis on Wednesday apologised for his communal remarks during a television show following Pakistan's 10-wicket victory over India in ongoing T20 World Cup as former Pakistan pacer was castigated on social media for his "jehadi mindset".

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## Sonia calls up Lalu amid rupture in Bihar alliance

Lalu had rebuked Cong for fielding bypoll candidates

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/PATNA

Amid reports of a rift within the Mahagathbandhan in Bihar, particularly between the Congress and the RJD, Congress president Sonia Gandhi reached out to RJD chief Lalu Prasad, who had rebuked the grand old party over fielding candidates in Bihar bypolls.

Lalu reached Patna after a gap of three years after serving a jail term in a fodder scam case. Talking to the media in Patna ahead of his bypoll campaign, Lalu said the Congress president enquired about his health and whereabouts.

Sonia called Lalu soon after a meeting of the Congress' State chiefs in which the party's problems in various States were discussed.

"I spoke to Sonia. She asked me about my well-being



Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad, along with son and party leader Tejashwi Yadav, addresses a by-election campaign rally at Kusheshwar Asthan constituency in Darbhanga on Wednesday PTI

and whereabouts. I told her that the Congress is an all India party and she should get all like-minded people and parties together to form a strong alternative (to the ruling party) and should call a meeting of all people," said Lalu.

The RJD is one of the oldest allies of the Congress. Both the parties had an alliance in Bihar as well for the Assembly elections. However, in the

bypolls for two seats, the RJD decided to go solo which left the Congress fuming and the grand old party fielded its candidate from both the seats.

When questioned about differences with the Congress over bypolls seat sharing, Lalu made stinging remarks. "What is the alliance with Congress? Should we have left everything to the Congress for a defeat? For forfeiting deposits?" Lalu had said a few days ago.

## Small LPG cylinders can soon be bought from ration shops

To be sold at commercial rate

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

You may soon be able to purchase small LPG cylinders at fair price shops at commercial rates. The Centre on Wednesday said it plans to allow the retail sale of small LPG cylinders as well as offer financial services through fair price shops as part of its measures to enhance the financial viability of these outlets.

These issues were discussed in a virtual meeting with State Governments, chaired by Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey.

Representatives from the Ministries of Electronics and IT, Finance, and Petroleum and Natural Gas attended the meeting. Officials from Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) as well as CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC)



too were present.

After the meeting, the Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry in a statement said, "Proactive measures to be taken to enhance the financial viability of FPS. ...Plan of retail selling of small LPG cylinders through FPS in the anvil." There are 5.26 Lakh ration shops in the country. Sources said that the small cylinders can be bought off the counter by simply producing an ID proof.

Representatives from oil marketing companies (OMCs) appreciated the proposal for

retail selling of small LPG cylinders through fair price shops (FPS), also called ration shops. OMCs said the necessary support would be provided for the same in coordination with interested state/UT Governments, it added.

In the meeting, the food secretary stressed the need for taking proactive measures for enhancing the financial viability of FPSs.

The State Governments said the collaboration with common service centres (CSC) will increase the viability of FPS.

## Boy kills girl, reaches court to surrender

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A 15-year-old girl was found murdered in the Premnagar area of Dehradun with her throat slit on Wednesday. The accused is also a minor and was well acquainted with the victim as per the police.

The superintendent of police (Rural) Swatantra Kumar Singh informed that the accused is a minor and appeared outside the court with blood stains all over the clothes on Wednesday and the police took him in custody.

He told the police about the murder and took them to the location of the murder where they found the dead body, said Singh. He said that the accused has also handed over the weapon used for the murder to the police.

He said that the accused is in the custody of the police and the matter is under investigation. According to sources, the victim was a class XI student while the accused is a class XII student. Further details of case will be known as investigation progresses.

## Party ready, several Cong leaders will join, says Capt

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Days after Capt Amarinder Singh alleged "humiliation" at the hands of the Congress party's central leadership leading to his unceremonious ouster from Punjab's Chief Minister's post, the scion of the Patiala royal family on Wednesday announced the launch of his "new party", not disclosing the name, while claiming the "support of several Congressmen".

Declaring that his political party was ready, Capt Amarinder maintained that the party's name and symbol are pending approval with the Election Commission of India.

His decision, adding a new dimension to Punjab politics just about three months before the 2022 State Assembly elec-



tions, has resulted in a fresh bout of words between Capt Amarinder and his bete noire

### BSF not going to take over Punjab: Capt

Chandigarh: Former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Wednesday strongly backed the BJP-led Centre's move of extending the BSF's jurisdiction and asserted that

the border force is not going to take over Punjab or its administration. Singh also slammed the Congress regime in the State for opposing it and denying any serious security concerns.

## Schools in Delhi to reopen from Nov 1

Chhath Puja allowed with Covid protocol

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After 19 months of closure due to the coronavirus pandemic, schools in the national Capital will reopen from November 1 for all Classes with 50 per cent student strength, though classes will continue in the hybrid mode and no student will be forced to attend them offline.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Wednesday allowed devotees to perform Chhath Puja at



designated spots in Delhi amid strict Covid protocols.

The DDMA, which devises Covid management policies for the Capital, had banned Chhath Puja celebrations at public places, including at Yamuna riverbanks, water bodies and temples in Delhi, after a meeting on September 30. The ban on Chhath celebrations had triggered protests by Opposition parties the BJP and the Congress.

## Aryan's co-accused challenge conspiracy charge in drug case

No relief as yet, bail hearing to continue today

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Adopting a similar line of arguments pursued by prime accused Aryan Khan's lawyer and former Attorney General of India Mukul Rohatgi on Tuesday, the lawyers seeking bail for two other accused in the mid-sea drug bust case — Arbaaz Merchant and Munmun Dhamecha — on Wednesday vehemently contested the conspiracy charges slapped wrongly by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) against their clients.



On a day when one of the two lawyers complained that WhatsApp chats used in the case made it to the media even before they were placed on record before the court, senior counsel Amit Desai — appearing for Arbaaz — told the Bombay High Court that in the case of his client, who came to

be arrested along with Aryan and six other accused on October 3 on the charges of consumption, the offence of conspiracy under Section 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, came to be added later.

"Sections 27 and 20(b) of the NDPS Act are for consumption of drugs, that is what was there in the arrest memo. If there was no conspiracy on assessment then the punishment was for a year and there was inter se no conspiracy," Desai told the court.

After hearing the arguments of Desai and Munmun's lawyer Ali Kaashif Khan Deshmukh, Single Judge Justice Nitin Sambre scheduled further hearing in the matter on Thursday.



# Constituency of CM shrouded in darkness: AAP

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Despite the purchase of street lights at four times the market price by Khatima municipality, the constituency of the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami is still shrouded in darkness. Dhami and his acquaintances are apparently involved in this alleged scam too as no action has been taken on matter so far.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) made these allegations against the CM on Wednesday. The vice president of party, Amit Joshi said that as per information received under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, Khatima municipality purchased 4,000 street lights at rate of Rs 5,355 per light when usual rates are Rs 1,200 per light. He alleged, "The officials of

municipality have spent a total of Rs 2.14 crore on inferior quality street lights which they bought at four times market price which is a big scam. The streets of Khatima are still shrouded in darkness at night that leads to accidents on a frequent basis."

He stressed that when condition of CM's own constituency is such, one can easily imagine conditions of other constituencies in state. He said that corruption is at its peak in state under current state government in almost all departments but nothing is being done by CM. "We demand that Dhami take action against culprits. If government fails to take cognisance of matter soon, we will start a state-wide protest against government," added Joshi.

## BJP to start poll campaign with Shah's Doon rally

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Union Home and Cooperatives minister Amit Shah is scheduled to arrive in Dehradun on October 30 to launch the Mukhyamantri Ghasyari Kalyan Yojana (MGKY). A mega rally is slated to be addressed by Shah at the Bannu School ground in Race Course area of Dehradun on the occasion.

According to the party leaders, this rally of the Union minister will mark the start of the BJP's poll campaign in the state. A large number of party workers and members of the general public are expected to attend this gathering. On Wednesday, the party leaders held a meeting at the BJP state office here to finalise details of the preparation for the event. The BJP State general secretary Kuldeep Kumar informed the party workers in detail about Shah's proposed Uttarakhand



visit while allocating different tasks pertaining to the event to the party workers. He further said that meetings should be held in 100 municipal wards and 12 cantonment wards of Dehradun to motivate people to attend Shah's rally.

Cabinet minister Banshidhar Bhagat, Dehradun mayor Sunil Uniyal 'Gama' and the BJP's Mahanagar head Setaram Bhatt were also present in the meeting. Meanwhile, the BJP state president Madan Kaushik and cabinet minister Dhan Singh Rawat also inspected the venue of Shah's rally.

## Guv reaches Pauri on two-day visit

**Pauri:** Uttarakhand governor, lieutenant general (retd) Gurmit Singh said that it is better to see reality on the ground rather than looking at the situation through photographs. He said this after arriving here on a two-day tour of Pauri. The governor said that he wants to meet the public with officers to know their problems so that efforts can be made for better. Singh had recently undertaken

an aerial survey to assess the damage caused by the recent spell of heavy rains earlier this month. During his district level visit, he wants to assess the situation at the ground level. Singh said that he is looking forward to meeting the general public, adding that those unable to meet him can either meet him at Raj Bhawan or communicate their grievance by letter.

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## NHCP delegation meets Power Minister



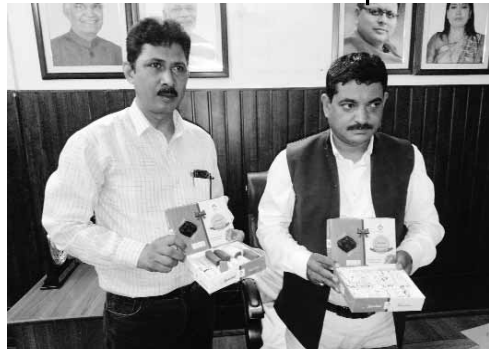
**Dehradun:** A delegation of NHPC headed by its chairman and managing director AK Singh met the Power Minister Harak Singh Rawat on Wednesday. Discussing various issues with the minister, the delegation also made a presentation of various hydro electric projects of the corporation in state. The delegation informed Rawat that expert committees had recommended construction of NHPC's Kotli Bhel-I hydro power project considering which state government should write to Power

ministry to secure approval for the project. The officials also talked about the 630 MW capacity Garba Tawaghat project in Pithoragarh, 120 MW Chungar Chal and 230 MW Sela Urthing power projects. Considering the presentations made by delegation, the Power minister assured that he will give serious thought to issues raised by them. Construction of new power projects in state will help achieve target of making Uttarakhand an energy state while also assisting state financially, said Rawat. PNS

## Aanchal sweets launched in new packs

PNS ■ LALKUAN

The Nainital dairy producers cooperative federation chairman Mukesh Bora launched new packs of chocolate and Bal Mithai in view of Deepawali here on Wednesday. He said that people should celebrate the festival with such tasty and quality dairy products which are also good for health. He said that Aanchal Bal Mithai and chocolate are being prepared in response to considerable demand of the public. He said that last year union sold 4,000 kilogrammes of Bal Mithai and chocolate. This year, the target is to sell about 6,000 kilogrammes in new



attractive pack. General manager Rajendra Singh Chauhan said that these products are bound to retain their popular-

ity with public considering trust in Aanchal. No compromise will be made with quality of the products, he stressed.

## 10-day long Dharohar fest to start from today

Will give platform to artistes, craftsmen unemployed for 2 yrs due to Covid, says organiser

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A 10-day-long festival - Dharohar is being organised in Dehradun with the aim to provide a platform to local folk artists and artisans who have struggled to present their art and craft to the public since the Covid-19 pandemic hit Uttarakhand.

This festival is being organised by Sister's Combines in association with Rural Entrepreneurship for Art and Cultural Heritage (REACH) from October 28 to November 6.

Addressing a Press conference here on Wednesday, the organisers of the event said that many folk artists and artisans are in financial crisis due to loss of their means of income because of various restrictions imposed by the government to contain Covid-19. "Various artistes and craftsmen have been unemployed for about two years due to Covid. Most of the craftsmen used to sell their products

through fairs in various places to make their products reachable to the public but it could not be possible during the pandemic. This is the reason we decided to give such artists a platform to reach the public here with their arts and products this festive season," stated one of the organisers Buddhina Mishra.

Another organiser Sunil Verma informed that the event is being organised at Rangers Ground in Dehradun which will be inaugurated by cabinet minister Subodh Uniyal and MLA Khajjan Das on Thursday at 4 PM.

He said that the event will start with Jagar and various performances by groups of Garhwali folk artistes, dance groups and classical dance besides other live performances will be presented throughout the event.

"The fair in the festival will start from 11 AM and the performances will commence from 6 PM till 10:30 PM. About 150 artisans will set up their stalls in the event after two years. The entry is free so we appeal to people to visit the event and give their support to the artists and artisans participating in the event," added Verma.

## Garhwal varsity's Ajay Semalty in top scientists list again

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Professor in the department of Pharmaceutical Sciences of HNB Garhwal University, Ajay Semalty has been included in the world's top two percent of scientists in the list published by a research group of Stanford University for the second consecutive year.

This year Semalty is placed at 1,70,702 overall rank in the prestigious list which is a big jump from the 1,96,612 rank he got last year in Pharmacy and Pharmacology.

Semalty said that in the scarce resources and conditions perpetuated by the pandemic of Covid-19, it is a soothing news that he could get this achievement. He has 84 research papers, 11 books, one Indian patent, UGC's national level research award, two online courses on SWAYAM and 24 online courses on other platforms to his credit.

He is an expert reviewer of Iceland Research Foundation, Israel Science Foundation (ISF) Israel and Scientific Expert (REPRISE) for the Ministry of Institution and University Research (MIUR), Italy.

## New norms for international tourists

Incoming passengers will have to show negative RT-PCR report filled on AIR SUVIDHA portal before boarding a flight

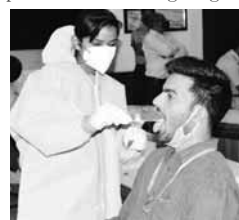
STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Airport said on Wednesday that AIR SUVIDHA portal has been updated as new guidelines for incoming international passengers come into effect.

"Now passengers will have to show a self-declaration application and a negative RT-PCR report on AIR SUVIDHA portal before boarding a flight," the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL's) spokesperson said.

Further, passengers from Category A countries can upload their vaccination certificate in AIR SUVIDHA itself for hassle-free arrival process. "Category A countries include those with which India has an agreement for mutual recognition of vaccination certificates," DIAL officials said.

All passengers coming to India will have to fill the Self Declaration Form (SDF) on Delhi Airport's website <https://www.newdelhiairport.in/airsuvidha/apho-registration>. It is mandatory for all international arriving passengers, without which they will not be allowed to board a flight to India. They will also have to upload mandatory negative RT-PCR/molecular test reports (undertaken within 72 hours of departure) to the SDF. "Each passenger will also have



to submit a declaration with respect to the authenticity of the report and be liable for criminal prosecution, if found otherwise," DIAL added.

A few days ago, the Centre issued new guidelines for passengers from 20 countries travelling to India. The move came following a continued decline in the global trajectory of Covid-19, increased vaccination coverage across the globe and the changing nature of the pandemic. As per the new guidelines, the Government has identified two categories of countries.

The first category (Category A) includes countries with which India has an agreement for mutual of vaccination certificate for individuals who are fully vaccinated with nationally-recognised or WHO-recognised Covid-19 vaccine. In addition, those countries exempting Indian citizens fully vaccinated with nationally-recognised or WHO-recognised

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## Delhi may witness 'air emergency' in next 3 days due to rising farm fires



Delhi may witness an "air emergency" in the next three days with a sudden rise in stubble burning cases in the neighbouring States of Punjab and Haryana. The expected change in air quality has been attributed to two reasons as per the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR): A spike in

farm fires and Diwali. The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) marked the Capital's air quality as "poor", and said the effective fire count of stubble burning in the northwest region of Delhi was 656. "Its share in Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 is 16 per cent as transport level winds are north-westerly," it said.

While the delayed withdrawal of monsoon from north India and the heavy post-monsoon showers in October resulted in a slow start to the stubble burning season this year but this does not indicate that there will be a drop in the cumulative numbers of fires in Punjab and Haryana, where farmers carry out the practice to clear their fields quickly for next cropping season. Meanwhile, the overall AQI was 218 microgram per cubic and values of Suspended Particulate Matters (SPMs) also escalated on National Ambient Air Quality Index (NAAQI).



## 5 tourists from Bengal killed in road accident

PNS ■ BAGESHWAR

Five tourists from West Bengal died while ten persons were injured when the Tempo Traveller they were travelling in crashed into another vehicle and fell off the road down the mountainside in Bageshwar district on Wednesday. The police reached the site of the mishap and began the rescue operation with the help of locals.

According to officials, the tourists were going towards Munyari after visiting Bageshwar when the accident took place near Farsali some distance from Kapkot. There were 12 people in the vehicle, out of which five people died on the spot, while seven were injured. Three persons in the other vehicle were also reportedly injured in the mishap. The



injured persons were rescued and sent to the hospital by ambulance. The tourists who died in the accident include two men and three women. All the tourists in the group are said to be from Kolkata. Two of the injured reported to be in a serious condition have been taken to the district hospital while the other injured have been admitted in the community health centre at Kapkot.

## Ex-CM Bahuguna's meeting CM Dhami fuels speculation

Bahuguna's arrival means something is wrong within the BJP: Harish Rawat

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Amid speculation that some BJP leaders with Congress background can again switch sides ahead of the Assembly election of 2022 in Uttarakhand, former Chief Minister Vijay Bahuguna met Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami at the latter's residence on Wednesday.

It is learnt that the issue of neglect of the leaders who had defected from Congress to BJP in the year 2016 was discussed in the meeting.

Coming out of political inactivity, Bahuguna arrived in Dehradun on Tuesday. His arrival and meeting with cabinet minister Harak Singh Rawat and the BJP leaders with Congress party background gave the impression that all may not be well with



in the Uttarakhand unit of BJP. The tone and tenor of Bahuguna made it apparent that he had been sent on a fire-fighting mission by the BJP as leaders like Harak Singh and Raipur MLA Umesh Sharma 'Kau' were showing signs of having an affinity with the Congress party.

Meanwhile taking a pot-shot at the ruling BJP, former chief minister and head of election campaign committee of Uttarakhand Congress, Harish Rawat said that arrival of Bahuguna in Uttarakhand shows that there is something seriously wrong in the state unit of BJP and it has given some employment to Vijay Bahuguna. Rawat added that he wants the turncoats of

Congress party to remain in the BJP. After the return of former cabinet minister Yashpal Arya and his MLA son Sanjeev Arya from BJP to Congress recently speculation is rife that some more BJP leaders having Congress backgrounds can defect back to the Congress party.

Recent meeting of Harak Singh Rawat and Umesh Sharma 'Kau' with leader of opposition (LoP) Pritam Singh and apparent breaking of ice between Harak Singh and Harish Rawat made the BJP impatient.

It is pertinent of mention here that in March 2016, Vijay Bahuguna led a mutiny during the budget session of assembly against the then chief minister Harish Rawat in which nine MLAs of Congress party including Harak Singh Rawat, Subodh Uniyal and Umesh Sharma 'Kau' had joined the BJP. It is believed that some of the leaders of this group are now restless and the meeting of Bahuguna and CM Dhami is being viewed in this context.

## FDA destroys 300 litres of substandard milk

**Dehradun:** The Food Safety and Drug Administration (FDA) officials destroyed over 300 litres of milk at the Asharodi check post after it was found to be substandard during the wee hours on Wednesday. In view of the rise in sale and consumption of dairy products during the festival season in sweets and other delicacies, FDA is keeping a close watch on the entry of adulterated products in the Dehradun district.

As part of the ongoing campaign of the administration against adulteration, a team of the FDA along with the officials of the Dairy Development department conducted a check at the Asharodi check post from 1 AM to 4 AM on Wednesday.

The officials checked the vehicles carrying dairy products from other states and also took 10 samples for laboratory test. The senior food safety officer of FDA, Yogendra Pandey informed that these dairy products were being

taken to be supplied at various dairies in the district. He said, "The officials of the Dairy Development department checked through the milk analyser parameter machine that contents like fat and SNF (Solids Not Fat) percentage among others were not present in the milk as per the standards of FDA. Also, many had put ice inside the milk containers which is prohibited. The teams found an excess amount of water in about 30 per cent of the samples of milk during the

checking. About 300 litres of milk of such substandard quality was destroyed on the spot and the vehicles were sent back from the checkpoint." He further informed that the administration has also filed a case against six sellers under Food Safety Standards Act and is also investigating the dairies indistrict that sell such substandard dairy products. The district food safety officer PC Joshi, dairy inspector AK Singh and police personnel were also present during inspection. **PNS**



## Dengue hits U'khand; Haridwar worst affected

Community level spread in many areas of Roorkee in Haridwar, cases mount to 101 in Dehradun

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The spurt in the number of dengue cases in many parts of the state, especially in Roorkee of Haridwar district, has caught the state health department off guard. The department which was in a complacent mode after the cases of the Covid-19 reduced substantially has now suddenly been jolted into action with the rise in cases of vector borne disease dengue. In many villages of Roorkee the disease has spread to community level as large numbers of patients are



being reported from there. On Wednesday 22 new cases of the disease were reported in Haridwar. The district now has 270 patients while a total of 398 patients have so far been reported in the state. The officer in charge of Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) Dr Pankaj Singh said that the department is on alert mode and all the measures are being taken to

control the spread of dengue. He said that with the drop in temperature the numbers of dengue cases are expected to drop. Meanwhile the number of dengue cases in Dehradun mounted to 101 on Wednesday with the health department reporting six new cases of the disease. The authorities reported three female and three male patients from different areas of the district on Wednesday.

The district vector borne diseases officer Subhash Joshi said that a survey of 1,99,778 houses in the district has so far been done in Dehradun and the teams of the department found the larvae of dengue causing mosquito in 9207 households.

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

### WAYS TO PREVENT DENGUE

- Don't allow water to collect in and near houses
- Regularly decant fridges, coolers, pots or cans
- Spread kerosene or other oils on small water bodies which are effective to destroy the larvae of Aedes mosquitoes
- Inform the district authorities for fogging to kill mosquitoes
- Aedes strikes during day time and flies near ground level so wear full sleeved clothes at work places
- Immediately seek medical advice when someone develops fever

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

cases the platelets number decreases drastically which may prove fatal for the patient. In Uttarakhand the disease is more prevalent in Dehradun, Haridwar, Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar districts.

## Congress starts training workers for Assembly polls

**Dehradun:** Increasing its activities ahead of the upcoming assembly elections, the Uttarakhand Congress has started Mera Booth, Mera Gaurav campaign in Uttarakhand. The vice president of Uttarakhand Congress Dharendra Pratap said that party has decided to ensure direct participation of booth level workers in campaign and for it party would hold an extensive training programme. On October 9 and 10 party had organised a state level programme for training master trainers. Pratap said trained workers have started training other workers in every assembly constituency from Wednesday. The party has appointed five convenors, one

for each parliamentary constituency for training programme. In Tehri Lok Sabha, Jot Singh has been appointed while Manish Khanduri has been appointed for Pauri, Qazi Nizamuddin for Haridwar, Lalit Pharswan for Almora and Harish Kumar Singh for Nainital. The in-charge of Uttarakhand Congress Devendra Yadav said that Congress believes in giving respect to booth level workers and making every booth strong. He said that after organising a state level training programme party is now holding assembly segment wise training sessions and within one month booth level training programmes would be organised in all parts of the state.

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# Modi India's best admin, says Shah



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the most successful administrator of the country after independence, saying he has taken India into a different trajectory in the spheres of eradication of poverty, economic development, national security and foreign policy.

Shah was addressing a conference on "Delivering Democracy: Reviewing two decades of Narendra Modi as head of Government", organised by BJP's training and research centre Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini.

Shah said Modi became Chief Minister of Gujarat two decades ago without having any administrative experience and proved himself as a successful administrator despite

facing a difficult situation at that time. The Home Minister said in 2014 when the Manmohan Singh Government was in power, there was a "policy paralysis everywhere" and every member of the Cabinet thought of himself or herself as the Prime Minister while the "Prime Minister was not considered as Prime Minister".

"There was no national security policy. India's honour had been lost. There were scams of ₹12 lakh crore and an impression had been created that Indian democracy will collapse," he said. But when the Modi Government came to power in 2014, Shah said, people started thinking that 'now things would improve, the system would improve'. He said India's problems are not just of the administration or economic development but its honour has to be protected, the country's cul-

ture should be preserved and its security should be ensured.

"Even though Narendra Modi considers himself as the 'pradhan sewak', I can say with conviction that he is the most successful administrator the country ever had after independence. Because he covered all these points and took India to a different level," said Shah. Referring to a series of decisions taken by the Modi Government in the last seven years, Shah said when demonetisation was announced in 2016, they knew that there was a risk as the Uttar Pradesh Assembly election was due but people stood behind Modi and supported the decision. The people realised that it was announced to check black money and Modi had no other intentions, he said.

The Home Minister said the law against Triple Talaq, one rank and one pension and creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff were all difficult decisions. With the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, the Home Minister said, Jammu and Kashmir has been completely integrated with the union of India, not a single riot has taken place anywhere in the country and there has been no murmur after the Supreme Court decision on Ram Janmabhoomi.

## Health Ministers' meeting held over ramping up jab drive

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Wednesday met the State Health Ministers to discuss ramping up the Covid-19 vaccination drive in the country among other measures such as ensuring stepping up health services in case infections start rising at a fast pace.

Mandaviya's meeting with the State Health Ministers assumes significance as the Central Government on October 23 reviewed the status and progress of Covid vaccination with States/UTs. Health Ministers from around 18 States and health secretaries from remaining States had participated in the meeting. Sources said that Health Ministers pointed out people's complacency towards Covid-19 for poor show on second doses status. So far just 30 per cent have been inoculated a second dose i.e. are fully vaccinated.

In the meantime, Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary, reviewed the progress of Covid vaccination with health secretaries and mission directors of National Health Mission (NHM) of states and UTs, through video conference and urged them to increase the pace and coverage



**India's Covid-19 vaccination coverage has crossed 103 crore**

of the second dose of Covid vaccines.

This came in the backdrop of the country achieving the milestone of administering 100 crore doses on October 21, 2021.

As per the latest data released by the Union Health Ministry, India's Covid-19 vaccination coverage has crossed 103 crore. "India's Covid-19 vaccination coverage has crossed 103 crore landmark milestones (1,03,48,36,594). More than 51 lakh (51,56,054) vaccine doses have been administered till 7 pm on October 26," the Ministry stated in its release. So far, 41,10,37,440 first doses of Covid-19 vaccines and 13,11,13,078 second doses have been administered in the age group of 18-44 years.

## India determined to protect its maritime interests, says Rajnath



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With China increasingly asserting itself in the Indo-Pacific and Indian Ocean region, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said India is determined to protect its maritime interests. At the same time, it supports the maintenance of rule-based maritime systems, he said.

Making these observations, Rajnath said New Delhi backs systems as mandated under UN Convention on the Law of Seas (UNCLOS), 1982. He also noted while the seas offer abundant opportunities for sustenance and growth of the mankind, they pose challenges such as terrorism, piracy, drug trafficking and climate change.

Delivering the key note address at the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2021, being held virtually from October 27-29, 2021, he also referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's description of the Indo-Pacific as a natural region, where destinies of entities are interlinked.

Rajnath said the seas are a vital communication link to facilitate transport of goods, exchange of ideas, catalysing



innovations and contributing to bringing the world closer. "Although the Indo-Pacific is characterised by diversity, marked by a multiplicity of cultures, ethnicities, economic models, governance systems and varied aspirations, the oceans remain a common binding link," he said.

On the issue of terrorism, the minister called for a cooperative response to these challenges which, he said, has considerable trans-national implications.

Sharing his views on the broad theme of IPRD 2021, "Evolution in Maritime Strategy during the 21st Century: Imperatives, Challenges and Way Ahead," Rajnath said, it dwells upon the region's past, gauges the present and then arrives at tenets that will form the foundation of maritime strategies for the future.

First conducted in 2018, the IPRD is the apex international annual conference of the Indian Navy and is the

principal manifestation of the Navy's engagement at the strategic-level.

Addressing the seminar, Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh said the Indian Navy is working on "tailor-made" solutions to help friendly countries confront pressing challenges in the maritime domain with a broader aim to emerge as a preferred security partner and make a real contribution for an open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.

Without naming China, he also talked about some states applying "land-centric" territorial mindsets in the basic idea of global commerce in the Indo-Pacific with an attempt to seek greater domination and control that has created challenges to global rules.

He also said there has been a "day-to-day" competition for influence in the Indo-Pacific that brings with it attendant and evolving challenges, noting that the rules of game are "constantly changing".

## Cong, Left welcome SC move on Pegasus panel

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress and the Left parties on Wednesday welcomed the Supreme Court order of setting up an expert committee on the Pegasus spyware issue and said it has negated alleged attempts of the Government to evade and divert attention in the name of national security.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said he was happy with the Supreme Court's decision to order an independent probe into the Pegasus issue and it was a "big step" towards getting to "the truth". "I hope they (Supreme Court) will do their job and provide justice."

"But this is a deeper problem. If the Prime Minister is using this as a personal tool...if the data is arriving on the Prime Minister's desk, then it is totally criminal..."

"We will follow it up," Rahul said, while claiming that the government of Karnataka "was toppled using Pegasus spyware".

Attacking the Government, the CPM said the "Government had refused to give a categorical answer to the Supreme Court whether any State agency used Pegasus spyware or not."

Rahul said the Congress

would continue to raise the issue in Parliament seeking answers from the government as tapping of constitutional functionaries and opposition leaders was a "criminal act" and "an illegal action".

He added that only the Prime Minister or the Home Minister could have authorised tapping of phones using the Pegasus software.

Attacking further on the issue y Rahul said the Congress had been asking the Government three questions—who had authorised the use of Pegasus spyware, who all were targeted, and whether any other country was also in possession of the Pegasus data. But the government has not given a reply.

"Pegasus is an attempt to crush Indian democracy. It is an attempt to make sure that the vibrancy of the democracy, the conversations that take place in a democracy are crushed and people are controlled," he said.

"There is the institution of Parliament where we will raise this again and we will try to have a debate in Parliament."

"I am pretty sure that the BJP will not like that debate. So, they will make sure that that debate is stalled. But we will try to hold that debate," he said.

## BJP flays Rahul over Pegasus

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hitting-out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the BJP on Wednesday said that the Supreme Court's decision to constitute an expert committee to look into the alleged use of the Pegasus software for surveillance is in line with the Government's affidavit on the matter.

The party lashed-out at Rahul for his attack on the Government following the court's judgment, saying is using the same vocabulary and repeats himself whatever be the issue to target the BJP Government.

"The Government had categorically said (in court) that we are of the opinion that in order to counter the false narrative of certain vested interest groups it would be fair if we establish a committee of experts to look into the issue. This is what has happened," BJP spokesperson

Sambit Patra said, welcoming the order.

To a question that the court declined the Government's submission to allow it to appoint an expert panel, Patra said this is not an issue as "experts are experts".

The Supreme Court has appointed a three-member panel of cyber experts to probe

the alleged use of the Israeli spyware for surveillance of certain people in India, saying that the state cannot get a "free pass" every time the spectre of national security is raised and it cannot be the "bugbear" that the judiciary shies away from.

Declining the vehement submission of the Central Government to permit it to appoint an expert panel on its own, the court said such a course would violate settled judicial principle against bias as "justice must not only be done, but also be seen to be done".

Rahul alleged that the suspected use of Pegasus for snooping is an "attempt to crush Indian democracy", and said it is a "big step that the Supreme Court has said that they are going to look into this matter. I am confident that we will get the truth out of this".

Hitting back, Patra said, "Rahul Gandhi has a habit of speaking lies and spreading confusion. He has nothing new to offer, uses the same vocabulary and repeats the same thing like 'democracy is in danger' or 'BJP is attacking 'Constitution' on everything. Such is his repetition you won't be able to say which press conference of him was done on which issue."

## Elderly people require spl kind of care: Experts

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Elderly people in the country require a specific kind of care and treatment and they should get that," he added. Health experts at the conference agreed.

Dr. Rahul Bhargava, hematologist from Fortis Hospital in Gurugram said that in India, the elderly people suffer from dual medical problems, i.e. both communicable as well as non-communicable diseases. "Cancer is becoming treatable now and at the same time it is one of the major issues among the elderly specifically. In elderly males, most common cancers are lung, prostate, larynx, oral cavity, and oesophagus. In females, most common cancers are breast, followed by

process, the government is keeping in mind the issue and moving towards fixing it, he said.

The aim for this National Conference was to raise awareness about the need for a geriatric health care system in a country where a huge population, around 18 crore, comprises the elderly.

The experts felt that with demographic transition underway in India, the elderly population is projected to rise to 12 per cent of the total population by 2025. "The ever-increasing elderly population poses social and financial challenges and puts immense strain on the health system due to a marked shift toward chronic non-communicable diseases," they said.

"The elderly should be considered and a policy for efficient healthcare for them should be created" Muni Shankar Pandey, Director of Dadidada foundation said. "People of various age groups were being treated the same way, which was not advisable. The elderly require a specific



cervix and ovary," Dr Bhargava said.

On the other hand, Dr LK Tripathi, nephrologist from Artemis Hospital talked about various metabolic disorders faced during old age and how to strengthen a person's metabolism while Dr Rabin Chakrabarti, cardiologist, Medical Hospital in Kolkata dwelled in detail about the different forms of cardiovascular diseases and how they can affect the elderly.

Similarly, themes related to depression and anxiety were taken up by Dr Ashwani Kumar, psychiatrist from Max Hospital in Gurugram.

## Covid might act differently depending on time of day, claim scientists

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In what could give new insight into how the coronavirus is being tested and treated, a team of scientists have claimed that the virus might act differently depending on the time of day and the body's circadian rhythms.

In other words, Covid-19 virus shedding—when infected cells release infectious virus particles into the blood and mucus—appears to be more active in the middle of the day due to modulation of the immune system by our biological clock.

Their results also indicate that viral load is lower after 8 p.m. "If people choose to get tested at that time, there could be a higher chance of a false-negative result. False negatives can be harmful to the community and for the patient, who might not seek additional care due to their negative test result," suggested Carl Johnson, Cornelius Vanderbilt Professor of Biological Sciences who collaborated with Candace McNaughton, former adjunct assistant professor of emer-

gency medicine, and Thomas Lasko, associate professor of biomedical informatics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, to determine if the percentage of people testing positive for Covid-19 varies based on time of day.

They found that the data support the hypothesis that Covid-19 acts differently in the body based on our natural circadian rhythm, which has also been implied by studies of other viral and bacterial infections.

"Taking a Covid-19 test at the optimal time of day improves test sensitivity and will help us to be accurate in diagnosing people who may be infected but asymptomatic," Johnson said.

A difference in Covid-19 viral shedding throughout the day is important information that may inform how we test for and treat the virus. As Johnson and his co-authors report, the peak shedding in the afternoon, when patients are more likely to interact with others or seek medical care, could play a role in increasing the spread of the virus in hospitals and the wider community.

## Air travel set to become easier for divyang

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Air travel is set to become a bit easier for disabled people, if one goes by the draft "Accessibility Standards and Guidelines for Civil Aviation", issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The ministry has given three weeks for people to send their comments and suggestions on the draft after which final guidelines will be issued. As per the draft, during the screening of prosthetics, the airport security — which is handled by the CISF at most of the airports — might use X-ray, explosive trace detection devices or visual checks according to their requirement. The move comes after dancer-actor Sudha Chandran posted a video, recounting her ordeal of removing her prosthetic limb every time during a security check at any airport.

In a video that went viral recently, Chandran narrated her ordeal of how she was made to remove her prosthetic limb every time during a security check at any airport and appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for better treatment of differently-abled people at airports. After the incident, the CISF issued an apology on social media.

## Increased communication with people marks 4 yrs of Venkaiah in office

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A manifold increase in public communication through media to keep the people aware of the functioning of the Rajya Sabha has marked the four years in office of M.Venkaiah Naidu as the Chairman of the House.

Since the assumption of Office as Chairman of Rajya Sabha in August, 2017 by M.Venkaiah Naidu, 491 Press Releases/Communication Products have been issued on various aspects of the functioning of the House and the Secretariat.

This comes to an unprecedented more than two such releases (2.36) per week. While the Media Unit of the Secretariat put out 263 releases, the Chairman's Office circulated 228 during the last four years.

This order of communication output per week is four and a half times that of the preceding five years. During 2012-17, a total of 135 media communication products were issued which comes to two releases per week (0.519 per week).

A report in this regard was

submitted to Naidu by the Secretary General Dr.P.P.K. Ramacharyulu further to a review of the communication outreach during the last four years.

The Rajya Sabha secretariat noted during the review that the outreach effort has been intensified in pursuance of the direction of the Chairman to bring the House closer to the people by keeping them informed of various aspects of its functioning.

He thanked the media for keen interest shown in amplifying the messages about various aspects of the functioning of the House during the last four years.

A large number of the communication products issued were based on extensive research undertaken in respect of variation in the productivity of the House over time through time series analysis, total volume of legislation since 1952 including the landmark ones, time share of legislation and other items of the business of the House, changed dynamics of the House in terms of the strength of the ruling and opposition parties in the House.

## EC warns Assam CM over breach of model code

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday warned Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma over the violation of the model code of conduct during campaigning for the assembly by-elections on October 30. The opposition Congress earlier lodged two complaints against Sarma, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s top campaigner for the polls. It sought a ban on him from campaigning.

The EC, in an order, said it is of the "considered view" that Sarma, star campaigner for the BJP, has "acted in contravention to the spirit of the advisory/instruction issued by the commission" regarding the model code of conduct.

"Now, therefore, the commission issues warning to him and cautions him to be more careful and exercise restraint in future and strictly follow the provisions of model code of conduct, while making public utterances," the order read. The commission on Monday had issued a show-cause notice to Sarma for violating the model code by promising roads and other development projects while campaigning for assembly bypolls in the state.

## Centre notifies 4-year integrated teacher education programme



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In line with the New Education Policy (NEP), the Centre on Wednesday notified a four-year integrated teacher education programme. Now, the BEd course will be integrated and will be of four-year duration.

As per the Ministry of Education notification, students who pursue a four-year BEd degree will get BA and BEd or BSc and BEd or BCom and BEd degrees together. Usually, it would take students five years to complete these two degrees. The integrated degree would offer both degrees and save a year for students.

Earlier the Education Ministry had announced that the new integrated course will help create teachers who are in sync with the new education policy. As the education policy introduces several changes in the curriculum including teaching in regional language, teaching coding to school kids

among others, the new degrees will prepare teachers accordingly and will have a new curriculum.

The Government aims at making the four-year integrated BEd the minimum degree required for teaching by 2030. National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) under the Ministry of Education has devised the curriculum of this course in such a way that it enables a student-teacher to get a degree in education as well as a specialised discipline such as history, mathematics, science, arts, economics, or commerce.

The commencement of Four Year ITEP will be from the academic session 2022-23. Admission for the same will be carried out by the National Testing Agency (NTA) through the National Common Entrance Test (NCET). This course will be offered by multidisciplinary institutions and will become the minimal degree qualification for school-teachers.

## LAKHIMPURI KHERI KILLINGS

# SIT invites witnesses to depose without fear



PNS ■ LUCKNOW

To facilitate the eyewitnesses to come forward and record their statements, the Special Investigative Team (SIT) formed to probe the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, on Wednesday, released the contact numbers of its members.

The SIT in a statement also assured protection to the witnesses, saying that details of such people would be kept confidential if they wanted and they would be given adequate security.

"This is to inform that a special investigation team has been constituted by the Uttar Pradesh government in the Lakhimpur Kheri district incident of October 3, 2021, headed by Deputy Inspector General of Police Upendra Kumar Agrawal. Therefore, it is requested to the people that if any eyewitness wants to provide his evidence in relation to this incident, then he can approach the SIT. The SIT will keep the name and address of the witness and eyewitness confidential and will also provide security," the statement reads.

The SIT has released the mobile numbers of members in the advertisements.

Sources said that the above move was made by the SIT after the Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Uttar Pradesh government to provide protection to the witnesses in the October 3 violence in Lakhimpur Kheri where eight persons, including four farmers, were killed during a farmers' protest.

## NCB, Mumbai cops launch separate probes into ₹8 cr bribe charge against Wankhede

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

A vigilance team of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and a Mumbai police team headed by an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACB) on Wednesday launched independent investigations into the allegation of ₹ 8 crore 'extortion' attempt and other excesses made by "panch witness" in the mid-sea drug bust case Prabhakar R Sail against the NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede.

While the NCB has launched the vigilance inquiry into Sail's charges on the basis of a report submitted by its Deputy Director-General, South West Region Mutha Ashok Jain to the bureau's Director General on October 24, the Mumbai police have begun the probe on the basis of complaints registered with at least four police stations in the metropolis.

Taking cognisance of "several vigilance-related allegations" made by Sail in his notarised affidavit released the media, Jain had said on Sunday: "...As some of the contents of the affidavit relate to the vigilance matters, I am hereby forwarding the affidavit to the Director General of Narcotic Control Bureau and

requesting for further action".

Alluding to the affidavit released to the media by Sail, "a witness who has given details of movements and activities on October 2" -- the day the mid-sea bust was registered, Mutha Jain had also said: "As he is a witness in the case and as the case is before the honourable court and sub-judice, he needs to submit his prayer to the honourable court rather than (release it) through social media if he has anything to say. In addition, there are several vigilance related allegations against certain persons in the affidavit which are based on overhearing by Prabhakar".

On his part, Wankhede has categorically denied the allegations against him.

Talking to media persons, Deputy Director General (DDG) of northern region Gyaneshwar Singh -- who is heading the probe -- said: "We have started the inquiry... This is a very sensitive investigation, too early to share anything... We shall enquire all aspects and later inform the media of the developments."

In his sensational affidavit, Sail has among other things said that Wankhede's colleague had taken his signatures on 10 blank papers.

Among other things, Sail

has made a serious allegation that he "overheard" Kiran Gosavi, for whom he works as a personal bodyguard" and who is also an "independent" witness in the case, while talking one Sam D'Souza, as saying: "you put a bomb of Rs 25 crore, let's settle for Rs 18 crore and give 8 crore to Sameer Wankhede".

Gosavi is one of the nine independent witnesses in the mid-sea drug bust case in which SRK's eldest son Aryan Khan and seven others were detained on October 2 and formally arrested on October 3.

Gosavi is an "absconding accused" booked for allegedly duping a Pune-based man on the pretext of offering a job in Malaysia.

Sail also stated in his affidavit that he had seen Pooja Dadlani (Shah Rukh Khan's manager) talking to Gosavi. He also claimed that on being told so by Gosavi, he went to a location some time later to collect Rs 50 lakh cash and that he collected "two bags filled with cash".

Sail claimed that he carried the two bags of cash and delivered them to Sam D'Souza near Trident Hotel in south Mumbai. "However, when he (Sam D'Souza) counted the case, it was only Rs 38 lacs," he stated in the affidavit.

## Mamata does 'chai pe charcha' in Darjeeling, walks to meet people

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

For a change after the grand success in April-May Assembly elections it is the turn of Bengal Chief Minister to embark on Chai pe Charcha (dialogue over the tea cup).

The Chief Minister, who is on a four-day administrative trip of North Bengal, on Wednesday walked 16 km in Himalayan town of Kurseong in Darjeeling district interacting in the process with scores of hill people while during the walk and while sitting at a tea stall for a gossip over tea cup.

"She was quite fit and negotiated the hilly inclines very smoothly," said one of the officials adding she asked passers by about their well-being, problems and advised them about corona protocols."

The Chief Minister who walked 8 km from the circuit house to Mahanadi and back will spend two nights in the hill town before coming down to Siliguri on Thursday. From Siliguri she will visit Goa for a 3-day political programme. Banerjee is being accompanied by her two ministers Indranil Sen and Arup Biswas. "She connected very well with the people of the Hills and



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they looked quite happy getting the Chief Minister in the midst of them...no other Chief Minister had done this before to them, they said," Biswas was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, the Trinamool Congress on Thursday demanded that arrest and questioning of Bengal Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari following Supreme Court order on Pegasus issue.

Party spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said that "the court order only vindicates our Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's earlier views on the issue," adding "the way Suwendu Adhikari had said that he had the recordings of all the leaders he should be arrested and questioned regarding the claim he made."

## Trekkers' bodies arrive in Bengal amid pall of gloom

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A blanket of gloom tended to have descended on parts of Bengal including Kolkata following the death of 11 trekkers who perished in the last week's inclement weather in Uttarakhand.

While five bodies were flown in on Monday the mortal remains of the remaining victims would soon be brought back to the State, State Government which was in constant touch with the Uttarakhand authorities said.

According to sources some more trekkers were still missing and "we are in touch with the Uttarakhand Government to trace the victims," said an official adding Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had asked the administration to bring back the victims as early as possible. The 150 tourists who were stuck up in the mountain state would also be brought back at the earliest, they said.

According to sources those who perished while in their expedition to Harsil-Chitkul route were Sadhan Basak (63), Shibayan Das (28), Pritam Roy (22), Sagar De (27), Chandra Sekhar Das (34) and Sarit Sekhar Das (35). They were



from Thakurpukur, Kalighat and other areas around Kolkata.

Shibayan Das from Kalighat had left for Chitkul-Harsil route on October 11. He had called his brother, Subhojit, on October 14 to say he would climb to a higher altitude the next day. "He was to climb with other unknown trekkers and was supposed to return to lower areas by October 22 ... but who knew an avalanche would come and take them away," he said.

Meanwhile bodies of another five trekkers have been recovered from the higher altitudes of Bageshwar, local district administration said on Tuesday adding the bodies would be sent back to Kolkata after postmortem. Tuesday's retrieval of bodies take the total number of dead to 16, sources said.

## MP bypolls golden opportunity for people to ask BJP about status of tall promises: Sachin Pilot

Khandwa (MP): Though the October 30 bypolls in Madhya Pradesh will not have any bearing on the stability of the State Government but they have presented a golden opportunity to the people to ask BJP about the status of various "tall promises" made by it, especially doubling of the income of farmers, senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot said on Wednesday.

Pilot was addressing a meeting in Barwah town for the Khandwa Lok Sabha byelection where Congress has fielded former MLA Rajnarayan Singh Purni against BJP's Gyaneshwar Patil. The high-decibel campaign for the bypolls to four constituencies, including one Lok Sabha seat and three Assembly segments, where 55 candidates are in the fray in the straight contest between ruling BJP and opposition Congress, ended on Wednesday evening.

The counting of votes will be taken up on November 2. "Though these bypolls will neither make nor destabilise the present government, it gives us a golden opportunity to give a message to the nation by asking BJP what has happened to the tall promises made by it? Whether farmers' income doubled?" Pilot asked the audience.

Farmers have been agitating for the repeal of three farm laws for the last one year (at the borders of Delhi) but the government's eyes and ears are closed. There is a crisis of power and fertilizers in MP, he alleged.

"The BJP government has a plan to



put a lock on mandis through these black laws," Pilot, who holds considerable clout in the Gurjar community of Rajasthan, said.

Farmers are the backbone of the economy but the BJP government has no concern for the people.

"People have seen the truth of the Lakhimpur Kheri incident. They (BJP) are hellbent on provoking people in the name of religion and language whereas Congress always believes in uniting people in the name of brotherhood," the former deputy CM of Rajasthan said.

Pilot also slammed the government over the rising prices of fuel, LPG, vegetables and other essential commodities.

"Inflation is rising but the government is busy doing politics of publishing photos and advertisements," he alleged.

Pilot said they (BJP) talked about wiping out corruption, "but everybody knows the situation in the country and only a few capitalists are getting benefited whereas farmers are suffering".

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## Rajbhar announces tie-up with SP, says Akhilesh Yadav will be next CM

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) president Om Prakash Rajbhar announced his party's alliance with Samajwadi Party and claimed that Akhilesh Yadav would be the next Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

Rajbhar said in a public meeting in Mau district on Wednesday that Akhilesh Yadav would become the Chief Minister of UP in 2022.

In the presence of SP president, Rajbhar said if SP-SBSP alliance came to power it would waive domestic electricity bills for five years. He said after "khela hobe" in Bengal, "khadedda hobe" (wipe out) in UP as people of the State were waiting for BJP's farewell.

"If BJP leaders come to ask for votes, then question them about inflation. If the Akhilesh government is formed, the poor will get free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh, police personnel will do duty for eight hours, policemen will be deployed near home districts, old government pension schemes will be restored and government schools will provide facilities like private schools," he said.

Addressing the public meeting in Haldarpur in Mau district, Rajbhar said, "I have brought the next chief minister Akhilesh Yadav here."

"The electricity bills of the poor will be waived as soon as our government is formed. The biggest liars

in the world are Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh. Now, Yogi's departure from Uttar Pradesh is a foregone conclusion."

Raising the problem of the government employees, Rajbhar said that the anomalies in the pay scales of government employees in the state had to be removed and the duty of police personnel would be for eight hours and one day's holiday every week.

Attacking the BJP, Rajbhar said, "After tomorrow, the BJP will start spreading rumours that Om Prakash Rajbhar said that now our party SBSP has decided that the next chief minister of Uttar Pradesh will be Akhilesh Yadav. He said that at this time not Hindus but the country, the Constitution, the government property is in danger. We will save it by forming a government with Akhilesh Yadav. PM Narendra Modi used to say that the country will not let it be sold and is slowly selling it," he said.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said, "The rights of the poor, oppressed, exploited, deprived, Dalits, backward, minorities, workers, farmers, women, youth, teachers, businessmen, employed and professionals would be protected. Against the false and BJP power for defence, Mau's Haldarpur Maidan will prove to be the Kurukshetra of a political great war".

## Re-enactment of the Indian Army's landing in Srinagar in 1947 carried out

PNS ■ JAMMU

A re-enactment of the Indian Army's landing in Srinagar in 1947 following Pakistani tribal raids was carried out at Air Force Station in Srinagar on Wednesday.

The re-enactment of the historic event was organised at Old Air Field, Srinagar to pay obeisance to the brave soldiers and people of Jammu & Kashmir who laid down their lives, and also to honour the next of kin of war heroes who participated in the 1947-48 War.

27 October is celebrated as 'Infantry Day' by the Indian Army to commemorate the arrival of the Indian Army at Budgam Airfield to protect Jammu & Kashmir after the 'Instrument of Accession' was signed on 26 October 1947 between Maharaja Hari Singh and the Republic of India.

The historic event marking the Infantry day was organised as part of celebration for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and 75th year of Air landed operations of the Indian Army at Budgam Airport.

1st SIKH, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Dewan Ranjit Rai, who later laid down his life at Baramulla, changed the course of the war, wherein people and soldiers of state forces of Jammu & Kashmir and the Indian Army fought alongside valiantly, to evict Pakistani forces, driving them out of most of Jammu & Kashmir till ceasefire on 05 January 1949.

The event was witnessed by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, Air Marshal Amit Dev, Air



Officer Commanding-In-Chief, Western Air Command, Lieutenant General Devendra Pratap Pandey, General Officer Commanding 15 Corps along with several other civil and military dignitaries. In addition, the next of kin of war veterans who travelled from across the country to be a part of this mega event were felicitated.

On the occasion, 'Saviours of Kashmir' war memorial at 'Ground Zero' of 27 October 1947 was also dedicated by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at Srinagar International Airport.

The memorial commemorates the arrival of Indian Army in Indian Air Force aircrafts at Srinagar Airport in 1947 and

the stellar role played by Major Somnath Sharma, Param Vir Chakra, Brigadier Rajinder Singh, Maha Vir Chakra Maqbool Sherwani, the gallant son of Kashmir, in India's historic victory in its 1st war after independence.

The memorial has been recently renovated to include the busts of Brigadier Rajinder Singh, Mahavir Chakra and Maqbool Sherwani, alongside the existing bust of Major Somnath Sharma, Param Vir Chakra, as a tribute to the invaluable contribution of the people of Jammu & Kashmir and erstwhile State Forces of Jammu & Kashmir in evicting Pakistani Army and Qabaili invaders.

## NIA raids 17 locations in J&K in Jamaat-e-Islami terror funding case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday conducted searches at 17 locations in seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir in Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) Terror Funding Case.

The searches were conducted at 17 locations in Anantnag, Kulgam, Ganderbal, Bandipora, Budgam, Kishtwar and Jammu districts of Jammu and Kashmir, the agency said.

The case was registered by the NIA on February 5, 2021 in connection with the separatist and secessionist activities of JeI, an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act even after its proscription on February 28, 2019.

"The members of the organisation have been collecting funds domestically and abroad which are being used for violent and secessionist activities. JeI has also been motivating impressionable youth of Kashmir and recruiting new members (Rukuns) in J&K to participate in disruptive secessionist activities, the NIA said in a statement.

Searches conducted on Wednesday included the premises of office bearers and members of JeI. During the searches, various incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized from the premises of the suspects, it further said, adding investigation in the case continues.

In August, the agency had conducted similar searches at multiple locations in fourteen districts of Jammu and Kashmir in connection with JeI terror funding case.

The searches were conducted in conjunction with the Jammu and Kashmir police and CRPF at 56 locations in Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, Anantnag, Shopian, Pulwama, Kulgam, Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar and Rajouri districts the Valley.

The agency conducted the searches at the premises of office bearers of the proscribed association, its members and also offices of trusts purportedly run by JeI. During the searches, various incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized from the premises of the suspects.

## T20 WC: Rajasthan teacher, who celebrated Pak victory against India, arrested

Jaipur: A private school teacher in Rajasthan's Udaipur was on Wednesday arrested, a day after she was sacked by the school management for allegedly posting a WhatsApp status celebrating Pakistan's victory over India in a T20 Cricket World Cup match.

Police had registered a case against her on Tuesday.

Nafeesa Attari, a teacher at Neerja Modi School Udaipur, had posted a picture of Pakistani players with the caption, "Jeeet gayeeee, We wonnn," after India's loss to Pakistan.

After screenshots of her WhatsApp status went viral on social media, the school management had on Tuesday terminated her from the job.

"The teacher was arrested today morning," Amba Mata Station House Officer Narpal Singh said.

He said Attari has been arrested under IPC Section 153 (B) (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national-integration).

Earlier, apologising for her WhatsApp post, Attari had released a video statement saying she did not intend to hurt anyone's sentiments.

"Someone messaged me asking whether I supported Pakistan. As the message contained emojis and it was a fun environment, I replied, 'Yes'. However, that doesn't mean that I support Pakistan. I am an Indian and I love my country. I love India as much as everyone else does," Attari said in her video message.

"As soon as I realised that I have made a mistake, I deleted the post. I am sorry if I have hurt anybody's sentiments," she said.

India lost its first match of the T20 World Cup, against Pakistan, by 10 wickets on Sunday.

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## Right to marry

If same-sex couples can live together and adopt children, they can also marry

The Union Government is unlikely to support legal sanctions to same-sex marriages. Its stand in the Delhi High Court hearing a bunch of cases to approve such marriages is consistently against them. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta explained the Government's stand in the Court once again this week. He is clear that marriage is permissible only between a biological man and a biological woman as per the law. For him, a spouse means husband and wife, as in a heterosexual couple. In the same case this February, the Centre said marriage depends on "age-old customs, rituals, practices, cultural ethos and societal values". The Centre put forth four arguments. One, it is for the legislature, not judiciary, to enforce "social morality" based on "Indian ethos" that sanctions marriage. Two, marriage happens between two individuals and does not fall under an individual's domain of privacy. Three, marriage is a public recognition of a relationship and statutory rights and obligations are attached to it. The final argument is clinching: same-sex individuals living together is incomparable with the concept of "Indian family unit" which means husband, wife and child. The Centre insists that the marriage of same-sex individuals can neither be a fundamental right nor can the right to privacy be extended to it.



The Centre's argument draws strength from what the Supreme Court did not say in its landmark 2018 judgment in the Navtej Singh Johar vs Union of India case. The Court struck down section 377 of the IPC that criminalised consensual sex between same-sex

individuals. It said the Section "prohibits LGBT persons from expressing their sexual orientation and engaging in sexual conduct in private..." The Court decriminalised such consensual sex in 'private' but did not legalise 'public' actions like marriages between such couples. Legalising these marriages is a natural corollary to decriminalising sexual relations between same-sex individuals. Homosexuals, by extending the same logic, cannot be deprived of the reality of falling in love, getting married and living just like heterosexual couples. Denying them the right to marry is to stigmatise their relationships and that is a parochial and conservative approach in a world with fast-evolving social mores. Hitherto, Indian society lived by traditions that defined people's limits, behaviour and duties according to their gender. However, things have changed. The rights and choices of the individual matter more than gender. Glass ceilings are being broken by women and now by members of the LGBT community. Adoption of children is as legal as natural procreation. Live-in relationships may be considered immoral by some but that they are not an offence in the eye of law. If same-sex couples can live-in and adopt children, revolutionising the concept of "family", they can also marry. Society is made up of all kinds of individuals with exclusive rights to none. And no tradition is ever written in stone.

### PICTALK



Grey-headed Swamphens fight at a pond in Ghaziabad

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## Good lord!

Kejriwal is going all out to woo Hindu voters ahead of the UP Assembly polls early next year

After heartily wooing the minority community, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is now seeking the blessings of Lord Ram to make a mark, if not win, in the upcoming Uttar Pradesh election. A day after he visited Ayodhya for Ram Lalla darshan, the Delhi Government has added Ayodhya as one of the destinations in its popular free pilgrimage scheme, 'Mukhya Mantri Teerth Yatra Yojana'. By doing so, Kejriwal is taking on the BJP head-on and hopes to beat it in its own game. Under the scheme, the Delhi Government bears the expenses of about 77,000 pilgrims above the age of 60 every year. This scheme was frowned upon by the seculars for playing to and abetting religious sentiments. The Ram Mandir construction and resolution of the temple dispute by the court are likely to be a major



poll plank in Uttar Pradesh. Though the AAP has largely kept Hindu-related issues at an arm's distance, this move shows a paradigm shift in its strategy. Even earlier, Kejriwal has been criticised for not honouring his secular credentials. He was often called out for not doing enough in the recent Delhi riots and named the "B-team of the BJP" by his political opponents.

Though UP is still a few months away from elections, the stakes are so high that almost all parties, including the BJP, are not letting up their efforts. The AAP is enthused with its initial success in Punjab and Goa and has made forays into other States, too. Now betting big on UP, it formally kicked off its poll campaign in September this year. Right from the start, the AAP seems to be giving a clear message that it is not against the construction of the Ram temple. By doing so, it wants to reach out to the Hindu voters disgruntled with the BJP. To send a clear message to these voters, senior AAP leaders Manish Sisodia and Sanjay Singh had offered prayers at the Ram Janmabhoomi and Hanumangarhi shrines in the temple town before Kejriwal's visit. The AAP knows well that freebies work. So along with the endorsement for the Ram temple, it is also offering 300 units of electricity free of cost to all domestic consumers and promised to waive outstanding bills of 38 lakh families in UP if it wins the Assembly election. The AAP will contest all 403 seats in UP.

# How Air India fell short of the runway



PRAFULL GORADIA

People in Government seldom appreciate that overheads can bring down companies. That made Air India a treasure trove for too many employees

The plight of Air India would not have dipped so low had a 1983 advice given in a national daily been followed. The company might be Government owned but three or four, preferably six or seven or more financial institutions beginning with LIC, Unit Trust, IDBI and nationalised banks should have held Air India through share. They would be entitled to dividends, if any. The company would be a member of the stock exchanges as well as chambers of commerce. Their senior representatives would attend the shareholders' meetings et al.

The premier airline was a business and it should have been run as such and not like a zamindari. The acting zamindar was usually a joint secretary of the Government of India. He might have been a perfect bureaucrat but was likely to be wedded to the correct procedure and not oriented towards profit. He would have worried more about the audit than about results. That is not how a business is run. Companies owned and run by the Government are euphemistically called "public sector" without the realisation that it is an appendix of State capitalism. Where is the public as an owner, either direct or indirect?

The joint secretary, being from a cadre, was obliged to upgrade passengers free of charge. I have once travelled to London business class with my family. Many of the seats in the aircraft were filled at the last minute, before departure, with odd persons with whom I did not enjoy travelling. Mind you, I am not a snob; I have brushed shoulders with all kinds in politics. These appeared to be mostly relatives or friends of trade union leaders who had been obliged so as to maintain industrial peace. In a Government, one had to do so; any effort to solve any case of industrial tension needed the blessings of senior officers, if not the Board of Directors. For officers, it was best to maintain good relations with trade union leaders, if necessary with soft peddling.

To travel with such elements



was irksome enough for us. For European travellers, one can imagine, it would be anathema. If say, 20 per cent shareholding was also sold to the public, it would appear in public perception to be a company like any other. Industrial action would then be easier to take. For years Larsen & Toubro was 54 per cent financial institution held and yet ran like a private company and gave decent returns to its shareholders. It was only when Reliance Industries bought out some shares from some of the financial institutions that the 54 per cent came into public limelight.

Another set of contributors to the sickness of Air India was the VIPs and ministers, whose recommendations had to be implemented. Whether the person was required or not, he or she generally had to be appointed. Whether he was qualified was rarely commented upon. People in Government seldom appreciate that overheads can bring down companies. That has made Air India a treasure house of too many employees, at least four times more than required.

VVIPs climbed even higher heights. As soon as UPA-I



YES, INDIA HAS A LARGE TRADING CLASS AND SMALL TO MEDIUM INDUSTRY RUNNERS. BUT FOR THE SIZE OF ITS ECONOMY AND THE DIMENSION OF ITS NEEDS, THERE ARE NOT MANY CANDIDATES AROUND

came to power in 2004, a minister took off to Europe and bought a large number of aircraft. He repeated his performance soon thereafter by flying to the USA to acquire Boeing aircraft for Air India. The earlier lot of Airbus planes were for Indian Airlines. To top up his exploits, he had both the airlines amalgamated. No questions were really asked nor answered. The cost of borrowing drove the final nail on the coffin.

The bitter Air India experience need not forever condemn public money being invested in industry. For a simple reason, India does not have a sizable and sufficient number of industrialists to industrialise the economy. Any old trader is not a potential industrialist. Yes, India has a large trading class and small to medium industry runners. But setting up a large industry requires a longer vision, a modicum of integrity, the ability to build the project rapidly before inflation overruns the cost, and ultimately the ability to manage a large industry.

For the size of our economy and the dimension of India's needs, there are not many candidates around. In

the liberal days of Indira Gandhi onwards, it was easy to borrow money from the bigger banks. Quite a few big, impressive houses, apparently successful, owe more to their own. That is alright when a substantial part of the debt is from one's own shareholders and not from bankers. Hence, let the Government play its part as an indirect shareholder in a reputable house. Additionally, invite, induce and attract foreign houses but not in consumer products.

Let the foreign company suggest what they would like to manufacture. Thereafter, the Government can verify whether the particular product is required in India. If it is, let the foreign firm decide how much and what percentage it wishes to invest. Then a public issue could be launched. What does not get subscribed can be filled up by the institution or banks. If the foreign firms, to feel secure, request the institution to fill the gap between 51 per cent and what it invests, say 15 or 17 per cent, it should be done.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A FAIR PROBE INTO THE PEGASUS ISSUE

Sir — The apex court setting up an independent probe panel with a retired Supreme Court judge at the helm, to investigate into the Pegasus snooping affair in India is welcome. With this decision, it has apparently given utmost importance to the protection of fundamental rights of the individual, as the ultimate custodian of the Constitution. The Union Government has not come clear, when asked by the Court on the issue of Pegasus — an Israeli snooping software that was allegedly used to spy on political rivals. In this snooping affair, under the guise of threat to national security, the fundamental right to privacy of the citizen and right to freedom of the press are being seemingly subverted by the State or by some private entities, which is a dangerous sign for a healthy democracy.

The Government has every right and duty to snoop into the activities of suspected terrorists or their supporters in a legally sanctioned manner. But it has no right to infringe upon the fundamental rights of citizens; overtly or covertly at its whims and fancies. Now the apex Court has settled the issue by reconfirming the primacy of fundamental rights and their place at high pedestal on the ladder of democracy.

DVG Sankararao | Vizianagaram

### BIGOTRY DISGUISED AS SENTIMENTS

Sir — The celebrated filmmaker Prakash Jha had to face the wrath of the self-righteous group the Bajrang Dal, over the making of web series Ashram in Madhya Pradesh. This is not a healthy precedent to any civilised society and the nation. The attacks on film directors and writers over petty issues isn't a new phenomenon but a new trend in our country taken up by the pseudo champion of moral policing. The self-righteous group Bajrang Dal should have first registered the complaint to the administration over the objectionable materials and raised complaints on Ashram nomenclature per se, instead of resorting to hooliganism to grab the attention for a wrong reason.

## The Captain wants a payback



Captain Amarinder Singh has declared that he is going to form a new political party and the Election Commission will soon clear its name and symbol. The Captain has announced that his party will contest on all the Assembly seats and will have seat adjustment with other like-minded parties. He is likely to meet Amit Shah on Thursday on the issue of farmers' agitation. He also informed that he has not met any farm leader and also confirmed that talks

are already going on between farm leaders and the Government and is hopeful of some concrete solution on the issue very soon. The former Punjab Chief Minister has been successful in conveying the message that he was deeply humiliated by the Congress high command; challenging that the grand old party will have to pay for it.

In UP, 40 per cent seats will be allotted to women (as per Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi) and today, Harish Rawat declared that the same formula may be adopted in Uttarakhand. Apparently, it can not be denied that the same formula may be applied in Punjab also. Punjab has become a ground for personal and sentimental politics. Earlier, Navjot Singh Sidhu was acting like an 'unguided missile' and now the Captain appears to be a wounded and desperate lion who is moving ahead on the lines of revenge and payback.

Yash Pal Ralhan | Jalandhar

World Cup, and possibly cost him his international career. Taking a knee has become a popular symbol to show solidarity with the 'Black Lives Matter' movement which gained momentum following the brutal killing of the African-American George Floyd by a white Minneapolis police officer.

It is part of a long history of players and athletes using sport as a platform to draw attention to the racial inequalities that communities experience. Systemic racism exists across the world and cricket is not immune to the scourge, as it commits itself to bring changes amid the BLM Foundation, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy. Meanwhile, the situation which has now exploded at a World Cup, is an indictment of the leadership of CSA, which was racked by management issues over the last couple of years.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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## SOUNDBITE

I was fortunate that I got the chance to bow before Ram Lalla and I wish everyone must get this chance.



Delhi Chief Minister — Arvind Kejriwal

It isn't enough just to invest in our physical infrastructure — we also have to invest in our people.



US President — Joe Biden

While working on Toofaan, I realised there are no short-cuts when you want to portray a character like Aziz.



Actor — Farhan Akhtar

I've heard a lot of good things about the Pakistan Premier League from other players. It's something to consider in the future.



New Zealand skipper — Kane Williamson

We have decided to become the voice of youth and will organise the biggest rally of the country against unemployment.



RJD leader — Tejaswini Yadav





## FIRST COLUMN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND SKILL FRAMEWORK

Vocational courses and community colleges are a viable alternative to tertiary education



BRIJENDER SINGH PANWAR

India does not have enough higher educational institutions to accommodate even half of its young population. When it comes to vocational training, only 10 per cent of the workforce in India is formally trained, compared to 96 per cent in Korea, 80 per cent in Japan and 68 per cent in the United Kingdom. There are two important issues which need to be addressed. First, there are not enough vocational education providers. Secondly, the current public perception of vocational courses is problematic; such courses are often seen as a refuge for those who have failed to make a mark in mainstream education. We have to change this perception by creating awareness about vocational education and providing career counseling at an early age in schools. India has an ambitious goal to train 500 million of its citizens by 2022 with skills and competencies for participation in the present and future labour market. Therefore, the viable alternative to formal tertiary education is Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Community Colleges which will directly contribute to skilled workforce and the nation's economy. We have to give due emphasis to the role of Community Colleges in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, through National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). Although the concept of Community college has not been accepted by the educational system of India as such, it has created its own his-



tory in the last two decades. At present, there are more than 500 community colleges in the country. How are Indian Community colleges different from the two existing vocational systems — the two-year Industrial Technical Institutes and the three year Polytechnics? Both these programmes are skill and job-oriented and supply trained personnel to industries. Community colleges should have a clear mandate and agenda of its own which is to prepare the youth for the workforce in a year or two by giving them skill-oriented education along with some life skills.

There has to be some other motivating factor to attract students to Community Colleges. It is the responsibility of Community Colleges to identify such factors and project them as their Unique Selling Points. The difference lies in the fact that the collegiate level vocational education offers only apprenticeship training and vocationalization of first-degree level whereas Community colleges offer a range of multi-focused programmes in occupational and technical and in continuing education. The courses offered by the colleges are designed to meet the workforce needs of the regions in which the colleges are located. Another purpose of Community colleges is to offer "bridge" courses to complete higher certifications, ensure employability and competency of the individual trained, teach life skills and communication in English and provide training in personal, social, language, communication and creative skills. The role of Community Colleges in implementing NVEQF is crucial for the development of vocational education and skill development. NVEQF is a descriptive framework that organizes qualifications according to a series of levels of knowledge along with the skills. These levels are defined in terms of learning outcomes or competencies the learner must possess regardless of whether they were acquired through formal, non-formal or informal education and training. Given the framework of the NEP, having a strong emphasis on skill-based vocational education, the role of Community Colleges in implementing NSQF would be significant as it will follow a modular, credit-based system that keeps abreast of technological and other workforce changes.

(The writer is a senior journalist and Chairman, Panwar Group of Institutions, Solan, Himachal Pradesh. The views expressed are personal.)

# Taliban: Sanctions and recognition

Given the reach and lethality of ISIS, the Taliban may not withstand pressure from the international terror group in the long run unless Al-Qaeda is roped in for countermeasure



RAKESH K SINGH

The Taliban's outreach to the international community is driven mainly by the existential crisis the outfit is facing back home due to both the presence and lethality of the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) that holds the potential to challenge and overthrow the current regime in Kabul essentially supplanted by Pakistan's covert agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

The Taliban is seeking to first get the Interim Cabinet members' designated terrorist tag removed. At least 14 members of the Interim Cabinet are designated terrorists of the UN as well as the US sanctions lists. With such a designation, Taliban cabinet representatives cannot move around freely amid apprehension of fatal drone strikes against them. The Taliban is also vying for international recognition from the global community or at least as many countries as possible in the region and beyond.

Once recognized by the international community, the Taliban will be able to put across its viewpoints at various forums of the UN as also seeking funding assistance for its messed-up economy from the IMF and WB.

The Taliban will then also be able to negotiate military assistance from the UN member-states in the name of counter-terrorism on Afghan soil by anti-Taliban groups like ISKP.

The Taliban is habituated to survive on illicit financing through extortion and garnering proceeds from sale of narcotics. The recognition of its regime will help Taliban in transforming the black economy into white money channels.

These factors have compelled the Taliban to pitch in for international recognition and portray itself as Taliban 2.0, radically dissimilar from the outfit's regime that ruled the roost in Afghanistan till 2001.

Notwithstanding the Taliban propaganda ruling out any threat from ISIS, the fact is that ISKP is a profound and dangerous competitor to Al Qaeda to whom the Taliban owes allegiance.

The Taliban is essentially a local terror group with influence being limited to Afghanistan and completely unlike the ISIS that has a cadre and funding base from multiple ethnicities and geographies.

In a worrying fact, the ISIS has some significant presence on the ground and has been able to inflict four major terror attacks on the Afghan soil post-takeover of Kabul by Taliban on August 15, including the deadly Kabul airport hit amid the then ongoing US troops' withdrawal and fatal attacks on Shia mosques in Kunduz and Kandahar.

With active connivance and assistance from the ISI, the Taliban has been able to deceive the international community in seizing power in Afghanistan in a swift advance and without any resistance either from the erstwhile Afghan National Defence Force or any militia.

But the Taliban cannot deal with the



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situation at the international level on its own after it has grabbed power in Kabul.

By engaging in multilateral meets like the Moscow format, the Taliban is buying time to gain international recognition and keep the anti-Taliban forces at a relative bay by participating in such overtures.

Taliban has been mainly trained in perpetrating insurgency but tackling insurgency is an altogether different ball game. The ISI masterminds have deliberately kept the outfit away from gaining such craft.

The Taliban apprehends that if ISIS continues with its bombing spree and spreads traction among the Afghan society and enlarges the area of influence, all the other anti-Taliban forces will rally under it to overthrow the current regime in Kabul.

Given the reach and lethality of ISIS, the Taliban may not withstand the pressure from the international terror group in the long run unless Al Qaeda is roped in for the countermeasure.

In this backdrop, the Taliban is left with two broad choices for survival—one to get recognition for its regime in Kabul and subsequently get military assistance to counter ISIS or ally with Al Qaeda which can pool in its fighters from various countries to check ISIS or its Afghan affiliate ISKP.

In its bid to seek international recognition, the Taliban is also portraying that it does not want Al Qaeda fighters and this is the reason why it is seeking sanctity from the global comity of nations for its regime in Kabul.

For its international recogni-

tion project, the Taliban has fielded Anas Haqqani, the Home Minister of the interim government and Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Foreign Minister, for addressing the internal and external dimensions of the Afghan challenge.

While Haqqani is seeking to update the international community on the need to check dissidence in the Afghan society as well in the pockets on the Afghanistan-Pakistan region dominated by a large population of the Pakhtun ethnicity who could come in handy for taking refuge in the event of the international community or a group of countries deciding to decimate the Taliban to protect their own sovereign interests.

Haqqani is also tasked with the onus to keep Baloch insurgents in check so as to deny foreign agencies like the Mossad and Research and Analysis Wing the opportunity to carry out anti-terror action in Pakistan from Afghan soil.

Muttaqi is tasked to ensure external security by checking Iran from attacking Afghanistan through the ISIS or bombings by the Russians who see the turmoil in the war-ravaged country as a threat to their respective sovereign interests.

The Taliban leadership is also clear that it has reached the stage of forming an interim government with ISI help but is also aware of the need to balance between the ISI and the international community.

Taliban is further aware that despite being helped by the ISI to control Kabul, it cannot be seen as a puppet of Pakistan beyond a point as international recognition eludes the regime.

Despite its overtures and

pledge to form an inclusive government in line with the desire of the international community, Taliban has so far been getting help exclusively from China because of its strategic location and Pakistan's back-channel support in roping in Beijing to rescue the Taliban from the plethora of mess it is facing.

Now, the Taliban is aiming to have a direct communication with China to maximize the cooperation it is getting from Beijing and simultaneously sideline Pakistan to shed its image as an ISI puppet.

Fully aware of the Pakistani machinations in both Kabul and within Taliban, Russia did not invite the Pakistani pointsman Gulbuddin Hekmatyar heading the Hizb-e-Islami faction of Taliban for the Moscow format dialogue underway in the Russian capital. Hekmatyar has issued a statement that Moscow talks would fail as all sections of Afghan society have not been represented in the talks.

While 10 countries including India and China participated in the Moscow talks, none of the countries, not even China, is willing to grant recognition to the Taliban.

The Taliban was initially buoyant over the vast number of American equipment left behind by the allied forces but now it is realizing that these machines could threaten its existence if ISIS gets hold of them. The Taliban cannot use American weapons due to lack of training.

The complexity of the Afghan problem makes the situation in Afghanistan pregnant with all possibilities including bombing by the Russians or an onset of a Shia insurgency.

## POINTCOUNTERPOINT

I WILL BE FORMING A NEW PARTY. THE NAME AND THE SYMBOL WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONCE THE ELECTION COMMISSION CLEARS IT.  
—FORMER PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER  
CAPT AMARINDER SINGH



THE LAST TIME YOU FORMED YOUR OWN PARTY, YOU GARNERED ONLY 856 VOTES. THE PEOPLE OF PUNJAB ARE WAITING TO PUNISH YOU AGAIN.  
—PUNJAB CONGRESS CHIEF  
NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU

# The need today: Localising solutions

An inclusive process of planning and programme deployment is the only way to ensure that the most vulnerable have access to benefits

When we met Rama Krishna, our heart was broken. His wife was in the hospital and he needed money for her treatment. Krishna and his family were enrolled for health benefits under the Building and Other Construction Workers (regulation of employment and conditions of service) Act, 1996. However, the paperwork he needed to avail the benefits was too cumbersome. He needed his Aadhaar card, hospital bills, proof of work, marriage certificate, details of any dependents and so much more. Finally, he could not convince his union leader to give him proof of his last salary slip. And thus, he could not avail the benefits. He needed the money immedi-



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ately for treatment. While we were able to help him out then, we wondered how many more Krishnas were out there. Krishna's situation pointed to a systemic issue where the willingness to want to deliver basic services remains but a top-down program design is becoming a hindrance in accessing these programs.

From loan waivers to scholarships for marginalized communities, there is no dearth of programs that serve vulnerable populations. However, with the programs being designed by those sitting in the State and national Capitals often means a disconnect to reality. The result is that these programs become hard to operationalize and ultimately do not yield intended benefits. Therefore, it is



critical to work with communities to develop solutions, provide local talent who can help design and deliver on problems and create a culture of bottom-up planning.

An inclusive process of planning and program deployment is the only way to ensure that the most vulnerable have access to benefits.

Consider for example the District Minerals Trust Fund that uses the cess of mining companies in to address com-

munity needs. Districts who have been adversely affected by mining have complete discretion on how they want to use resources for hyperlocal needs. In Ramgarh and Chattrra, the administration conducted Gram Sabhas and local stakeholder meetings and recognized the need for more sustainable and high paying jobs than those offered by the mining industry.

Thus, rather than look for jobs with skills that might not be easily available, these districts brought in green and renewable opportunities like solarization of agriculture sector and created related jobs. The result is higher paying local jobs with sustainability. A culture of identifying local needs with the flexibility of using funds has allowed these

districts to create hyperlocal solutions. Rather than routing funding through schemes, there is significant merit in providing discretionary funds for districts as well.

Resources are often not enough. It is important to match them with personnel on the ground who can provide feedback about community condition. Andhra has designed the village volunteer program with similar intentions in mind. Every 100-200 households have a young person helping them with access to programs and benefits. When lockdown was affecting most of the country with no one being able to access banks, government offices, etc. village volunteers accessed this pressing gap and were mobilized to withdraw the cash and deliv-

er the amount to each household. The money became the lifeline for most families who continue to remain dependent on pensions and social welfare to ensure a functioning household. It is critical to have people within communities who can identify errors and work with the government to help overcome them. While in some situations local NGOs are stepping in to provide needed support, there needs to be systems and human capital to do so.

Finally, in order to ensure such a model comes into play, it is important to have a culture of appreciating the local opinion. The second wave of the covid pandemic highlighted the importance of letting communities decide the most appropriate response. In

the process, models emerged of how districts were able to mobilize resources and talent to bridge this gap. We saw districts with a strong agricultural belt being willing to keep mandis open over the weekend. Whereas others choosing to go in to complete lockdown. The diversity within India demands for each community to adopt to local needs. There needs to be a strategic shift toward providing much assistance and insights to districts.

Only when we empower our local administrations with the resources to take independent decisions can we design and implement effective solutions. Otherwise, the stories of more Rama Krishnas will continue to emerge, plagued by systemic issues.



## GLOBE TROTTER

### SUDAN ARRESTS 3 CRITICS AS PRESSURE MOUNTS

**Cairo:** Sudanese security forces detained three prominent pro-democracy figures overnight, their relatives and other activists said on Wednesday, as pressure mounted on the country's military following its coup.

### EGYPTAIR FLIGHT RETURNS AFTER THREAT MESSAGE

**Cairo:** A Moscow-bound EgyptAir flight returned to the Egyptian capital shortly after takeoff Wednesday after a threatening message was found onboard, authorities said.

### US ISSUES ITS PASSPORT WITH 'X' GENDER MARKER

**Denver:** The United States has issued its first passport with an "X" gender designation — a milestone in the recognition of the rights of people who don't identify as male or female — and expects to be able to offer the option more broadly.

# NATO's Afghan mission hit by 'mission creep,' official says

AP ■ BRUSSELS

NATO's security operation in Afghanistan became a victim of "mission creep" as the military organisation allowed itself to be dragged into helping rebuild the impoverished, conflict-torn country, the official leading a process of drawing lessons from the mission said on Wednesday.

Assistant Secretary-General for Operations John Manza and NATO's 30 deputy national envoys are compiling a report on almost two decades of work in Afghanistan. They were tasked with the job after the Afghan president fled and the NATO-trained Afghan army collapsed when President Joe Biden announced that he

was pulling U.S. troops out, paving the way for the Taliban to seize power.

Manza told European Union lawmakers that of the big lessons being discussed by his team — which also includes input from military and political experts, including from Afghanistan — "the most obvious one is mission creep."

NATO took over the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan in 2003, almost two years after a U.S.-led coalition invaded the country to oust the Taliban for harboring Osama bin Laden, the deceased al-Qaeda leader.

Manza explained that it initially had around 5,000 troops based mostly in and around the

capital Kabul, but that within 3 years its focus shifted to "tackling the root causes of terrorism" by helping to rebuild a landlocked country riven by ethnic and tribal divisions and with a poorly educated population.

NATO troop numbers increased to around 60,000 by 2006, with military-civilian teams spread around the largely lawless country trying to foster economic growth and better governance in almost every province.

"This really substantial increase did not have the desired effects," Manza said. "The insurgency was still gaining strength. The nation was still suffering greatly from corruption and governmental performance was not improving."

## Saudi to provide \$4.2 bn to Pak; Imran thanks MBS

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Saudi Arabia has agreed to provide \$4.2 billion worth of assistance to cash-strapped Pakistan to support its economy, it emerged on Wednesday after Prime Minister Imran Khan held talks with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman in Riyadh this week.

Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry took to Twitter to announce the assistance which came just two days after Khan paid a three-day visit to the Gulf kingdom.

"Saudi Arabia's announcement supports Pakistan with 3 billion US dollars as deposit in Pakistan central bank and also financing refined petroleum



products with 1.2 billion US dollars during the year," he said in a tweet.

Prime Minister Khan thanked Crown Prince Salman for the generous aid when Pakistan's economy was facing difficulties.

## Nepal's Chief Justice refuses to step down

**Kathmandu:** Nepal Supreme Court Chief Justice Chandra Shumsher Rana has refused to resign from his post amidst allegations that he helped his brother-in-law secure a berth in the Sher Bahadur Deuba-led Cabinet, triggering an unusual judicial crisis.

A section of the Supreme Court justices has demanded Chief Justice Rana's resignation while some lawyers have decided to boycott the apex court.

During a meeting with 15 apex court justices, Rana said that he is not going to step down just because voices were raised in the streets and in the media for him to quit the top post. **PTI**

## Blast in Myanmar city highlights escalating violence

**Bangkok:** Midday bombings near a busy government office injured at least nine people in Myanmar's second biggest city on Wednesday, in what appeared to be the latest high-profile attack by militants opposed to the country's military rulers.

Other attacks by foes of the government were also reported on social media sympathetic to the opposition.

Shootings and bombings in Myanmar's cities and armed clashes in the countryside are daily occurrences, and UN officials and other observers have warned that unrest triggered by the military's seizure of power in February is spinning toward civil war. **AP**

## US asks UK court to permit extradition of WikiLeaks' Assange

AP ■ LONDON

The United States asked Britain's High Court on Wednesday to overturn a judge's decision that Julian Assange should not be sent to the United States to face espionage charges, promising that

the WikiLeaks founder could serve any prison sentence he receives in his native Australia.

In January, a lower court judge refused an American request to extradite Assange on spying charges over WikiLeaks' publication of secret military documents a decade ago.

District Judge Vanessa Baraitser denied extradition on health grounds, saying Assange was likely to kill himself if held under harsh US prison conditions.

An attorney for the US government, James Lewis, argued Wednesday that the judge was wrong to conclude

that Assange's mental health was too fragile to withstand the US judicial system.

Assange "has no history of serious and enduring mental illness" and does not meet the threshold of being so ill that he cannot resist harming himself, the lawyer said.

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### ई० निविदा सूचना

निदेशालय, प्राविधिक शिक्षा, उत्तराखण्ड के अधीन विभिन्न राजकीय पॉलीटेक्निक संस्थानों में कम्प्यूटर के क्रय हेतु ई० निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। ई० निविदा दिनांक 28/10/2021 से उत्तराखण्ड शासन के ई० निविदा पोर्टल [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है। ई० निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 11/11/2021 है। विस्तृत जानकारी उत्तराखण्ड शासन की ई० निविदा पोर्टल [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। निदेशक प्राविधिक शिक्षा, उत्तराखण्ड



Lava flows from a volcano as it continues to erupt on the Canary island of La Palma, Spain on Wednesday **AP**

## जनसंपर्क संचालनालय छत्तीसगढ़ शासन

इन्द्रावती भवन, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ़

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जनसंपर्क संचालनालय, छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, नवा रायपुर की ओर से नई दिल्ली में आयोजित होने वाली गणतंत्र दिवस 2022 की राष्ट्रीय परेड में चयन होने पर प्रदर्शित होने वाली झांकी की डिजाइन/मॉडल प्रस्तुत करने तथा अनुमोदन परचाव तथा रक्षा मंत्रालय के निर्देशानुसार फेब्रिकेशन आदि कार्य कर झांकी तैयार करने हेतु टर्न-की आधार पर अनुभवी झांकी/टेब्लू निर्माताओं/ फर्मों से मुखसंद अल्पकालिक द्वितीय निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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2	Construction of Khadlek- Bhanar- Dana- Tikta Motor Road in Kapkot Constituency Distt- Bageshwar Under State Sector Length - 4.00 Km. (Phase- 2 Stage- I)	Rs. 3000.00 + 18% GST	0.81 Lakh	120 Days	9 Months	Category "D" & above (Road Works)

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	M/s Shivam Jewellers/ Narmada Devi/ Krishan Kumar Verma/ A/c No. 629205027350/ 629260003833	Residential Property Of Krishan Kumar Verma and Narmada Devi Situated at House No. 65, SF, Block AH, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi- 110088/ October 26, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 36,52,642/-	Delhi

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 28, 2021 Place: Delhi/ Ncr Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

## DIVERSION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

In order to upgrade the Rail infrastructure, Railways have decided to undertake the Pre-Non-Interlocking and Non-Interlocking work at Hindupur and Devarapalle stations for doubling of Yelahanka and Penukonda section from 15.11.2021 to 20.11.2021. To execute this work following trains will be diverted as per the details given below:

Train No. & Name	Diverted Via	Skipping Stoppage	Date (from the Originating Station)
06078 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Coimbatore Jn. SF Festival Special	Via - Gooty, Kadapa, Renigunta Jn., Jolarpettai Jn. & Salem Jn.	Anantapur, Dharmavaram Jn, Hindupur, Yelahanka Jn., Krishnarajapuram	17.11.2021
02684 Lucknow - Yeshvantpur Jn. Festival Express Special	Via - Dhone Jn., Pendekallu Jn., Guntakal Jn., Bellari Jn., Chikajur Jn., Tumakur & Yeshvantpur Jn.	Gooty, Anantapur, Dharmavaram Jn, Hindupur & Yelahanka Jn.	18.11.2021

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table of stations enroute and composition etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19, may please be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

Visit RailMadad Website :- [www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in) Download RailMadad app.

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## QUOTATION NOTICE

Quotations are invited affixing court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 from the manufacturer/dealer for supply of the following verification equipments indicating rates as per specification below for the year 2022. The quotation will be received by the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam, Guwahati-7 up to 2 PM of the 16th Nov/2021 and will be opened on the same day at 4 PM in presence of the Quotationer or their representatives.

Item	Particulars	Font Size
A. (i) Year Punch, 2022	(I)Size	1. length = 9.5 cm.
4 nos in a set.		2. length = 9.0 cm.
(Size 1,2,3 & 4)		3. length = 10.5 cm.
		4. length = 12.0 cm.

(ii) Year Plier dies, 2022 (II) Size- 12 mm diameter.  
4 nos in a set.  
(Size A,B,C & D)

### General Condition.

- The verification equipments should be made of best Steel and well tempered. If any defect is found in the aforesaid item within six month from the date of use then the replacement will have to be made free of cost.
- The Quotationer should deliver the articles in good conditions at the office of the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam, Guwahati within 30 days on receipt of the formal supply order at their own cost.
- The rates should be valid up to 12 months from the date of acceptance of the quotation.
- The rates and taxes payable should be indicated against each item separately and should be F.O.R. destination.
- The Quotationer must furnish attested copy of the income tax clearance certificate (Pan Card) and GST Certificate along with their quotation.
- The Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam is not bound to accept the lowest or any other quotation.
- The decision of the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam will be final in all respect.

Sd/- (S. N. Baishya)  
Controller of Legal Metrology (I/C),  
Assam : Guwahati.  
Jansanyog/C/7158/21

# US, China sparring over Taiwan heats up anew

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States and China are stepping up their war of words over Taiwan in a long-simmering dispute that has significant implications for the power dynamic in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

Amid a surge in Chinese military activity near the island that China regards as a renegade province and has vowed to reclaim by force if necessary, Washington and Beijing have launched new campaigns for global support for their respective positions, each using the stern and lofty language of sovereignty and international precedent. And neither is backing down.

While the disagreement over Taiwan isn't new and has long vexed relations between the countries, recent developments suggest the two are coming closer to confrontation. Last week, President Joe Biden

set off alarm bells in Beijing by saying the U.S. has a firm commitment to help Taiwan defend itself in the event of a Chinese attack.

China protested and the Biden administration sought to play down the comments. White House, State Department and Pentagon officials all said the president did not mean to imply any changes in the U.S. "one-China policy," which recognizes Beijing but allows informal relations and defense ties with Taipei.

The officials took pains to say that America's commitment to Taiwan remains steadfast but continues to be guided by a policy of "strategic ambiguity" over military-related specifics that falls short of a treaty-enshrined mutual defense pact. Since then, however, the administration has upped the ante on the diplomatic front.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is notified for the information of Rail Pasengers that Railways have decided to restore the stoppage to the following trains at Getor Jagatpura Railway station from the dates shown as under:

Train No. & Name	Additional Stoppage	Arr.	Dep.	Effective from
04311 Bareilly- Bhuj Express Special	At Getor	17:18	17:20	From 28.10.2021
04321 Bareilly- Bhuj Special	Jagatpura station	17:18	17:20	From 29.10.2021

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website: [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in) or NTES App.

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 may please be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

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## ADMISSION NOTICE

Applications are invited for  
**DPSE (2021-23) under**  
**Management Quota for Affiliated**  
**Institutes of SCERT (Govt. of Delhi)**  
For further details, please contact:  
**Satyam International Polytechnic**  
GD Block, Near Pitampura Metro Station,  
Pitampura, Delhi-110088 Ph: 27317069

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Bin Bahadur Thapa S/o. Gang Bahadur Thapa R/o. B-104, Gulmohar Park, New Delhi-110049 since 1992 do hereby declares that I have applied for Indian Citizenship & before that reside at Pandara Road, New Delhi, India since 1984 to 1992. Kindly Provide the Citizenship of India.

## NORTHERN RAILWAY

### TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location	Improvement work of MOZ, THJ, NGL and TPZ stations of Delhi Division.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 42,04,534/- only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time - 17.11.2021 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> & Notice board at S&T branch, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No. 558-Sig-16-M-Tender-1367 Dated: 26.10.2021. 2438/21

## SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

## BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No. E-33/2021-22 E-TENDERS Dated: 23.10.2021

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the president of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have class III Digital Signature and registrations on IREPS The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No., Tender No.(Due Date), Description and Quantity: (1) 10211290, (18.11.2021) Bearing Asm. Part No. 16080609, 339 Nos. (2) 10211282, (24.11.2021) Seal Ring Assembly Part No. 16080567, 922 Nos. (3) 10211293, (24.11.2021) Bearing Spherical Seal Thrust Part No. 16150442, 437 Nos. (4) 10211292, (24.11.2021) Bearing Part No. 16150430, 1784 Nos. (5) 10211210B, (16.11.2021) Roller Part No. 16210074, 11450 Nos. (6) 10211299, (17.11.2021) Set Gear Planet Part No. 16210207, 343 Nos. (7) 10211296, (19.11.2021) Shaft Carrier Part No. 16210190, 260 Nos. (8) 09211035A, (18.11.2021) Fuse and Indicator Assembly, to PL No. 16310808, 440 Nos. (9) 09211063B, (18.11.2021) Circular Module-Coupler, to PL No. 18120817, 10 Nos. (10) 08211033 Advertise Tender, (19.11.2021) Oil Cooler Radiator for Converter CAT No. N/0/0065, C&D No. T020/010, DRG No. 3EHP590472R0001 as per Specn. CLW/ES/3/0102/E, Qty-549 Nos.(P.L. No. 29470031). (11) 08211196 Advertise Tender, (19.11.2021) CLUTCH DOVELLING ASM to PL No. 17240074 & Drg No. 40001043 and Purchase specification no. BLW/DES/MSBC-274, as per Drp. No.40001043 A/B as per Spec: as per Drp. Qty-628 Nos.(P.L. No. 17240074). (12) 08211006 Advertise Tender, (22.11.2021) (1) KEY MULTIPLIER- 2 FOR M/C COMPARTMENT CAT No. P/2/0158, C&D No. T020/83,CLW Spec No.- CLW/ES/3/0049/F, as per Specn. CLW/ES/3/0049/F, QTY: 66 Sets (P.L. No. 29387991) (2) KEY MULTIPLIER-1 For M/C COMPARTMENT, CAT No. P/1/0158, C&D No. T020/82,Spec No.-CLW/ES/3/0049/F, as per Specn. CLW/ES/3/0049/F QTY-66 Sets. (P.L. No. 29388004). (13) 08211004 Advertise Tender, (15.12.2021) SPHERICAL CAT No. R/9/0008 C&D No. T205/004 C&D No. T222/003 Spec: RDSO SPECN. No. RDSO/2007/EL/SPEC/0051 Rev.3, QTY-5679 Nos. (P.L. No. 29102003). (14) 07210185, (08.11.2021) PL No. 29170631 Fire Extinguisher & Bracket, 555 Nos.(15) 06211186, (16.11.2021) COMPLETE PANEL-A, PANEL-C (WITH/OUT OVER DISPLAY UNIT) & PANEL-D ALONG WITH ALL EQUIPMENTS, HARDWARES, WIRING/CABLING specn. CLW/ES/3/0239/B, 0240/A, 0241/A/0453 to PL No. 29176204 QTY. 569 Nos. (16) 03211046 (25.11.2021) E-Type Coupler, P. L. No. 29130037, 453 Nos. (17) 03211045 (25.11.2021) High Capacity Draft Gear, P. L. No. 29130049, 478 Nos. (18) 03211007A (19.11.2021) Brake Control system, P. L. No. 29160016, 290 Set. Note: For Complete details of EMD and downloading of tender documents and kind Version also available at website [www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in) and [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Corrigendum Notice - Date- 25.10.2021, Bid No.: E-29, Tender No. 09210123 F.L. LAMP CORRIDOR LIGHTING PL No. 29610450, Revision-1, Details of Corrigendum The date of opening of tender has been revised and now the same will be opened on 12.11.2021 Instead of 03.11.2021.Note: All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders. P.R.O./BLWS-38 PCMM

f t w /blwvaranasi " Website:- [www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in)"



# 10% power outage likely due to coal shortage: Crisil

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Crisil Rating on Wednesday warned that despite the respite from a temporary fall in power demand, a tenth of the thermal capacity is still vulnerable to the outage as it sees coal-stock remaining in single-digit days through the rest of the year.

Recently, the agency had said that the ongoing coal shortage could debilitate corporate India if it lingers on for long.

About 10 per cent of the 209 gw, to be precise 20 gw capacity of coal-based private power stations remain vulnerable to outage amid surging coal demand. Despite the recent dip in demand (10 per cent over October 16 and 17) due to heavy rains, coal shortage persists as their inventory is only for 5 days, the report said.

Over half of these capacities do not have fuel supply

agreements, which increases their reliance on coal, either through imports or through e-auction where prices remain elevated, both these may force these plants to shutter operations for a few days as their operating cost may outweigh revenue.

Coal shortage is acute despite domestic supply rising 16 per cent in Q2FY22 over the same period in the pre-pandemic FY20, partly due to substitute non-cooking coal imports falling over 20 per cent and depleted coal stock at the plants.

Another problem is the erratic domestic supplies due to seasonal rains impacting mining. Overall coal supply grew around 8 per cent.

Meanwhile, domestic e-auction premia have jumped over 130 per cent over the Coal India notified rate in September, from 80 per cent in September 2019 due to the supply shortage.

# LPG price may be hiked next week

## PETROL, DIESEL RATES UP AGAIN

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Cooking gas LPG prices may be hiked next week after under-recovery on the fuel widened to over ₹100 per cylinder, sources said insisting that the rate hike, including the quantum of increase, is dependent on Government permission.

If allowed, this will be the fifth increase in cooking gas rates across all categories — households using subsidised gas for cooking and heating purposes, non-subsidised fuel and industrial-sized gas.

LPG rates were last hiked by ₹15 per cylinder on October 6, taking the total increase in rates since July to ₹90 per 14.2-kg cylinder.

Sources with direct knowledge of the matter said state-owned oil marketing companies have not been allowed to align retail selling price with the cost, and no government subsidy has so far been approved to bridge the gap.

# 1.5 bn Indians to be connected to internet in 2 yrs; country's AI tech to lead globally: MoS IT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is expected to almost double its internet user base in the next two years with the BharatNet project connecting more homes across rural India, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Wednesday.

He said India, not China, is the world's largest connected nation on the internet in the world as China has more intranet connectivity and they have walled off their internet.

"India is going to be one of the largest connected nations in the world. I already think India is the largest connected country in the world because China is not connected because it has an intranet, walled off island that pretends to be the internet. "Even if you believe for a

minute that they are on the internet, we are going to be one of the largest nations in the world," Chandrasekhar said at an Assocham conference.

He added that the country has around 800 million people on the internet at present.

"As the rural broadband internet connectivity programme of the BharatNet starts kicking in and lighting up homes in the villages, we will have 1.5 billion Indians being connected to the internet over the next two years," Chandrasekhar said.

He said internet connectivity is going to drive the artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem in the country and will get preference globally as it will be developed with ethics under the guidance of data privacy rules.

# Air India asks Govt depts to clear dues

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As Air India stopped the credit facility for buying of air tickets after sale, the Department of Expenditure has issued an order directing all ministries and departments to clear its dues immediately. The department has also ordered that air tickets from Air India may be purchased in cash till further instructions. "Recently, the Government of India has decided to disinvest Air India, the process of disinvestment of Air India and Air India Express is ongoing. Air India has

stopped extending credit facility on account of purchase of air tickets. Therefore, all ministries and departments are directed to clear Air India's dues immediately. Air tickets from Air India may be purchased in cash till further instructions," the department said in an office memorandum on Wednesday. The department has further directed ministries and departments to brought out these instructions to the notice of their subordinate offices/institutes, under the administrative control for further compliance.

# Rising tea imports cause of concern: Planters' body

Kolkata: A body of tea planters on Wednesday expressed concern over rising imports of the commodity and said a minimum price should be fixed for shipments arriving from overseas to protect the domestic units.

Indian Tea Association said imports in 2020 increased by 47 per cent as compared to 2019, and by 176 per cent in the first six months of the current calendar year as against the corresponding period.

# 'MoRTH giving enormous thrust on improving nation's logistics'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) is giving enormous thrust on improving Logistics in the country and taking steps to bring efficiency into logistics management.

Delivering a talk on "Improving Operational Efficiency in Logistics Infrastructure; Multimodal Integrated Logistics Parks; Technologies..." at 'Smart Mobility Conference 2021' at Pragati Maidan in the Capital, Joint Secretary (Logistics), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Suman Prasad Singh, said: "Our present focus to have integrated planning of transport network development. We should not develop it in silos. That's why the "GatiShakti" portal has already come." "So far as infrastructure of MoRTH is concerned, our basic purpose is to reduce the travel time.

There are instances near ports, when a distance of 10 km, sometimes takes more than 24 hours to cover. The reason is not the distance but many other factors like traffic restrictions," he said.

# Skilling varsity venture to create 3,000 jobs

New Delhi: With an aim to create 3,000 jobs within next 36 months by creating a pool of qualified job-ready skilled resources in the diagnostic sector, Healthians in collaboration with Shri Vishwakarma Skill University (SVSU) has announced the launch of the on-the-job training programme of selected youth candidates. "With an initiative like this, we intend to create a robust training platform for aspiring healthcare professionals," said Deepak Sahni, founder and CEO, Healthians. The SVSU CV said the collaboration will provide opportunities for sharing and emulating best practices and learning from each other, to address public health challenges.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Abir Thapa S/o. Bin Bahadur Thapa R/o. B-104, Gulmohar Park, New Delhi-110049 do hereby declares that I have applied for Indian Citizenship & residing at the above mentioned address as born and brought up here in, since 2001. Kindly Provide the Citizenship of India.

## FORM NO. 5

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL  
600/1, University Road,  
Near Hanuman Setu Mandir,  
Lucknow- 226007  
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)

Summons For Filing Reply & Appearance By Publication  
O. A. No. 455/2021  
Date: 14/10/2021

Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

Original Application No. 455/2021

ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant  
Versus  
MR. SACHIN KUMAR KAUSHAL & OTHERS ...Defendants

To,  
1. MR. SACHIN KUMAR KAUSHAL  
C-517, NRI CITY, Greater Noida-201308, U.P.

Also At: Flat No-004, Floor No. 0, Avion Rose wood, Tower B4, Village Khanpur Tehsil Tizara City, Bhiwadi 301019.

Also At: Yatharth Wellness Hospital N H 32, Sector- Omega 1st Gr. Noida, Noida-201308.

2. MRS. SWATI GUPTA  
C-517, NRI CITY, Greater Noida-201308, U.P.

Also At: Flat No-004, Floor No. 0, Avion Rose wood, Tower B4, Village Khanpur Tehsil Tizara City, Bhiwadi 301019.

3. BHALON PROJECTS PVT. LTD.  
Registered Office: 64, Scindia House, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001

Corporate Office: 9th Floor, SAS Tower, Near Medicity, Sector- 38, Gurgaon-122001

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 24.11.2021 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal,  
Lucknow

## FORM NO. 5

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL  
600/1, University Road,  
Near Hanuman Setu Mandir,  
Lucknow- 226007  
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)

Summons For Filing Reply & Appearance By Publication  
O. A. No. 450/2021  
Date: 13/10/2021

Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

Original Application No. 450/2021

ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant  
Versus  
MR. VAIBHAV RAMASHANKAR SHARMA & OTHERS ...Defendants

To,  
1. MR. VAIBHAV RAMASHANKAR SHARMA (Borrower),  
Flat No. 906, 9th floor  
Meghdutam Encore-Tower A Sport, Sector- Adjoining  
Techzone- IV, Plot no. GH-05, Greater Noida- 201307

Also At: E-4 1405, Rutu Towers, Patli Pada, Ghod bundar Road, Thane- 400607

2. MRS. PUJA SHARMA (Co-Borrower),  
Flat No. 906, 9th floor  
Meghdutam Encore- Tower A Sport, Sector- Adjoining  
Techzone- IV, Plot no. GH-05, Greater Noida- 201307.

Also At: Flat No. 10A, Tower B Viceroy Park, Thakur Village, Kandiwali, Mumbai Kannad- 431103

3. PALM DEVELOPERS PVT LTD.  
Registered Office at : 304  
Sitaram Mansion, 718/21 Joshi  
road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005. Corporate Office at : 6th  
Floor, Matrix Tower, B-4, Sec-132, Expressway, Noida- 201301, U.P.

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 22.11.2021 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal,  
Lucknow

## UJVN LIMITED

(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)  
H.O. "UJVN" MAHARAJA BAGH, ONE ROAD, DEHRADUN, UTTARAKHAND, INDIA. Tel: 0135-2763508, 2763509, Fax: 0135-2763507, website: www.ujvn.com

No. 795 Tender Notice Date : 27.10.2021  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Generation) Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No. -05/EE(G-MB-I)/2021-22 & 06/EE(G-MB-I)/2021-22  
Name of work: (1) Gardening Plantation & other associated miscellaneous work at Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi for the period of one year. (2) Testing of Transformer Oil of various Transformers installed at Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi.

Estimated cost: ₹ 665395.00 (Taxes Extra) & ₹ 99550.00 (Taxes Extra)  
Date of availability of bid document on website : 28.10.2021 at 16:00 hrs.  
Last date of submission of tender : 18.11.2021 at 16:00 hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com".

Executive Engineer (Generation)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

## SEARCH FOR MISSING



Sanjay Rai

General Public is hereby informed that one male Namely: **Sanjay Rai, S/o Ram Singh Rai, R/o: H.No.- 2003, Street No. 57, Block-B, Sant Nagar, Burari, New Delhi** has been missing since **18.10.2021** at 06:00 pm. from A-59, Naraina Industrial Area, Phase-I, New Delhi from the area of P.S. Naraina, New Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 42A** dated **19.10.2021** has been registered at P.S. Naraina, New Delhi. The description of the missing male is as under- **Age: 50 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'11", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Green colour shirt, black colour pant and brown colour shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following.**

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax No. 011-24368639  
DP/600/WD/2021

SHO  
P.S. Naraina, Delhi  
Tel.No. 011-25891181, 8750871122

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Amrita Kumari

General Public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: **Amrita Kumari D/o Shri Awadesh Pashwan R/o H.No. B-129, Jawahar Camp, Kirti Nagar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **16.10.2021** from the area of P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No 462/21 U/s 363 IPC dated 17.10.2021 has been registered at Police Station Kirti Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

**Age: 14 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Hair: Long & Black, Wearing: White & Grey Colour Suit & Salwar and Black Colour Shoes (School dress).**

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Kirti Nagar, Delhi at E-mail id-[cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Phone: SHO  
011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax No. 011-24368639  
DP/598/WD/2021

PS. Kirti Nagar, Delhi  
West Distt., Delhi  
Ph. No. 011-25438719, 25190462

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person Namely : Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age : about 30-35 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Shallow Face : Oval, Identification : A Tattoo of "ॐ" on right hand Wearing : Hospital dress has been found dead at AIIMS Trauma Center Hospital, Delhi on 21.10.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 18A dated 21.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved at Subzi Mandi, Mortuary, Delhi

Any person having any information or clue about this dead person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO :  
P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Delhi  
Tel. No. 011-24356743, 8750871311

DP/358/RLY/2021

**BSES Yamuna Power Limited, New Delhi**  
... A joint venture with Govt. of NCT of Delhi

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Date: 28.10.2021

Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following jobs:

NIT No.	Brief Work Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BY/21-22/RS/SV/29	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 11 KV DRY TYPE PACKAGE SUB-STATION OF 1.6 AND 2 MVA DT RATING	5.50 crore	5,50,000	20.11.2021, 15:00 HRS	22.11.2021, 15:00 HRS
CMC/BY/21-22/RS/SV/32	SUPPLY OF SINGLE PHASE OIL FILLED COMPLETELY SELF PROTECTED (CSP) TRANSFORMER OF RATING 25KVA 6.35/0.240KV	2.55 crore	5,10,000	20.11.2021, 15:00 HRS	22.11.2021, 16:00 HRS

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submitment of tender documents, corrigendum etc. please visit our website [www.bsesdelhi.com](http://www.bsesdelhi.com) --> **BSES YAMUNA POWER LTD --> Tender --> Open Tenders.**

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## SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Number (Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN))	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Sunil Gupta/ Suman Gupta/ (19600043393 & OZGRN00005014029)	Plot No-11, Second Floor, Block-A, Jhimil Colony, Shahdara, New Delhi./ October 22, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 24,08,025/-	Delhi/ Ncr
2.	Zahir Mohd/ Tabassum Begam (19000001856 & OZDEL00005042813)	WZ- 166 2nd Flr Rear Portion Building Khasra No. 94, Khewat No. 54/52 Lal Dora Abadi Vill Shadipur Ranjit Nagar Delhi./ October 22, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 19,78,443/-	Delhi/ Ncr
3.	Devender Singh/ Dimpal Kushwah (19600044085 & OZGRN00005009725)	House No. 1447-C/13, 1st Floor Rear LHS Khasra No. 600/93, Gali No. 13 Govindpur Kalkaji New Delhi/ October 25, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 11,14,116/-	Delhi/ Ncr
4.	Durga Prasad Tiwari/ Shobha Devi (13100001977 & OZNOD00005016405)	Property No. C-8A, 2nd Floor Rear Side Without Roof Right, Block- C, Khasra No. 333, Village Bindapur, Subhash Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi/ October 25, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 16,29,654/-	Delhi/ Ncr
5.	Sachin Kumar Sharma/ Navin Kumar Sharma (19800041483 & OZPTU00005013043)	Plot No. B-195, Upper Ground Floor Back Side, Kh No. 10/16-23 Gali No. 5 Sainik Nagar, Village Matiala Uttam Nagar, New Delhi/ October 25, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 30,57,842/-	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 28, 2021  
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

## Chola

Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001  
Branch Office: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.

## POSSESSION NOTICE - Under Rule 8 (1)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Chola Mandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Chola Mandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges & expenses before notification of sale.

1.	Loan Account No. X0HEHDE00001131137 & X0HEHDE00002033747 1. RAJESH SHARMA 65-A F/F Kishan Kunj Extn Part-1 Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi - 110092 2. RAJINI SHARMA 65-A Kishan Kunj Extn Part-1, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi - 110092 3. M/S J M D DIESEL D-9/208A Ground Floor Laxmi Nagar Delhi, New Delhi - 110092	10.06.2021	Rs. 3845030.55/- as on 10.06.2021	All that piece and parcel of the property in First Floor Flat area 100 sq. yds, built on Property No. 65-A, out of Rect.No. 54, Killa No. 02, situated in village Khureji Khas, in Gali No. 2, Krishan Kunj Extn. Part-I, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi	22-10-2021
2.	Loan Account No. X0HEHDE0000236835 1. RAVINDER KUMAR NO 52/7A/3B JAWALA NAGAR SHAHDARA NEW DELHI, NEW DELHI - 110032 2. ANITA DEVI NO 52/7A/3B Jawala Nagar Shahdara New Delhi, New Delhi - 110032	12.06.2021	Rs. 8806803.38 as on 09-06-2021	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.544 (New) Old property No. 52/7-A/3B measuring 145 sq yds falling in Khasra No.3137/2568/704, Village Chandrawali alias Shahdara, Jwala Nagar, Ilkhuja Shahdara, Delhi.	22-10-2021
3.	Loan Account No. X0HEHDE00000922571 1. RAM AVTER CHAUDHAREY 2. MALTI DEVI 3. RAJ CHOUHREY All residing at: 10/377 Lalita Park Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi - 110092	12.06.2021	Rs. 2600121.47 as on 09-06-2021	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing entire First Floor without roof rights of admeasuring 37 Sq yds built on property no. 10/377, L type, out of Khasra No.18, situated at Lalita Park Laxmi Nagar, Village Shakarpur Khas, Shahdara, Delhi.	22-10-2021
4.	Loan Account No. X0HEHDE00001306365 1. ANUJ KUMAR VARSANEY 2. VINAY KUMAR, 3. MRS. MANJU All residing at: Flat No. 55B, PKT A-DDA Flats Mayur Vihar - II, New Delhi - 110096 4. GYAN CHANDRA, 5. DAYA VATI Both residing at: 317 B Nai Basli Ward 5 Chandrasekhar, Moradabad, Moradabad - 244001	12.06.2021	Rs. 30,46,399.61 as on 09-06-2021	All that piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.55-B, on Ground Floor, Category -LIG, in Pocket-A-1 situated in the layout plan of Housing Estate at Kondli Gharelli Phase-II known as Mayur Vihar Phase-II, Delhi	22-10-2021
5.	Loan Account No. X0HEHDE00001350028 1. SHYAM SUNDER SHARMA 2. VIMMY SHARMA Both residing at: A-53/1 CHANDER LOK SHAHDARA MANDOLI ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110093	10.06.2021	Rs. 36,84,749.67 as on 09-06-2021	Built up Second Floor without roof rights of property bearing No.15, Old No.49-B, measuring 100 Sq.yards, out of Khasra No. 533, situated at village Sikdarpur, in the abadi of Chanderlok Colony, Shahdara Delhi.	21-10-2021
6.	Loan Account No. X0HEHDE00001394681 1. SATYA VEER JAIN 2. SARITA JAIN, 3. RAHUL JAIN Both residing at: V-549 GALI NO-18 VIJAY PARK MAJUPUR, NEW DELHI - 110053	12.06.2021	Rs. 41,89,711.05 as on 09-06-2021	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.V-214 admeasuring 50 sq yds i.e. 41.80 sqmtrs out of Khasra No.44 situated in the area of Village Moujpur, in the abadi of Gali No.18 Vijay Park, Moujpur, Shahdara, Delhi.	21-10-2021
7.	Loan Account No. X0HEEHL000001918986 & X0HEEHL00001918990. 1. BAL KISHAN Shop Plot-43, Pandav Nagar Shakarpur, New Delhi - 110092 2. PRAVEESH RANI Shop Plot-43, Pandav Nagar Shakarpur, New Delhi - 110092 3. PREETI NAYYAR Shop Plot-43, Pandav Nagar Shakarpur, New Delhi - 110092 4. SAI BHOJNALAYA Shop Plot-43, Pandav Nagar Shakarpur, New Delhi - 110092	10.06.2021	Rs. 35,05,492.23 and Rs. 6,16,608.78/-. Totally Rs. 41,21,101.01/- as on 09-06-2021	Shop plot No.43, admeasuring 53 ½ Sq. yds., out of Khasra No.12/16, situated at Pandav Nagar, in the area of village Gharonada Neem Ka Bangar alias Patpar Ganj, Delhi 110092.	22-10-2021

Date of: 28-10-2021

sd.- Authorised Officer





With Covid-19 being a distant memory, and every Indian state throwing their borders wide-open for tourists, we Indians are back at it, travelling, with vengeance. Thomas Cook India, a leading integrated travel services company, conducted a study which revealed some surprising insights.

The pandemic had virtually thrown the travel and hospitality industry in a state of disarray last year, and it wasn't expected to improve anytime soon. However, on that particular count, most of us were wrong. Bookings, done with the assistance of Thomas Cook India, reflect a 60 per cent month-on-month growth, ever since the Covid situation was taken stock of, with vaccinations, shared Romil Pant, the senior vice-president of Leisure Travel at Thomas Cook India recently.

"There has been a jump of over 300 per cent, with respect to bookings, when we compare the data from September 2019, much before the pandemic, with the numbers generated for September 2021. This surge can best be attributed to lockdown fatigue and pent-up urge to travel," he postulated, before sharing other noteworthy trends.

A surge in demand for the forthcoming festive and winter season, Expo 2020 Dubai and honeymoon travel due to the marriage season in the North is powering travel growth from Delhi. "At this point in time, Thomas Cook India is back to

## BACK IN BUSINESS

India's travel industry has been witnessing a strong surge in the past few months, contrary to expectations, says ROMIL PANT, senior vice-president of Leisure Travel, Thomas Cook India. By CHRISTY VARGHESE

65 per cent of pre-pandemic level bookings; with domestic travel at an impressive 290 per cent and international at 55 per cent," he revealed.

As per Pant, travelling with India is the best possible option, for those who seek leisure. "With the most prominent factor being ease of communication, it might take a while before we see international travel achieving pre-pandemic numbers. Let's consider you test positive for Covid in India, away from your hometown, the language divide does not play a huge role and all our packages are equipped with TravShield — a comprehensive safe travel programme, in association with Apollo Clinics. TravShield gets you free rescheduling and cancellation, if you are afflicted with



Covid, you are entitled to insurance; in short, we are here for you. However, while travelling overseas, it is not as simple as that. Getting the permissions in place from the embassy/consulate, that might take a while."

He went on to elaborate on some details that one might overlook while travelling, for instance, the cost of the RT-PCR test. "You might be surprised by how easier it is back home, here in India, when it comes to dealing with RT-PCR tests. Every country of the European Union has different costs for the RT-PCR tests, with the cheapest being ₹50. When travelling overseas, you need to take every factor into account. Something Thomas Cook India would be happy to help you with," he shared with a smile.

Other notable trends that he touched upon was how homestays and farm-stays have emerged as the preferred place of stay, after the Covid pandemic. It was not very surprising, though, as tourists opted to stay in places with less people, with many booking a villa for multiple families to stay in, together. He also chose the occasion to clarify that Thomas Cook has been misunderstood as an organisation which exclusively facilitates overseas travel. "To the contrary, we have our agencies spread across the country to help those who wish to see more of our beautiful country. With winter approaching, we have seen a surge in pre-bookings for places and experiences in the Andamans, Goa and Kerala. Even though the number of cases in Kerala might be high, the mortality rate is low. And throw in an administration which pulls all stops for its tourists, no wonder Kerala remains a hot destination."

Currently, as per the study, which takes into account numbers from September 2019 to September 2021, Maldives, Switzerland, France, Russia, Spain, Egypt are the top international destinations. Maldives, with no restrictions throughout, was no surprise on the list. The ongoing Expo 2020 Dubai is also seeing a brisk demand currently, Pant noted.

So, what are you waiting for? Go on and satiate that travel bug, but do your research first and travel safe, whenever you do.

## DIY bridal hacks

CHANDNI GOYAL lists five effective home-remedies for brides to glow on their big day

Wedding season is upon us and the brides are excited, nervous and busy. The sheer amount of arrangements can be challenging. There may be no getting around the work, but letting it rob you of your bridal glow is something we just cannot allow. Self-care will have to take top priority in order to get your hair and skin looking their best for your big day. Luckily, this doesn't have to mean expensive spa days or elaborate treatments with an aesthetician. There are many beauty routines that are both simple and affordable that can be practised at home. They can help treat any specific skin problem or be the extra love that your skin needs to help you look fantastic.

Below are a few tips that can be easily incorporated in your routines to glow:

### ♦Aloe vera gel

Aloe vera gel is the component inside the aloe vera plant that is one of the most commonly used natural remedies, especially as an anti-inflammatory warrior. It helps calm irritated skin, including eczema, dry skin and even minor cuts and burns. Its gel-like texture makes it easily absorbing, making it particularly beneficial to those with oily skin, and its moisturising power makes it a go-to solution for those with dry skin alike. The plant is very easy to grow at home, but in case this is not possible you can choose from a number of pure aloe vera or aloe vera-based products available to buy. For those who have the plant, slice in half an aloe vera leaf and squeeze out the gel. Apply the fresh gel onto your face every day in the evening. Its collagen boosting and anti-scarring properties will help achieve well-hydrated and glowing glass-like skin. For silky and shiny hair, it can also be applied as an overnight hair pack.

### ♦Get rid of the tan

Sun exposure not only leads to tanning but also harmful UV rays, dark spots and dullness. One simple yet very effective home-remedy to reverse the harsh effects of the sun is a DIY face-pack which is a combination of cucumber, potato and lemon juice mixed together with *besan* (for binding) to be applied on the face. Cucumber calms the skin, potato helps remove a stubborn tan, dark spots and acne marks, whereas lemon juice has a bleaching effect and helps in skin-brightening.

### ♦Pure almond oil

Pure almond oil when massaged around the eyes for two minutes before bedtime works very well to reduce dark circles and puffiness. Almonds are rich in vitamin E which is healing and also have anti-inflammatory, antioxidant and skin-lightening qualities. Gentle massaging helps improve the blood circulation. Almond oil is particularly gentle on the delicate skin around the eyes. Remember to choose a high quality, preferably cold-pressed version. Consistency is the key here, by including this ritual in your daily night time skin care routine, you should be able to see results after a month or so.

### ♦Pink lip colour on cheeks

A nice bright pink lip colour is great to



have in your clutch as a last-minute touch up. Warm up the same lip colour on your fingertips and lightly apply on your cheeks for that natural, healthy flush of colour. There is an amazing range of pink lipstick shades — nudes, rosy, peachy — and you can go ahead and play around with it, from choosing something that is closer to your natural lip colour to experimenting with a more striking one.

### ♦Heal your smile

Our lips work super hard for us. From drinking and eating to talking and smiling they are in constant use and naturally suffer a lot of damage. Add to that the harsh effects of environmental pollution. Dry, cracked or discoloured lips are the result. Adding lip care to our beauty routine should not be overlooked, but it is very important to remember not to overdo it either and also to use a light touch. Over-exfoliation or being too aggressive while scrubbing leads to injury and bleeding. A good homemade remedy to heal your smile is to use honey mixed with granular sugar to scrub your lips. Clean with a soft fibre cloth to reveal lips that don't look chapped or rough. Apply a lip balm or a clear gloss on top so your lips look plump and naturally pink. Once in a while consider taking a complete break from all lip products — including lipsticks, glosses, scrubs and packs — and just let them breathe. During this time, you can just use a little balm to keep your skin nourished and soft.

(The author is the training manager of House of Beauty and Boddess.com.)

Pandemic festivals have grown to be more intimate and close-knit, glorifying the small spaces and their homely vibe. The introverted twist in the celebrations focus on finding joy in the simpler things in life — minimal themes and hygge lifestyles are embraced by people all around the country. Although, a certain part of this new lifestyle tends to miss the laughter-filled gatherings, the ring of the chorus of ceremonial songs, the exchange of wishes with the loved ones and other fanfare that is a part of the package of festivities. A festival dated at this time of the year will turn positive when it strikes a balance between the new and old ways of celebration, with decorated indoors, flower ornamented nooks, diya-lit doors, aesthetically composed pooja rooms and other details that stand out in person or form the backdrop during the video calls with the distant family.

### ♦Reorganising kitchens

Festivities come with an aesthetic tone of their own. The pooja mandates as in mandaps, *torans*, and so on, are sure to fill a major part of the décor. But the secret lies in the details. The extravagance of the pooja calls for a reorganised kitchen and a complete dining makeover. Fresh tablecloths in bright Indian hues shall lay the carpet for the ethnic tableware in pure silver or brass. More traditional statement shall be brought in with pre-loved antique wood showpieces, traditional wall art, motif-patterned throw pillows, bright-hued upholstery, intricate handwoven

## Post-pandemic festivities

PUNAM KALRA curates a list of minimal themes and creative ideas to light up your home this Diwali

carpets and more. Artisanal weaves, like *ikat* and *shibori*, made in breathable cotton, luxurious silk, or warm wool, make for unique upholstery, curtains, carpets and bed linen. They have an inherent pattern play, showing off textures and colours to the fullest.

### ♦Revamping living rooms

The living room calls for a sophisticated, indulgent palette with a touch of mauve, beige or a darker brown. A pastel intervention in the neutrals tend to contemporise the décor, making it ideal for the new ways of celebrating — powder blue, mint green or peach hints leave a trail of playfulness and relaxation in the spaces planned for minimal poojas. Strong colours like blue and red, accented with tonal shades like lime and tangerine look feisty. Muted shades like blush, teal and lilac, create a gentle yet suave ambience. Vivid forest-inspired colours and motifs in wall finishes further add a sensorial freshness. Accompanied by conversational pieces of furniture, lively décor pieces and a lavish choice of luminaires, the space is set in the festive mood.

### ♦Apt sanitisation

In the wake of the pandemic, the mod-



ern-day setup is incomplete without sanitising points and socially-distanced seats. There are virtual celebrations. Online meetings shall be set in a central frame and the numbered guests can be a part of a thoughtful celebration, with the same love and affection as ever. The pandemic celebrations are only a reminder of kindness and gratitude that long for hosting a festival that is safe and undisturbed.

### ♦Adding statement accessories

This festive season can be a celebration of our individualistic dreams and personalities, expressed through an experiential interior aesthetic. A play of minimal maximalism adds a raw and intimate textural feel to the décor. Imaginative furniture forms with statement accessories, chic coffee tables, lively indoor planters and metallic cushions in copper and gold add a touch of glamour and snugness to the room.

Begin with a backdrop that blends with the colour theme of the home, experiment with lattice screens, a carved wooden *jali* or an embossed frame. Group the brassware into a large embellished plate, lined with fresh flowers. When the florals go overwhelming, tone down the colour game with the greens — there are vines, foliage and other contemporary elements that give a whiff of ethereal beauty in the indoors.

### ♦Using exotic scents

Incense sticks in sandalwood, jasmine or other fragrances, along with freshly-

plucked flowers, leave an indulgent vibe. A mix of statement lighting, floor lamps and diffused lighting add to the enchantment of the festivities. A combination of fresh flowers, aroma diffusers, *urulis* and fragrant candles enhance the décor by adding a pleasing aroma to the house. Decorative experiments with choices between handcrafted pieces and minimal origami details draw the fine line between the traditional and modern décor choices. Finely-set orchestrated elements as in the artisanal ware, with or without a rich inlay of semi-precious stones step up the opulence levels. There is a soft spot for everything aureate and glistening. An unmissable layer of diyas, bells or flowers, with a stand-out arch frame or modest wooden alcoves, wraps up the aesthetic of a contemporary festive setup.

### ♦Being eco-conscious

This festive season can be a celebration of our individualistic dreams and personalities, expressed through an experiential interior aesthetic. Imaginative furniture and statement accessories in eco-conscious elements like wood, stone, ceramics and metallic shades, like coffee tables, minimal indoor planters, can add an elegant festive feel to the room. A lasting statement comes from more conscious choice in the décor which goes beyond visual appeal.

(The author is an interior designer and the creative director of I'm the Centre for Applied Arts, a design studio in New Delhi.)

## TRENDBLAZER



### SAIF-RANI DUO IS BACK WITH A BANG

Actor SAIF ALI KHAN, who will be seen shaking a leg with actress Rani Mukerji after over a decade in the forthcoming film *Bunty Aur Babli 2*, says they needed a hit track such as *Tattoo Waaliye* to dance again.

"Every on-screen *jodi* over the decades has had a unique calling card for audiences. For Rani and me, it has been romantic comedies and we have been lucky to have had chartbuster songs. *Hum Tum* had blockbuster music. Rani and I had a blast filming and dancing to them," he expresses.

### fairtalk BADSHAH



"What genuinely inspired me to make the song, *Jugnu*, was just the need of giving something absolutely different from what is going on or what is being heard at this moment. I am talking internationally, because now with what you find on YouTube, the consumption of music has gone universal. It is difficult to stand out as an artiste."

### dailytalk REMO D'SOUZA



"The past year has not been the easiest one for the world and for me, but my family and I have courageously battled through it and here we are. That being said, we had a fabulous season of *Dance+* this year. We always have something new to offer with every season. I hope the audiences are all set to groove with us again."

### MEGAN SET TO GRADUATE SOON

The Grammy winning-rapper, MEGAN THEE STALLION, has revealed that she's set to graduate soon, after studying for her degree in health administration at Texas Southern University.

"I want to do this because I really want my mom to be proud. She saw me going to school before she passed away," she said.

"My grandmother used to be a teacher, so she's been after my life about finishing school. I'm doing it for me, but I'm also doing it for the women who made me who I am today," the 26-year-old added.





# CISF COMMEMORATES ITS BRAVEHEARTS AT NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL

To celebrate 75 years of the India's Independence as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and to commemorate the martyrs of Police and CAPFs, a 10 days long commemorative event is being organised at National Police Memorial (NPM), Chanakyaपुरi, New Delhi from October 22-30, 2021 for paying tributes to the martyrs of police and CAPF personnel and to felicitate their families.

On October 26, CISF commemorated the supreme sacrifice made by its valiant bravehearts by organising a day-long grand ceremony at the National Police Memorial, Chanakyaपुरi and CISF HQs, New Delhi. 126 martyrs of CISF who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, and 52 frontline Covid warriors who lost their lives in the line of duty during the pandemic were commemorated on the occasion.

In the morning session, family members of the CISF martyrs, senior officers and personnel of CISF paid homage to the martyrs by offering flower petals at the Central Sculpture, NPM, and the martyrs' families also visited the 'Wall of Valour' where the names



of all the martyrs of CAPF and police, who made supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation are engraved in stone.

The families were then given a tour of the Police Museum and were shown the short video films that were prepared by the CISF as a tribute to martyrs and on the diverse role of CISF on national security. Later the families of the CISF martyrs were felicitated by the senior officers.

In the afternoon session, M

A Ganapathy, DG of CISF felicitated the families of CISF Martyrs in a function organised at Lawn's of CISF HQs, New Delhi. In his address, Ganapathy remembered the courage and valour of CISF Martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

In the evening session, Ganapathy visited NPM, Chanakyaपुरi, New Delhi and laid a wreath at the Central Sculpture and paid tributes to the



martyrs. Open air display of movies on freedom struggle, valour and sacrifice of CAPF personnel, and the invaluable contributions of CAPF and Police Bravehearts in the service of the nation were showcased. A retreat ceremony was also organised on the occasion and an attractive display was performed by CISF's band team. Senior officers, personnel and families of CISF of Delhi-NCR based units were present on the occasion.

## Innovation at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

Satish Kumar Kashyap, CLW's GM, has launched Interactive Electronic Technical Manual (IETM) for WAG-9 & WAP-5 locomotives under the "Centre of Excellence" project on October 26.

IETM is a digital technical manual that is crafted to suit a specific electronic medium, Viz. PDF, web, HTML, e-book etc. In this era of digitisation, IETM will take over traditional paper-based technical manuals by easing the accessibility, maintenance and improving interactivity.

IETM allows the user to locate required information faster and more easily than is possible with a paper manual. Powerful interactive maintenance procedures, not possible with paper technical manuals, can be made available using the intelligent features of the IETM display.

Advantages of IETM are provided below:

- \*3D/2D CAD reusability
- \*User friendly and powerful interactive maintenance procedures
- \*Time to learn and understand is reduced
- \*Timely availability of accurate knowledge.
- \*Accessibility of information from anywhere
- \*Reduced need for expensive trained manpower
- \*Easy to retrieve and digitally managed
- \*End user/learner-centered



## Vigilance awareness week at NDMC

To mark the beginning of Vigilance Awareness Week, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), Chairman - Shri Dharmendra administered the integrity pledge to the Heads of all the departments in NDMC to fight against corruption and bring transparency in their working at Council Room in Headquarter - Palika Kendra, New Delhi on October 26.

In the Vigilance Awareness Week, NDMC is organizing seminars on experience sharing on the best practices and innovation in transparency with integrity to delivering civic services to the citizens. The seminar will be included lecture by Director, Central Vigilance Commission and Independent External Monitors.



## Northern Railways celebrates Vigilance Awareness Week 2021

The Vigilance Awareness Week

for the year 2021 was launched by Northern Railway at its headquarters, Baroda House, New Delhi on October 26. The week is observed by all government bodies and seeks to spread awareness about the necessity of probity and uprightness. The theme of the week this year is 'Independence India at 75 — self-reliance with integrity'. The oath of integrity was administered by Ashutosh Gangal, the GM of Northern Railways, to senior officers and a large number of railway officials.



## Vigilance Awareness Week at Kolkata Metro

Metro Railway,

Kolkata is observing Vigilance Awareness Week from October 26 to November, 2021. As part of this programme, Manoj Joshi, Metro Railway's GM administered the integrity pledge to the officers and staff of Metro Railway at Metro Rail Bhavan on October 26, in order to maintain probity and rule of law in all walks of life.



## Vigilance Awareness Week at CLW

Vigilance Awareness Week is

being observed at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) from October 26 to November 1 under the theme of 'Independent India at 75 — self reliance with integrity'. Satish Kumar Kashyap, the GM of CLW administered the vigilance pledge in the Administrative Office foyer on October 26. RYadav, the chief vigilance officer & SDGM, M K Chatterjee, deputy chief vigilance officer along with other departmental heads, officers and staff were present on this oath-taking ceremony, keeping in mind all Covid protocols. A week-long various in-house and outreach programmes and a seminar/webinar on November 1 are planned as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2021.



## Loan promotion programme by the Bank of India

During a loan promotion programme, Bank of

India's Ghaziabad zonal manager, Manoj Kumar and deputy zonal manager, Om Prakash Lal participated in a customer outreach programmes. Bank officials presented detailed information about retail loan, MSME loan and deposit products to the customers. On this occasion, Bank of India sanctioned a loan of 35 crores out of which 20 crores was financed in the agriculture sector.



GGSIU University distributes about two lakh German Masks to campus schools and around 115 affiliated colleges as a part of precautionary measures to mitigate the risk of Covid-19.



Rakesh Sharma has won the election in legal service sector and has been elevated to the Central Governing Council of Service Export Promotion Council. Sharma, who has rich experience of over 30 years as an advocate, has been a member of the American Bar Association and the Bar Council of Delhi

## Sensitisation of scholarships for the disabled

As a part of activities under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (India @75), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on 27th October, 2021 organised a virtual conference with the principal secretaries of States and Union Territories dealing with empowerment of persons with disabilities and state nodal officers to sensitise them about the Scholarship Schemes being implemented by the Department for educational empowerment of persons with disabilities.

Dr Prabodh Seth, joint secretary (Scholarship) emphasised the need to disseminate information about the Scholarship Schemes and publicise through advertisements at local level to widen outreach. Since Aadhaar is mandatory for availing the benefit under central sector schemes, he urged the States/UTs to ensure that aadhaar number of beneficiaries are captured at the application time. Further it is incumbent that each educational institutions update their KYC status on the NSP, else the institutes would not be able to ver-



ify the applications.

Dr Virender Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, through his video message reiterated visions of the PM for building an inclusive society and empowering *divyangjan*, thus realising the mantra 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'.

The director of Department of School Education & Literacy said that the district collectors have a pivotal role in creating mass awareness about these Scholarship Schemes at district level.

## CM reviews preparations for 'Invest Rajasthan-2022' summit

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot reviewed the preparations for the State Investor Summit "Invest Rajasthan 2022" to be organised by the State Government at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Center (JECC) in Sitapura, Jaipur in the month of January in a meeting held at the Chief Minister's residence on Monday.

In the meeting, the secretary of Industries Department, Ashutosh AT Pendnekar informed that the summit will include Agriculture Processing, Automobile and Electric Vehicle, Chemical and Petrochemical, IT, Medical and Health, Mines and Minerals, Renewable Energy, Textile, Tourism and ESDM as the thrust sectors. has been included in.

He said that as part of the preparations for the summit, potential investors from within the country and outside the country are being contacted. Investor sonnet programmes have been organised in Chennai, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Delhi to invite new investors. Programmes will also be held in Bangalore, Hyderabad and Kolkata this month.



Pendnekar informed that the investor connect event will be held in Dubai during the Dubai Expo in November. Apart from this, road shows will also be organized in London, Paris, South Korea, Tokyo, New York, Berlin and Singapore. In these programs, along with inviting investors to invest in Rajasthan, Rajasthan will be presented as an investment destination.

The Chief Minister said that the preparations for the summit should be good and for its successful conduct, the Indian embassies located in different countries should be contacted.

Gehlot said that with the objective of accelerating the economy affected by the adverse conditions of Covid and increasing investment and employment, organising the

"Invest Rajasthan" summit can play an important role. He directed that all the departments should work with full cooperation and co-ordination in this investment which should come to the ground. The Chief Minister said that the State Government has made several important policy changes in the direction of ease of doing business. Due to which a positive environment has been created for investing in Rajasthan. The benefits of this initiative of the government should be found in the summit.

Industries Minister, Parsadi Lal Meena, chief secretary Niranjan Arya, principal secretary of Finance, Akhil Arora, the commissioner of BIP, Archana Singh and other officers were present in the meeting.

## ITBP Referral Hospital has a new blood bank

Sanjay Arora, the DG of ITBP inaugurated a blood bank at ITBP Referral Hospital, Greater Noida on October 25. This is the first blood centre at the hospital which is dedicated for the treatment of serving and retired CAPF personnel and their family members. It is a 200-bed specialist's facilities. Since, it is a multispecialty hospital, requirement of blood and blood products was felt on a frequent basis and till it's own blood bank was inaugurated, the hospital was getting it from the nearby hospitals.

It is a step in direction



of self-reliance since the hospital has its own operation theatre, labour room etc and high dependency unit and casualty wards which are working regularly at the hospital required the blood bank facility.

This newly inaugurated blood bank can store more than 300 blood units at a time.

The Referral Hospital has been credited with treating thousands of serving and retired CAPFs and CPOs personnel and family members during pandemic times when ITBP declared it a fully dedicated Covid hospital for 2020 and 2021.



## POWERGRID celebrates its 32nd Raising Day

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) celebrated its 32nd Raising Day in virtual mode on October 23, 2021 at all its establishments spread across the country. The chief guest on this occasion was the Union Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy, R K Singh and the guest of honour was Secretary (Power) Government of India, Alok Kumar.

During the programme, R K Singh bestowed awards to employees under the Pratiplav scheme of POWERGRID for Best Regions, Sub-stations, Innovative Ideas et al. An inter-regional cultural event was also conducted in which employees from various regions displayed their artistic cultural prowess.

## HUDCO provides ambulances under CSR

Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri handed over the keys and flagged off five high-tech ambulances, under HUDCO's CSR grant to Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Vardman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital on October 22. The keys were handed over to Dr Rana AK Singh, the director and medical superintendent of ABVIMS and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, and Dr SV Arya, medical superintendent of VMCC and Safdarjung Hospital.

The ambulances were handed over in the presence of Kamran Rizvi, the chairman of HUDCO and senior officials of MOHUA, HUDCO and both the hospitals.

The state-of-the-art ambulances, provided at a cost of ₹ 42.13 lakh per vehicle, are fitted with critical life supporting equipment. HUDCO has sanctioned five ambulances with ACLS to New Delhi Hospitals — three to



ABVIMS and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, and two to VMCC and Safdarjung Hospital. Medical equipment in the Ambulance include auto loading stretcher, wheel chair cum stair chair, transport ventilator, syringe infusion pump, multi parameter monitor with EtCO<sub>2</sub> (USFDA Certified), fully automated external defibrillator, vacuum splint, portable oxygen cylinder with regulator, emergency kits, rescue tools et al. HUDCO has already provided 10 ambulances to

various states and has supported medical infrastructure projects.

Speaking on the occasion, Puri said that handing over of the five ambulances to hospitals by HUDCO reflects the best in the CSR. He said that under the leadership of the PM Narendra Modi, we have achieved the target of 100 million jabs to contain the Coronavirus. This is a matter of immense pride not only for India but also the whole world is appreciating it. He thanked the frontline health workers and all those involved in the

health sector for this great feat.

Puri said that the corporate sector is also pitching in, and nicely discharging its responsibilities. He said that recently the PM inaugurated the PSA Oxygen Plants under the PM Cares Fund, and the companies from oil and gas sector also provided similar plants.

Congratulating the joint efforts in strengthening the health sector in the country, he said this is the work in progress and efforts towards this will continue.

## NSTFDC commemorates tribal entrepreneurs

To boost entrepreneurial ventures of aspiring scheduled tribes in the NorthEast, a grand one-day event was conducted by the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), an apex organisation for the economic development of Scheduled Tribes under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, of India on October 21 at Hotel Japfu, Kohima, Nagaland.

This event was designed to give a boost to the lending schemes of NSTFDC and to spur collaborative arrangement with KVIC, and facilitate implementation of the flagship scheme of the Central Government, Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).

As part of celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence, NSTFDC felicitated successful tribal entrepreneurs from the states of Northeast for their excellence in various entrepreneurial ventures. The Minister of Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Nagaland was the chief guest of the event. The Minister spoke on the simplicity of tribal way of life and enormous scope of entrepreneurship in Nagaland. He appreciated the efforts of Ministry of Tribal Affairs and NSTFDC in organizing such a programme and emphasised that such types of programmes would boost motivate budding youth entrepreneurs to take up innovative livelihood activities. He also suggested that more awareness camps should be organised to disseminate the various schemes of the government among the target group and to simplify the rules and procedure for availing benefits under such schemes.

On the occasion, the CMD of NSTFDC emphasised on taking up sustainable livelihood



ventures, thereby motivating youth to be job givers rather than job seekers. CMD, thanked the Minister for gracing the occasion and motivating the youth entrepreneurs. NSTFDC board members, Yatinder Prasad, joint secretary and financial advisor, Anupam Trivedi, the executive director of TRIFED and Deepika Kispotta, the DGM of IDBI were also present on the occasion and felicitated the entrepreneurs.

Dr Sukamal Deb, deputy CEO of KVIC's Northeast Zonal Office presented detailed information about the implementation of PMEGP scheme and MoU signed between NSTFDC and KVIC for implementation of the same for the development of tribals.

The chairman of Mizoram Rural Bank and MDs of Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank and Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation were also present and shared their views.

Fifty three tribal entrepreneurs who have been successful in establishing business units in various sectors from the state of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura were felicitated during the programme.



# ENGLAND CRUSH BANGLADESH BY EIGHT WICKETS

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

England dished out a thoroughly clinical display with both the bat and the ball to steamroll Bangladesh by eight wickets in a Super 12 match of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

Explosive opener Jason Roy anchored the paltry 125-run chase, with a 38-ball 61 (5x4, 3x6) to make his 50th T20I appearance memorable as England cantered home in just 14.1 overs to give their net run rate a huge boost.

David Malan remained unbeaten on 28, while Jonny Bairstow (8 not out) finished off the chase, pulling Shoriful Islam for a boundary.

With two wins in a row, England now lead Group 1 table with four points.

Defending a below-par total, Bangladesh never showed any aggressive intent and their bowlers lacked discipline.

On a two-paced pitch, their pacers, led by Mustafizur Rahman, were guilty of bowling short as the England opening duo of Roy and Jos Buttler (18) never had any trouble, cruising to 37 for no loss in four overs.

Left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed



gave the much needed breakthrough by dismissing Buttler but Roy kept up the rampage as England cruised to 90/1 at the halfway mark -- needing

just 35 off 60 balls.

Roy was in full control of the innings and reached to his fifty -- his second in T20 World Cup -- off just

33 balls, hammering Nasum Ahmed over the rope.

Shoriful dismissed Roy in the 13th over but by that time the explosive opener had made the equation completely in favour of his side as England needed 11 runs from 43 balls.

Earlier, England bowlers capitalised on a fine start given by off-spinner Moeen Ali to restrict Bangladesh to a paltry 124 for 9.

Opting to bat, Bangladesh were sloppy and failed to apply themselves as they lost wickets at regular intervals.

Moeen took two wickets in two balls inside the powerplay en route to another fine outing (2/18 from 3 overs) with the ball.

Pacer Chris Woakes was also on the job inside the powerplay as he dismissed star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, reducing Bangladesh to 27/3 in first six overs.

On a day leg-spinner Adil Rashid -- fresh from his match winning figures of 4/2 against the West Indies -- returned wicketless and was their most expensive bowler, utility spinner Liam Livingstone did the job in the middle middle overs by taking 2/15.

Pacer Tymal Mills later wreaked havoc at the death with figures of 3/27 as Bangladesh could never recover.

Livingstone, who is capable of bowling both leg and off-spin, grabbed the crucial wickets of Bangladesh top-scorer Mushfiquur Rahman (29) and skipper Mahmudullah (19).

Livingstone trapped Rahim with a successful use of DRS.

It particularly hurt Bangladesh in the middle overs as Mushfiquur and Mahmudullah were looking to rebuild their innings with a 37-run partnership from 32 balls.

But Livingstone had Rahim plumb in front of wicket with his leg spin to break the partnership.

Afif Hossain departed after a comical run out for the addition of 10 runs to leave Bangladesh tottering at 83/6 with five overs to go.

Earlier, Liton Das, who looked ultra aggressive by smashing Moeen for two boundaries, took a top edge in the England off-spinner's second over.

Moeen then grabbed a second with Mohammad Naim falling tamely with a mis-hit to once again take two wickets inside the powerplay.

Woakes claimed the prized scalp of Bangladesh ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan with Adil Rashid taking a brilliant catch running backwards.

## Scoreboard

BANGLADESH (BATTING)	ENGLAND (BOWLING)
Mushfiquur Rahim (29)	Tymal Mills 4 (27, 3wkt)
Nasum Ahmed (19)	Liam Livingstone 3 (15, 2wkt)
Mahmudullah (19)	Moeen Ali 3 (18, 2wkt)

Total 124 (9 wickets, 20 overs)

ENGLAND (BATTING)	BANGLADESH (BOWLING)
Jason Roy (61)	Shoriful Islam 3.1 (26, 1wkt)
David Malan (28)	Nasum Ahmed 3 (26, 1wkt)
Jos Buttler (18)	Mahedi Hasan 2 (21, 0wkt)

Total 126 (2 wickets, 14.1 overs)

## Scoreboard

SCOTLAND (BATTING)	NAMIBIA (BOWLING)
M.Leask (44)	R. Trumpelmann 4 (17, 3wkt)
C.Greaves (25)	J. Frylinck 4 (10, 2wkt)
M.Cross (19)	JJ Smit 4 (20, 1wkt)

Total 109 (8 wickets, 20 overs)

NAMIBIA (BATTING)	SCOTLAND (BOWLING)
In Progress..	

## Total

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### Group A

Team	Matches	NRR	Points
England	2	+3.614	4
Sri Lanka	1	+0.583	2
Australia	1	+0.253	2
South Africa	2	+0.179	2
Bangladesh	2	-1.655	0
West Indies	2	-2.550	0

### Group B

Team	Matches	NRR	Points
Pakistan	2	+0.738	4
Afghanistan	1	+6.500	2
Namibia	0	+0.000	0
New Zealand	1	-0.532	0
India	1	-0.973	0
Scotland	1	-6.500	0

## Kohli, KL Rahul slipped slots in ICC T20 batter rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Virat Kohli dropped one place to fifth despite his half century against Pakistan for a lost cause in the ongoing T20 World Cup while team-mate KL Rahul slipped two slots to eighth in the ICC men's T20I Player Rankings issued on Wednesday.

Kohli (725 rating points) had hit 57 off 49 balls, while Rahul (684) scored 3 runs in India's total of 151 for 7 which Pakistan chased down with 13 balls to spare for a 10-wicket win in the blockbuster Super 12 match here on Sunday.

Pakistan opener Mohammad Rizwan is three places up to fourth -- his career best ranking -- following his match-winning 79 not out against India and 33 in their second win against New Zealand on Tuesday.

South Africa batter Aiden Markram, who struck 40 and 51 not out against Australia and the West Indies respectively, also attained his career-best ranking. He gained eight slots to reach third position, only behind Dawid Malan (831) of England



and Paksitan captain Babar Azam (820).

Markram's previous best was ninth place last month and he now averages nearly 40 with a strike rate of 147.29 in his career.

Afghanistan's Rahmanullah Gurbaz rose nine places to a career-best 12th position after notching up 46 against Scotland, while Bangladesh opener Mohammad Naim has moved up 11 places to a career-best 13th position after his 52-ball 62 against Sri Lanka.

Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Afridi with a haul of three for 31, is up 11 places to 12th position.

## Waqar Younis apologises for 'Namaz in front of Hindus' comment

PTI ■ KARACHI

Waqar Younis on Wednesday apologised for his communal remarks during a television show following Pakistan's 10-wicket victory over India in the ongoing T20 World Cup as the former Pakistan pacer was castigated on social media for his 'jihadi mindset'.

Appearing on the A Sports channel, Younis had spoken about not just the blockbuster match but also how opener Muhammad Rizwan had taken time out during a break in the Pakistan innings to offer prayers on the ground.

"What I liked the most was what Rizwan did. 'Usne Hinduon ke beech mein khade ho ke Namaz padhi (He stood in the middle of the ground and offered prayer in front of Hindus). That was something very very special for me, Younis had said.

Waqar's comments evoked a strong reaction in both the countries with former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad berating him for his remarks.



"Takes jihadi mindset of another level to say this in a sport.

"What a shameless man," Prasad tweeted. Realising his blunder, Younis came out with an apolgy.

"In the heat of the moment, I said something which I did not mean which has hurt the sentiments of many. I apologise for this, this was not intended at all, genuine mistake. Sports unites people regardless of race, colour or religion," he tweeted.

He also apologised on the same channel.

"Commenting on religious

matters is something I never do as I respect every one's religion. I got caught up in the moment and I didn't mean to hurt the sentiments of Hindus in Pakistan, India and anywhere in the world.

"I was very excited after Pakistan's win and those words came out in the heat of the moment. I apologise for it," he added.

Noted cricket analyst Harsha Bhogle too expressed his disappointment.

"For a person of Waqar Younis' stature to say that watching Rizwan offering namaz in front of Hindus was very special to him, is one of the most disappointing things I have heard. A lot of us try hard to play such things down and talk up sport and to hear this is terrible," Bhogle tweeted.

"I really hope that a lot of genuine sports lovers in Pakistan are able to see the dangerous side to this statement and join in my disappointment. It makes it very difficult for sports lovers like us to try and tell people it is just sport, just a cricket match."

## Martin Guptill suffers toe injury, doubtful for India clash

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Experienced opener Martin Guptill has been rendered a doubtful starter for New Zealand's Super 12 match against India on Sunday after he suffered a toe injury during their clash against Pakistan in the ongoing T20 World Cup.

Guptill hurt his toe after being hit by a Haris Rauf delivery during his side's five-wicket loss to Pakistan here on Tuesday night.

New Zealand head coach Gary Stead said Guptill, who scored 17 runs from 20 balls before being cleaned up by Rauf, was not

feeling comfortable after the match.

"Guptill was looking in a little bit of discomfort at the end of the match and the next 24 to 48 hours will be decisive," Stead told reporters after the match.

"We'll see how he scrubs up overnight. He looked in a little bit of discomfort at the end of the game and it might take 24 to 48 hours to see how he goes."

If Guptill is ruled out of the India clash, it will be a big blow for the Kiwis, who had lost their pace spearhead Lockie Ferguson before the Pakistan match due to a calf muscle injury.

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Oct 28, 7:30 pm IST			
Australia vs Sri Lanka			
Dubai International Stadium			
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AUSTRALIA	16	Played	16
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8	Lost	8	SRI LANKA
263/3 Highest Total 198/3			
In T20 World Cup			
3	Played	3	
2	Won	1	
1	Lost	2	
168/5 Highest Total 160/4			
KDK Sports Graphics			

## Rodrigues, Mandhana slam fifties in WBBL

PTI ■ LAUNCESTON

Jemimah Rodrigues stole the thunder from her Indian teammate Smriti Mandhana as Melbourne Renegades defeated Sydney Thunder by nine runs in the Women's Big Bash league here on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old



Rodrigues, a top-order batter for the Indian women's team,

slammed nine fours during her 56-ball 75 to power Melbourne to 142 for five.

Chasing the total, Mandhana, who opens the innings for India, smashed a 44-ball 64, studded with four hits to the fence and one maximum but it went in vain as Sydney were limited to 133 for 8 in their 20 overs.

## OTHER SPORTS

## Srikanth's fight ends at French Open

PTI ■ PARIS

Kidambi Srikanth suffered a heartbreaking defeat against top seed Kento Momota to make a second round exit but India's mixed doubles team of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini

Ponnappa advanced at the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament, here on Wednesday.

The Rio quarterfinalist played his heart out to match the Japanese and also held two-point lead towards the end of the decider but ended up losing the men's singles second round in 79-minute match.

Srikanth had lost to Momota last week also at Denmark Open but he produced a much better display here and came agonisingly close to outwitting the two-



time world champion only to fall short in the end.

Rankireddy and Ponnappa, the world number 24 pair beat Denmark's Mathias Thyrrir and Mai Surrow in 37 minutes.

They are likely to face second seeded Indonesian pair of Praveen Jordan and Melati Daeva Oktavianti next. Srikanth ran up a 4-0 lead but Momota clawed back to level the score.

He again moved to a 8-5 advantage only to see the Japanese eke out a slender 11-10 lead at the break.

## Milan beats Torino 1-0

AP ■ MILAN

AC Milan again struggled in a 1-0 win that saw it move three points clear at the top of Serie A.

Olivier Giroud scored the only goal of the match in the 14th minute to help Milan move clear of second-place Napoli, which hosts Bologna on Thursday.

"We take the three points, that's the most important," Giroud said.

"We play every three days and it's very difficult for the body. Everything was not perfect, but we are very pleased with the win tonight. Torino is a tough team to play against."

The Rossoneri were still dealing with an injury crisis, but defender

Theo Hernandez was fit for a place on the bench after recovering from the coronavirus.

Milan was the only team in the top six in Serie A to win over the weekend but only narrowly avoided embarrassment as two late goals helped it beat nine-man Bologna 4-2.

It seemed as if matters had improved when Milan took the lead after Rade Krunic nodded on a corner for Giroud to tap in from a couple of yards.

However, the Rossoneri barely had another sight of a goal in a mediocre match.

## 11 athletes recommended for Khel Ratna

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who became only the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold at the Tokyo Games, and silver medal-winning wrestler Ravi Dahiya were on Wednesday recommended for the Khel Ratna as an unprecedented 11 athletes were selected for the country's highest sporting honour.

Boxer Lovlina Borgohain, who won a bronze at the Tokyo Olympics, seasoned hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and woman cricket Test skipper

Mithali Raj were also recommended for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna by the selection committee.



Iconic Sunil Chhetri also became the country's first footballer to be selected for the honour.

Last year, five athletes were picked for the award while four were selected after the 2016 Rio Games.

The announcement of the national sports awards was delayed in order to consider the performance of the para-athletes in the Tokyo Paralympics (August 24 to September 5).

## Indian boxers continue unbeaten run

PTI ■ BELGRADE

Debutant Nishant Dev (71kg) became the seventh Indian boxer to enter the second round of the AIBA men's World Championships with a confident 5-0 triumph over Hungary's Laszlo Kozak here on Wednesday.

Dev will next fight Mauritian Mervin Clair, who got a bye in the first round, and his victory maintained the unbeaten run of the country's pugilists at the ongoing showpiece.

Dev's win was a perfect start to the day for the country after Sumit (75kg) and Narender Berwal (+92kg) advanced to the second round of their respective categories with fine victories late last night.