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Govt to order judicial probe in Lakhimpur

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PREETAM SRIVASTAVA ■ LUCKNOW

A day after the violence in which 9 people, including 4 farmers, 4 BJP men and a journalist, were killed, the Uttar Pradesh Government on Monday conceded the majority of the demands of the farmers in an apparent bid to contain the fallout of the Lakhimpur episode on Sunday.

The Government accepted a judicial probe by a retired judge of High Court, ₹45 lakh compensation to the families of the deceased, a Government job as per their qualification, ₹10 lakh for the injured and a time-bound action against the guilty people.

Soon after reaching an agreement, farmer leader Rakesh Tikait and ADG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar held a joint Press conference in Lakhimpur Kheri sharing details on their talks. Kumar said very soon the name of the judge would be announced for the judicial probe.

The ADG said that an agreement has been reached with the farmers that the guilty



People take a look at the wreckage of an SUV which was destroyed in violence during farmers' protest, at Tikonia of Lakhimpur Kheri district on Monday PTI

people would be arrested within 8 days. He said two FIRs have been registered, and now police will investigate to nab the guilty people. In one of the FIRs, Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra Teni's son Ashish has been made the prime accused by the farmers. ADG also said that STF has also been roped in to assist the police to nab the criminals behind this violence.

Tikait said that farmers are satisfied with the Government's move and the compensation given to the families of the deceased. He assured that farmers would fully cooperate with the police in the investigation. The agreement was reached after two rounds of talks between the Government authorities and farmer leaders led by Tikait.

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Varun drops BJP from Twitter a/c, seeks CBI probe

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

In a move that showed his deep disenchantment with his party, BJP MP Varun Gandhi on Monday dropped the BJP's tag from his Twitter bio and wrote a strong-worded letter to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath demanding that a murder case under IPC section 302 should be lodged against those involved in the death of farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri.

Even as RSS-affiliated Bhartiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) alleged that people involved in the Sunday incident were "not farmers" and belonged to "various political parties", possibly "leftist", Varun sought a CBI enquiry in the case in a time-bound manner and ₹1 crore compensation to the family members of deceased farmers.

Varun's decision to drop the BJP from his twitter bio is in line with similar moves made by several recent defectors like Jyotiraditya Scindia and Jitin Prasada. Both had removed reference to the Congress from their twitter bio before deserting the



Congress. Political circles are abuzz with talks that either Varun may leave the BJP or the BJP may show him the door.

Nine people were killed — four farmers allegedly run over and four people in a convoy of BJP workers who were lynched — on Sunday as violence erupted during a farmers' protest in Lakhimpur Kheri district in UP.

While removing the BJP tag from his twitter bio, Varun tweeted, "I pay homage to the farmers who were martyred in the heart-wrenching incident of Lakhimpur Kheri. I request the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to take strict action in this matter".

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Opp attacks Yogi Govt, demands MoS' ouster

Priyanka, Akhilesh, others detained on way to Lakhimpur

PNS ■ LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI

The Lakhimpur Kheri violence has given the Opposition a tailor-made opportunity to take on the Yogi Adityanath Government in the run up to the State Assembly polls. While farmers' union held countrywide protest on Monday against the death of four farmers on Saturday, under the wheels of convoy of Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son, dozens of Opposition leaders, including Congress general secretary Priyanka Vadra, were detained on way to the spot.

At the same time, the Opposition slammed the Yogi Government and sought the dismissal of the Union Minister and the arrest of his son, while accusing the State Government of shielding them.

The State administration took several preventive steps strengthening police force at all the toll plazas on highways



Congress general secretary Priyanka Vadra brooms the floor of a guest house where she is detained PTI



SP president Akhilesh Yadav stages a protest in Lucknow on Monday PTI

leading to Kheri. The cops were instructed not to allow any political parties leaders to reach Kheri.

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Punjab CM gives memo to Guv on Lakhimpur

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, along with his Council of Ministers, on Monday submitted a detailed memorandum on vital farmers' issues to Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit to forward the same to the Prime Minister urging him to impress upon the Uttar Pradesh Government for taking firm steps in ensuring justice to the families of the victims of violence in Lakhimpur Kheri.

The Chief Minister, in the memorandum, also reiterated the need to urgently review and repeal the three agriculture laws which have caused major resentment among the farming community.

CAPSULE

SOON HIGHER FINE FOR CRUELTY AGAINST ANIMAL

New Delhi: The Government plans to introduce a higher penalty and jail term for people perpetrating cruelty against animals and a draft Bill to amend the existing law is likely to come up in the next Parliament session. At present, perpetrators of such acts often get away unscathed as the penalty for the first time offender is just ₹50 under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960.

WIFE OF JAILED UNITECH PROMOTER ARRESTED

New Delhi: Preeti Chandra, wife of jailed Unitech promoter Sanjay Chandra, has been arrested in a money laundering case by the Enforcement Directorate. Sanjay Chandra's father, 80-year-old Ramesh Chandra, has been arrested in the case as well, sources said.

RUSH MISHAP VICTIMS TO HOSPITAL & GET ₹5K

New Delhi: The Road Ministry on Monday said it has launched a scheme for 'Good Samaritans' under which a cash award of ₹5,000 will be given to those who save the life of a road accident victim by rushing him/her to hospital within the 'golden hour' of the mishap. In a letter to principal secretaries of all States and UTs, the MoRTH said the scheme would be effective from October 15, 2021 till March 31, 2026.

FB, WhatsApp, Insta go down in major outage across world

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Facebook and its Instagram and WhatsApp platforms were down in parts of the world on Monday.

Users of these three Facebook-owned social media platforms were not being able to send and receive new messages from 9.15 pm (Indian time) in *India*. *Downdetector.com*, a website that tracks issues related to traffic on major websites, also saw a spike in number of reports which confirmed that a large number of people are unable to access WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram.

More than 20,000 people reported that the WhatsApp was not working for them. The *web.whatsapp.com* was also displaying this error message — 5xx Server Error. This is the third time the social media platforms have got down. Earlier in March and April this year, WhatsApp, Facebook, and Instagram faced major global outage.

Facebook has more than 410 million users in India.

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Multiple agencies to probe Pandora Papers leaks: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Monday said it will order a probe into the sensational revelation made in the Pandora Papers which reportedly has names of nearly 300 Indians who have amassed illegal wealth in tax heavens in foreign countries.

Pointing out that names of only "a few Indians" have appeared so far in the papers, the Finance Ministry said investigations in cases of Pandora Papers leaks appearing in the media will be monitored through a multi-agency group.

An international consortium of investigative journalists are behind the Pandora papers, which are expected to come out with more names on Tuesday.

Anil Ambani, Vinod Adani, Jackie Shroff, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Niira Radia, Sachin Tendulkar and Satish Sharma are among the 300

Indians mentioned in the list so far.

"The Government will also proactively engage with foreign jurisdictions for obtaining information in respect of relevant taxpayers and entities," the Ministry said, adding that India is part of an Inter-Governmental Group that ensures "collaboration and experience sharing to effectively address tax risks associated with such leaks".

The multi-agency group headed by the Central Board of Direct Taxes chairman, with representatives from the Enforcement Directorate, the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Reserve Bank of India, will keep tabs on the phased disclosures from the Pandora Papers indicated by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) website, the Ministry said.

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10-point action plan to curb pollution in Delhi ready: CM

Teams to check dust pollution, garbage burning

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

While the winter action plan 2021 has been ready, the Delhi Government will start its campaign based on ten points to control air pollution. On Monday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal officially announced that to combat winter air pollution, his Government will focus on all factors — from vehicular pollution to dust and stubble burning. For this, the AAP Government has constituted 75 teams to check dust pollution and 250 teams to monitor garbage burning in Delhi.

Kejriwal appealed neighbouring States to come forward and support the campaign with the adoption of Pusa-based microbial solution. "Our action plan is ready. It is based on ten points. There is a green war room and it will be further strengthened by a programme management unit of experts



from University of Chicago and 50 environmental engineers," Kejriwal said.

"Other State Governments should also spray bio-decomposer for free on fields, and vehicles coming from NCR to Delhi should also be converted to CNG to curb pollution," he added further.

The AAP chief mentioned Air Quality Index (AQI) and said, "I have been tweeting the Delhi's AQI from September. Air quality is in moderate, satisfactory and good category but I urge all States to support

Delhi Government in fight against pollution and forget political differences."

Illustrating ten points strategy on pollution fight, he said, "Delhi Government is supplying 24/7 electricity so that pollution/smoke from generators is mitigated."

Mentioning the construction of the peripheral expressways around Delhi, he said, "Trucks now bypass Delhi using the expressways, which prevent them from polluting the city. There used to be two thermal power plants in Delhi

which ran on coal. These thermal power plants would release carbon microparticles in the air which would heavily pollute the city. We stopped running the thermal power plants altogether to stop this. Delhi is the only State in the entire country where there are no thermal power plants now. Factories and industrial units in Delhi ran on polluting fuels, we replaced the entire system with piped natural gas that stopped industrial pollution quite actively."

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No relief for SRK's son, to be in NCB custody till Thur

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's eldest son Aryan Khan and two other accused in the much-discussed mid-sea drug case will have to spend three more days in the custody of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) as a city court on Monday extended their custody.

A day after the anti-federal drug agency arrested him and seven others and seized cocaine and other synthetic drugs from Goa-bound luxury cruise ship, Aryan and two others — Arbaaz Seth Merchant and Munmun Dhamecha — were produced before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate RM Nerlikar, who sent them in



Bollywood actor Sharukh Khan's son Aaryan Khan being taken to hospital after he was arrested in connection with a drugs case in Mumbai on Monday PTI

NCB's custody till October 7. Aryan's parents Shah Rukh and Gauri Khan were not pre-

sent in the court when the bail plea of their son was heard.

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'Made-in-India' drone delivers Covid vaccines

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

For the first time in South Asia, a drone was used to transport Covid-19 vaccines from Bishnupur District Hospital to Manipur's "floating islands" Loktak Lake on Monday.

The fully "Made in India" drone flew from the hospital in an automatic mode and reached the Karang Health Centre, nearly 26 km away, in just 12-15 minutes. By road, this journey is almost four hours long.

"This is for the first time that a 'Made in India' drone has been used in South Asia to transport Covid vaccine over an aerial distance of 15 km in 12-15 minutes from the Bishnupur district hospital to Loktak lake, Karang island in Manipur for administration at the primary health centre. The

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actual road distance between these locations is 26 km. Today, 10 beneficiaries will receive the first dose and 8 will receive the second dose at the PHC," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Monday said, while launching



First Made-in-India drone, which has a capacity of 900 vaccine doses, was used for delivery across a distance of 26 km, from Bishnupur to Karang Island in Manipur. 10 people were vaccinated against Covid-19 through this initiative Twitter

the ICMR's drone response and outreach (called i-Drone) for the Northeast region.

This is the first step towards delivery of Covid-19

vaccine in the remote corners of the country using drones.

The delivery model is aimed at ensuring that life-sav-

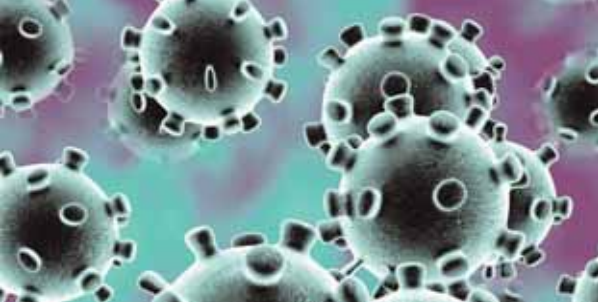
ing vaccines reach everyone. Drones have been very useful in providing last mile deliveries in difficult terrains.

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Kerala logs 8,850 new Covid cases

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala on Monday recorded 8,850 Covid cases as 74,871 samples were tested in the past 24 hours and the test positivity rate also fell to 11.82 per cent, said a statement from Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Monday saw 17,007 people turn negative while the total number of active cases was 1,28,736, of which 11.2 per cent were in hospitals. Another 149 Covid deaths were reported, taking the total death toll to 25,526. On the vaccination front, 2.47 crore people (92.8 per



cent) above the age of 18 years have got their first dose, of which 1.12 crore (42.1 per cent) have received both doses.

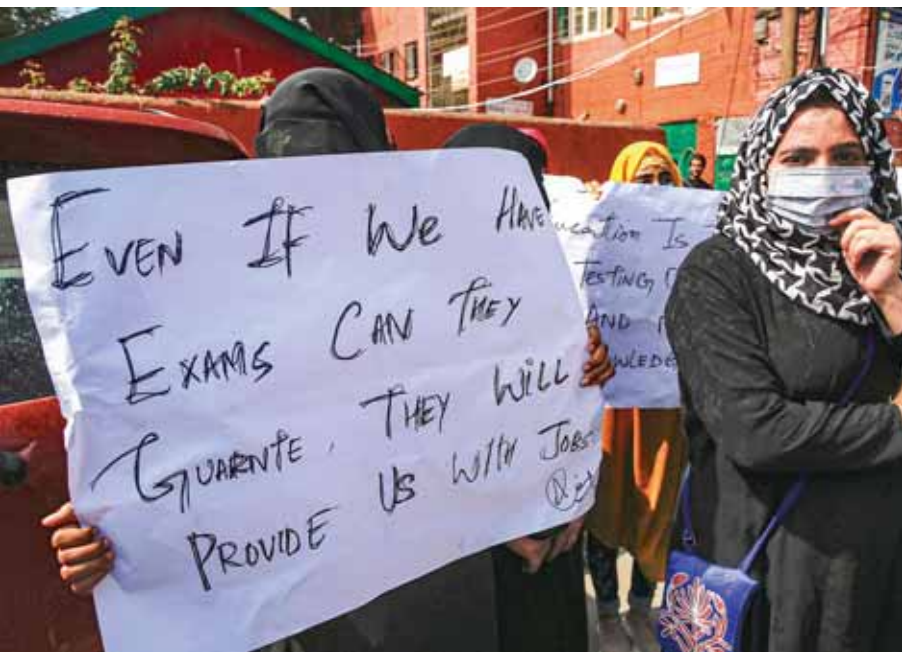
Meanwhile on Monday, final year classes in colleges opened and from October 18, all classes will begin.

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K'taka to restart Mid-Day Meal scheme to attract children to schools

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Government is all set to restart the mid-day programme across the state to attract children to schools after the Dussehra festival. The mid-day meal programme offers free lunch to children studying in government schools, including aided institutions. It was stopped last year as schools were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Government will relaunch the scheme after the Dussehra vacation in the last week of October. The decision was taken following the announcement to resume primary schools for Class 1 to 5. Mid-day meal will be provided to children studying in Class 1 to 10.



Students raise slogans and hold placards during a protest against offline exams in Srinagar on Monday

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Protests held in Jammu over vandalism of temple in Kashmir

Jammu: Protests were held in Jammu against the administration for allegedly failing to protect the religious places of Hindus in Kashmir after ancient Bargheshheka Bhagwati Mata Temple was vandalised by miscreants in Anantnag district.

Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandit migrants, activists of Bajrang Dal, Shiv Sena, Dogra Front and several other organisations held protests at various places in the city demanding that the culprits be brought to justice.

They also demanded protection for the religious places of the Hindus in the Valley.

"We demand security around all temples in Kashmir. If our temples are not protected and our people are not safe in the Valley, how will KPs return to their homeland? The government has failed to protect our temples," said Sohan Lal of the Jagti camp.

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Multiple agencies...

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"It may be noted that following earlier similar such leaks in the form of ICII, HSBC, Panama Papers and Paradise Papers, the Government has already enacted the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 with an aim to curb black money, or undisclosed foreign assets and income by imposing suitable tax and penalty on such income," the ministry pointed out," the Ministry said.

Undisclosed credits of approximately a 20,352 crore have been detected in the investigations carried out in the Panama and Paradise Papers by September 15.

Gujarat: 56.24% voting in Gandhinagar civic polls; results today

Ahmedabad: The final voting figure in the Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation polls in Gujarat that was held on Sunday, results of which would be declared on Tuesday, stood at 56.24 per cent, an official said.

He said voter turnout remained equally subdued in Okha and Bhanvad, both in Devbhumi Dwarka district, at 55.07 and 62.27 per cent, respectively, while Thara in Banaskantha district recorded an impressive 73.55 per cent turnout.

The turnout in by-elections to three seats in two municipal corporations of Ahmedabad and Junagadh and seats in municipalities and district panchayats, which were also held on Sunday, also remained low at 27.20, 47.99 and 57.08 per cent, respectively, the official added.

By-election to seats in taluka panchayats recorded an average turnout of 72.64 percent, the state election commission said. The fight is a three-cornered one with the AAP putting in a concerted effort apart from traditional

rivals BJP and Congress.

These polls have been held after the ruling BJP removed Vijay Rupani from the chief minister's post and gave Bhupendra Patel charge of the top seat recently. It is being seen as a litmus test for the party's abrupt and surprising decision to change the entire government, as it had registered a thumping win in the local bodies polls held in February.

The BJP, with Rupani as CM, had swept six municipal corporations, municipalities and a majority of district and taluka panchayats.

A total 161 candidates contested in Gandhinagar, with the BJP and Congress fighting from all 44 seats and the AAP from 40.

For 78 seats in three municipalities, 205 candidates were in the fray, including 78 from BJP, 72 from Congress, and 52 from AAP. As many as 24 candidates contested for eight seats vacant in district panchayat bodies, with BJP and Congress fighting from all eight and AAP seven.

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Rajasthan education board rejects charge of REET paper leak

Jaipur: The Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education on Monday rejected BJP Rajya Sabha MP Kirodi Lal Meena's allegations that the paper of a state teachers' eligibility exam conducted recently was leaked.

Meena had on Sunday alleged that the question paper and the answer sheet of the Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET) were leaked before the exam commenced.

The exam was held on September 26. Meena further claimed that the answer sheet was leaked with the involvement of an official of the secrecy wing of the board.

Reacting to the allegations, the board Chairman, D P Jaroli, ruled out the possibility. "The answer sheet the Rajya Sabha MP is talking about has not been sent for printing anywhere till date. The original answer sheet is safely kept with me," he said. "The entire process is done under my supervision. Hence, this is not right to say that the answer sheet was leaked on mobile phones. Levelling allegations is very easy," Jaroli told reporters in Ajmer.

He said the question papers were dispatched to district-level committees headed by district collectors on September 23 and these were kept in high security.

The chairman said the board has the experience of conducting exams with fairness as it conducts the exams of secondary and senior secondary classes every year.

He also said BJP leaders should not do politics over the matter, stressing that no attempt should be made to demoralise the candidates and the board.

Reacting to Jaroli's statement, RS MP Kirodi Lal Meena said he should resign.

The board chairman should disclose who were appointed the exam coordinator in Jaipur (Rural) and Jaipur (City), he said. Candidates harassed by paper leak are waiting for your resignation, Meena tweeted. "Quit the post and go home," Meena added.

The opposition BJP has alleged that the question paper of REET was leaked.

The Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha also held a protest on the issue in all districts on Monday.

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Pakistan-based handler among two TuM terrorists charge-sheeted by NIA

Jammu: The National Investigation Agency filed a supplementary chargesheet against two terrorists of the Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen (TuM), including a Pakistan-based handler, in a special court here on Monday in a case related to smuggling of arms, ammunition and narcotics into Jammu and Kashmir, an agency spokesperson said.

The charge sheet against Pakistan-based TuM handler Zafar Iqbal alias Shamsheer and his associate Shaid Naveed, both residents of Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, was filed under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, Arms Act, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the NIA spokesperson said.

The first charge sheet in the case was filed against seven accused on June 24.

The case was initially registered on December 27 last year at Mendhar Police Station of Poonch district, the spokesperson said, adding the accused persons were part of a deep-rooted criminal conspiracy hatched by Pakistan-based handlers of TuM and their terror associates based in Poonch and Kuwait to execute terror activities and to wage war against the Indian state.

The NIA said the accused in the case were tasked with smuggling of arms, ammunition, explosives and narcotics into the Indian territory.

During the course of investigation, a large cache of arms, ammunition, explosives, narcotics along with flags, posters and other incriminating material belonging to the terror outfit TuM were recovered, the spokesperson said.

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10-point action ...

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Kejriwal also said that AAP's tree transplantation policy also worked helping in maintaining robust eco-system.

Invoking masses for their equal participation, Kejriwal said that his Government will ensure maximum public participation to control pollution by launching campaigns. "First, we must stop the burning of stubble. If Delhi can help by providing free decomposers and eliminate the need to burn the stubble, then other States can come forward as well in application of the same technique. Second, vehicles coming from NCR to Delhi should be converted into CNG, too. Third, all

industries operating in NCR, using pollution causing fuel must shift to PNG. Fourth, neighboring States having thermal plants emitting hazardous pollutants should be closed or revamped with environment friendly techniques. Fifth, brick kilns in neighboring States should change their techniques to reduce air pollution. Sixth, to eliminate pollution caused by DG sets, areas of NCR should ensure 24/7 electricity. Seventh, areas of NCR should also be marked with hotspots to identify and control pollution altogether. These are our appeals with the motive of coming together and joining hands to make our air purer and cleaner and our health, healthier," he added.

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ADG Kumar said the administration was not allowing political leaders to visit the incident site as Section 144 has been imposed there to prevent further deterioration of the situation.

"The leaders of political parties have not been allowed to visit the district because Section 144 of CrPC is in place. However, members of the farmer unions are allowed to come here," the top police officer said. The officer further assured that they will not spare any guilty person in the matter and that arrests will be made soon. "The post-mortem of the bodies will be conducted as per law and last rites will be conducted as per their religious beliefs," Kumar said.

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FB, WhatsApp...

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Meanwhile, Facebook has issued a statement over the outage saying "We're aware that some people are having trouble accessing our apps and products. We're working to get things back to normal as quickly as possible, and we apologize for any inconvenience."

WhatsApp also issued a statement over the same and said "We're aware that some people are experiencing issues with WhatsApp at the moment. We're working to get things back to normal and will send an update here as soon as possible." Meanwhile, people have begun a meme fest on Twitter calling out the server down a normal routine.

Instagram also posted a similar message via its official communications handle. "Instagram and friends are having a little bit of a hard time right now, and you may be having issues using them. Bear with us, we're on it! #instagramdown," it said.

WhatsApp messenger counts the country as its biggest market with over 530 million users. Instagram has over 210 million users in India.

'Made-in-India' drone...

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"India is home to geographical diversities and drones can be used to deliver essentials to the last mile. We can use drones in delivering important life-saving medicines, collecting blood samples. This technology can also be used in critical situations. It may prove a game changer in addressing the challenges in health care delivery, particularly health supplies, in difficult areas."

This i-Drone has been designed to overcome these challenges by deploying Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)/drones to remote areas and hard to reach terrains. Currently, the drone-based delivery project has been granted permission for implementation in Manipur and Nagaland, as well as Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The ICMR conducted an initial study in collaboration with the IIT Kanpur to test the capacity of the drones to carry and transfer vaccines safely.

In a related trial, drone delivery start up Skye Air -- part of a consortium for the Telangana Government's "Medicines from the Sky" project -- has successfully completed 175 deliveries in a short span of 21 days. Launched by Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on September 11 from Vikarabad, the project is an initiative of the Telangana Government in partnership with the World Economic Forum, Niti Aayog and HealthNet Global of Apollo Hospitals. Earlier this year, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) granted conditional exemption to ICMR for conducting feasibility study of Covid-19 vaccine delivery using drones.

The ICMR has partnered with IIT-Kanpur for the project. The Centre said the exemption will be valid for a period of one year or until further orders. Last month, Telangana launched Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLoS) flights to deliver a payload comprising vaccines.

Launching the initiative which would facilitate vaccine delivery to tough and hard-to-reach terrains, the Health Minister said incorporating such technologies into the national programmes would help deliver other vaccines and medical supplies too as quickly as possible.

Opp attacks Yogi...

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Vadra was detained at Sitapur police station while she was on way to Lakhimpur to meet the farmers. Apart from Vadra, Deepender Hooda (Congress), Sanjay Singh (AAP) and Chandrashekhar Azad (Bhim Army) were also detained, while BSP State chief Satish Mishra, Congress leaders Pramod Tiwari and Salman Khurshid placed under house arrest.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav-- who refused house arrest and tried to move towards Lakhimpur-- was also detained by the UP police along with his uncle Shivalp Singh Yadav. Punjab Dy CM Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel have been denied permission to land at Lucknow airport.

Trinamool Congress supreme and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee alleged that "killing Raj is going on, instead of Ram Rajya" in Uttar Pradesh, while Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala compared the BJP Government to "General Dyer" who ordered firing upon peaceful protesters in Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar in 1919.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury alleged that democracy was being "throttled" while AAP's chief spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj termed it the "Hathras model" and alleged that both the State and Central Governments are attempting to cover up the incident of Lakhimpur Kheri. Senior Congress leader Deepinder Singh Hooda on Monday said the farmers' agitation at Lakhimpur Kheri will usher in a change of government in Uttar Pradesh, similar to the change of guard following the Bhatta Parsaul episode a decade ago. (PTI)

The Congress demanded the immediate dismissal of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra and the arrest of his son.

The party also demanded enhanced compensation of Rs one crore for each of the farmers killed and sought immediate release of Vadra, who the leaders alleged has been illegally detained by the Uttar Pradesh Police. The Congress also said it would hold protests outside the offices of all district magistrates across the country on Tuesday to protest against the incident.

The party leaders protested outside UP Bhawan in the national capital and staged agitations elsewhere in the

nation. "We demand that Union minister Ajay Mishra should be immediately dismissed from his post and his son arrested forthwith. We also demand that the minister should be booked for the same offence as his son as he is trying to protect him," Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said at AICC Press conference.

Vadra, who tried to reach Lakhimpur late on Sunday night, was detained in Sitapur. Videos of her furiously lashing out at police personnel for misbehaving with her and her colleagues were also doing the rounds. "The BJP government is doing the politics of crushing the farmers and finishing them," she said on Twitter.

Saying that farmers will win this fight for justice, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi added in a tweet in Hindi, "Priyanka, I know that you will not retreat. They fear your courage. We will ensure that the country's 'annadatas' win this non-violent fight for justice."

Meanwhile, Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren said violence in UP's Lakhimpur Kheri was a blot on humanity and condemned the attempts to stop opposition from meeting victims' families

Varun drops BJP from Twitter a/c, seeks CBI probe

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In his letter to the CM, Varun said there is pain and anger in the whole country due to the brutal incident of crushing of farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri on October 3.

"The way our annadatas were crushed to death is unforgivable in a civilized society," he said. Gandhi who termed the incident as "heart-wrenching" said that the "agitating farmer brothers are our own citizens".

"We should deal with them with great restraint and patience. In any case, we should treat our farmers with sensitivity and only in Gandhian and democratic way within the ambit of law," he said.

The letter also demanded a CBI probe under SC supervision. Incidentally, Varun on October 2 castigated those who wrote Godse Zindabad. In his tweet, he wrote: India has always been a spiritual superpower, but it is the Mahatama who articulated our nation's spiritual underpinnings through his being and gave us a moral authority that remains our greatest strength even today. Those tweeting Godse

Zindabad are irresponsibly shaming the country.

Meanwhile, seeking the harshest punishment for those involved in the violence in Lakhimpur Kheri in UP, the RSS-affiliated farmer union BKS said people from various political parties, and not farmers, were behind it.

Describing the incident as "unfortunate", the BKS in a statement said, "The people involved in the incident were not farmers, they belonged to various political parties. The incident was carried out using leftist methods. People were mercilessly beaten to death with sticks, something farmers cannot do."

The BKS claimed that the way the people took the law into their own hands and committed murders in public shows that they were part of some professional gangs.

Seeking the harshest punishment for those involved in such acts, it said that justice should be done to the families of the deceased by conducting an impartial inquiry into this heinous incident at the earliest.

Leader of Opposition in Karnataka Assembly Siddaramaiah, State Congress president DK Shivakumar along with other party leaders staged a protest in Bengaluru against the Lakhimpur Kheri violence incident and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's detention.

Senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot said the alleged "manhandling" of Vadra by the Uttar Pradesh Police shows that the BJP-led state and central governments are "scared".

Meanwhile, the death toll in Sunday's violence in Tikonia area of the district went up to 9 after a body of a journalist was recovered on Monday morning. Police said that local journalist of Nighasan area, identified as Raman Kashyap also found dead. Deceased family members alleged that Raman was lynched by the protestors, who were wearing T shirts with photo of Bhindrawala.

The journalist was missing after Sunday's violence and his body was recovered from the agricultural field, police said. Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra Teni, whose son Ashish has been made prime accused by the farmers had already alleged that Sikh extremist group were behind the violence.

LAKHIMPUR KHERI VIOLENCE

Stopped from heading to spot, AAP slams UP Govt

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Monday condemned the violence in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri on Sunday and the Uttar Pradesh Police's action of detaining political leaders who had gone to express solidarity with the farmers. Eight people were killed on Sunday as violence erupted during a farmers' protest in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri ahead of a visit by Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya. Four farmers and four BJP workers were among those killed. Two SUVs were set on fire by angry farmers in the clash near Banbirpur after the vehicle that was driven by a BJP Union Minister of State's aides rammed into the growers.

Talking about the incident and the detention of leaders, Sisodia said this reflected the 'jungle raaj' situation in Uttar Pradesh under the Yogi Adityanath Government. Incidentally, the



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Member of Parliament (MP) Sanjay Singh was stopped by police in Sitapur district of the State. Singh was going to meet family members of those farmers who were killed and injured in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence. Hitting out at Yogi Adityanath, Sisodia tweeted in Hindi "Farmers were killed, and Member of Parliament Sanjay Singh, who was on his way to meet the family members of those farmers and pay his condolences, has been stopped on the roadside since late last night"

"Yogiji, the tears of the family members of the farmers will weigh heavy on you," he added. AAP MP Singh shared a couple of video clips in which he is seen asking the policemen at the spot why he was being prevented from visiting Lakhimpur Kheri. "Why have you stopped me? Show me the arrest order, I will come to the police station. I am going to pay my condolences. Under which law is it a crime? Just tell me why have you stopped a parliamentarian? Do you have any orders," the AAP leader tweeted.

Congress flays BJP for Lakhimpur incident

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A large number of Congress workers under the leadership of Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar held a demonstration outside the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) office at Rouse Avenue to protest against the killings of farmers at Lakhimpur Kheri. Addressing the gathering, Kumar said that the Congress will not allow the sacrifices of the farmers to go unrewarded. He said that it was not the first time that murderous attacks were mounted against the farmers, as they were attacked many times on the borders of Delhi in the past ten months.

The party workers also protested against the detention of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi, to prevent her from visiting the farmers at Lakhimpur Kheri, in clear violation of democratic norms.

Kumar said that the farmers have been protesting for the past ten months, demanding the repeal of the three anti-farmer laws passed by the Modi Government, but due to the arrogance of Modi and UP

Party workers also protested against the detention of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, high-handed attacks were being mounted on the food providers of the country, the humble farmer, to show their political might.

He said that the Congress will not allow the fight of the farmers seeking justice to be suppressed.

A large number of farmers from Delhi's villages also participated in the demonstration and dharna. The Congress demonstrators shouted slogans and carried banners and placards with slogans such as "Modi-Yogi Sarkar Istifa Do, Istifa Do","Hathiyare BJP Netaon Ko Phansi Do" etc.

Besides Kumar, prominent others who participated in the demonstration and dharna were former cabinet minister Krishna Tirath, Ramesh Kumar, DPCC vice-presidents

Jaikishan, Mudit Agarwal, Abhishek Dutt and senior leader Parvez Alam.

Kumar said that the farmers have been protesting at the borders of Delhi, demanding the repeal of the anti-farmer laws, and over 600 farmers have lost their lives in their fight for justice, but the Modi Government has been unmoved by the plight of the farmers. He said that when all the pressure tactics and harassment of the farmers failed to work, the BJP hired goons to run over the farmers with a vehicle at the protest sites.

"The murder of farmers at Lakhimpur Kheri was another instance of the BJP and UP Governments' bid to break the morale and resilience of the striking farmers. The UP Government's attempt to paint the criminals involved in the murder as innocents was a blatant attempt to hush up the case," he said.

He also alleged that the district administration and the police were reluctant to take action against those who were responsible for the murder of the farmers.

Highways closed, traffic diverted post UP violence

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After Ghaziabad Police closed National Highways 9 and 24 in view of the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, the Delhi Traffic Police on Monday briefly diverted traffic headed towards the Ghazipur border.

The Traffic Police took to Twitter to inform commuters about the diversion.

In a tweet the Traffic Police said that traffic coming from Delhi to Ghaziabad has been diverted from Akshardham Setu towards Noida and Vikas Marg for Ghaziabad. Traffic on road number 57A has been diverted to Hasanpur Karkari Mod for Shahdara, Anand Vihar and Ghaziabad.

Traffic had been diverted from Ghazipur roundabout to Anand Vihar, Bhopura Border Ghaziabad via road number 56, from Murga Mandi roundabout to Dr Hadgeward Marg then Nala Road up to UP Gate Ghaziabad for Vaishali, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad via Paper Market and Ghazipur the Traffic Police said in another tweet.



In afternoon, the Traffic Police informed commuters that NH-24 has been reopened and normal traffic movement on the stretch has been restored.

Eight people were killed on Sunday as violence erupted during a farmers' protest in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri ahead of a visit by Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya. Farmers and BJP workers were among those killed.

Two SUVs were set on fire by angry farmers in the clash near Banbirpur.

PICTALK



Yuva Sangathan (KYS) members raise slogans during a protest against the high cut-offs in DU for undergraduate admissions, at Delhi University North Campus on Monday. The DU's first cut-off lists were announced on Friday and 10 courses in various colleges recorded a 100 per cent cut-off for general category students

Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer Photo

Veg vendor killed as drunk slits her throat

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 30-year-old woman was killed after a drunk man slit her throat when she allegedly asked him not to smoke in front of her shop in southwest Delhi's

Police said that the incident took place on Sunday around 10 PM and the accused, identified as Deepak, has been arrested.

The video of the incident went viral social media. In the video, Deepak is seen carrying toolkit in his hand and a conversation is going on between him and the deceased. Deepak takes three four steps backward and drops his toolkit in the street and takes out a sharp weapon from it.

He, then, goes towards the woman, who is carrying a broom and she tries to save herself, and somehow manage to catch the victim. He slits her throat and the woman fell on

the road. The accused then put the weapon back in his toolkit and takes right turn toward his home.

People were passing through the road but no one came forward to rescue the woman.

According to a senior police official, the deceased, identified as Vibha, used to sell vegetables along with her husband in the area.

The accused who lives in same area, came at her shop and an argument ensued between them. Deepak, who is a plumber and a very small level contractor, was carrying his tool kit along with him, he said.

He was drunk at the time of the incident. He took a sharp blade from his tool kit and slit the throat of the woman. Vibha was rushed to Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital where she was declared brought dead, he said.

Road repairs must be completed by Oct 20, says Jain

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Satyendar Jain Monday conducted a surprise inspection to take stock of the ongoing massive road reconstruction drive.

He inspected the entire stretch from Ashram to Kalindi Kunj Metro Station. During his 2 hour-long inspections, he visited the roads at New Friends Colony, Mathura Road, Gurjar Chowk and Kalindi Kunj.

During his 2-hour-long visit from Ashram to Kalindi Kunj Metro Station, Jain inspected multiple roads at New Friends Colony, Mathura Road, Gurjar Chowk and Kalindi Kunj. Satyendar Jain said, "Filling up all the potholes of Delhi is our topmost prior-



ity. The officials should focus on working efficiently and should thrive to complete the work within the directed time frame. The work of filling all the potholes and reconstruction of roads is to be done before 20th of October."

Satyendar Jain instructed that in addition to repairing the roads the officials should also repair the damaged sewage openings, open choked storm drains, repair footpaths, clean bell mouths and kerb channels, repair non-functional street lights and street-light panels, lifts and escalators in subways.

DELHI NURSING HOMES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2011

DGHS serves show-cause notice on Sir Ganga Ram

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Delhi government on Monday issued a show-cause notice to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. The show cause notice was issued after the DGHS found the hospital's replies to their questions to not be satisfactory.

The DGHS invoked Clause 14.1 of the Schedule appended to Rule 14 of Delhi Nursing Homes Registration (Amendment) Rules, 2011.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA from Karol Bagh Vishesh Ravi had been pursuing this matter with the DGHS since years, writing letters and highlighting the gross violations of the EWS norms by the hospi-

Liaison officer to manage the affairs pertaining to EWS patients at the hospital

tal like Non-admission of EWS patients even when 95% out of 68 beds reserved for EWS patients were lying vacant, No grant of power/permission to the Govt. Liaison officer to manage the affairs pertaining to EWS patients at the hospital, Non-treatment of EWS category patients at the hospital (poor treatment of EWS patients if treated at all), multiple unnecessarily hurdles faced by the EWS patients for the EWS card renewal, Merging of the Hospital's charitable

trust's patients with EWS category to refuse treatment to eligible EWS patients, Refusal of treatment to EWS category patients citing COVID-19 as an excuse.

He said that this strictly emphasises that the hospital has shown dereliction of its responsibility towards EWS patients by not complying with DGHS guidelines on treating EWS patients.

MLA Ravi said that the hospital should not look down upon any EWS category patient and the issuance of show-cause notice to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital should act as a deterrent for the other private Hospitals who show discrimination in the treatment of EWS patients.

34 Covid cases in Capital; positivity 0.10%

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi reported 34 fresh Covid-19 cases on Monday while the positivity rate stood at 0.10 per cent, according to data shared by the health department. According to the health bulletin, authorities conducted 34,038 tests, including 26,258 RT-PCR tests, the previous day. The death toll stands at 25,088, it said. As per the data, Delhi's infection tally climbed to 14,39,000. So far, over 14.13 lakh patients have recovered from the infection. "There are 398 active Covid-19 cases in Delhi and 118 of them are in home isolation. The number of containment zones stands at 93," the bulletin said. The Capital reported 33 Covid-19 cases on Sunday and 33 cases and one death on Saturday.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited

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M/s. BSES Rajdhani Power Limited ("Petitioner") filed Petition for True-up of FY 2019-20 & ARR for FY 2021-22 for Distribution (Wheeling & Retail Supply) Business which was admitted by Hon'ble Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Order dated 19.02.2021. Highlights of the Petition were widely circulated through advertisements in daily newspapers. In pursuance of the advertisement, some of the consumers / consumer groups / stakeholders furnished comments and suggestions which were replied to by the Petitioner. The comments and suggestions of the public and/or their representatives and the arguments advanced by the Petitioner have been taken note of by the Hon'ble Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission.

After having considered the above, the Hon'ble Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide its Press Release dated 30.09.2021, in exercise of the power vested in it by the Electricity Act, 2003 and the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Wheeling Tariff and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations have approved a new Tariff Schedule to be applicable from 01.10.2021.

TARIFF SCHEDULE

The Tariff Schedule shall remain in force till new Tariff Order comes in place and/or amended, reviewed or modified in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the Regulations made thereunder.

S. No.	Category	Fixed Charges	Energy Charges
1	DOMESTIC		
1.1	INDIVIDUAL CONNECTIONS		0-200 Units, 201-400 Units, 401-800 Units, 801-1200 Units, >1200 Units
a	Upto 2 kW	20 ₹/kW/month	
b	> 2 kW & ≤ 5 kW	50 ₹/kW/month	
c	> 5 kW & ≤ 15 kW	100 ₹/kW/month	
d	> 15 kW & ≤ 25 kW	200 ₹/kW/month	
e	> 25 kW	250 ₹/kW/month	
1.2	Single Point Delivery Supply for GHS	150 ₹/kW/month	4.50 ₹ / kWh
2	NON-DOMESTIC		
2.1	Upto 3kVA	250 ₹/kVA/month	6.00 ₹ / kWh
2.2	Above 3kVA	250 ₹/kVA/month	8.50 ₹ / kWh
3	INDUSTRIAL	250 ₹/kVA/month	7.75 ₹ / kWh
4	AGRICULTURE	125 ₹/kW/month	1.50 ₹ / kWh
5	MUSHROOM CULTIVATION	200 ₹/kW/month	3.50 ₹ / kWh
6	PUBLIC UTILITIES	250 ₹/kVA/month	6.25 ₹ / kWh
7	DELHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LTD. (DIAL)	250 ₹/kVA/month	7.75 ₹ / kWh
8	ADVERTISEMENTS AND HOARDINGS	250 ₹/kVA/month	8.50 ₹ / kWh
9	TEMPORARY SUPPLY		
9.1	Domestic Connections including Group Housing Societies	Same rate as that of relevant category	Same as that of relevant category without any temporary surcharge
9.2	For threshers during the threshing season	Electricity Tax of MCD - ₹ 270 per connection per month	Flat rate of ₹5,400 per month
9.3	All other connections including construction projects	Same rate as that of relevant category	1.30 times of the relevant category of Tariff
10	CHARGING STATIONS FOR E-RICKSHAW/E-VEHICLE ON SINGLE POINT DELIVERY/ SWAPPING OF BATTERIES		
10.1	Supply at LT	—	4.50 ₹ / kWh
10.2	Supply at HT	—	4.00 ₹ / kWh

Notes :

- For domestic category of consumers, fixed charges shall be levied on sanctioned load or the contract demand as the case may be.
- For all categories other than domestic, fixed charges are to be levied based on billing demand per kW/kVA or part thereof. Where the Maximum Demand (MD), as defined in DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017, reading exceeds sanctioned load/contract demand, a surcharge of 30% shall be levied on the fixed charges corresponding to excess load in kW/kVA for such billing cycle only. Wherever, sanctioned load/contract demand is in kW/HP the kVA shall be calculated on basis of actual power factor of the consumer, for the relevant billing cycle and in case of non-availability of actual Power Factor, the Power Factor shall be considered as unity for sanctioned load/contract demand upto 10kW/11kVA.
- Time of Day (ToD) Tariff (Surcharge shall not be applicable for September 2020)**
 - ToD tariff shall be applicable on all consumers (other than Domestic) whose sanctioned load/MDI (whichever is higher) is 10kW/11kVA and above.
 - Optional for all other three phase (3ø) connections including Domestic connections. If the consumer who has opted for ToD, the charges for up-gradation of meters, if any, shall be borne by respective consumers.
 - The Commission has decided to retain the Rebate during the Off Peak hours and Peak hours Surcharge at 20%. Optional ToD Consumers will have the option to move back to non-ToD regime only once within one Financial Year. For other than Peak and Off-Peak hours normal Energy Charges shall be applicable.
 - The Commission has retained the time slots for Peak and Off-Peak hours as follows:

Month	Peak Hours (HRS)	Surcharge on Energy Charges	Off-Peak Hours (HRS)	Rebate on Energy Charges
May - September	1400 - 1700 & 2200 - 0100	20%	0400-1000	20%

- Rebate of 3%, 4% & 5% on the Energy Charges for supply at 11kV, 33/66 kV and 220 kV shall be applicable.
- Maintenance Charges on street lights, wherever maintained by DISCOMs, shall be payable @ Rs. 84/light point/month and material cost at the rate of Rs. 19/light point/month as per the Commission's Order dated 22nd September 2009 in addition to the specified tariff. These charges are exclusive of applicable taxes and duties.
- The valid Factory Licence shall be mandatory for applicability of Tariff under Industrial category: Provided that in case where the Factory Licence has expired and its renewal application is pending with the concerned authority, the DISCOMs shall bill such consumers as per Tariff applicable under Non Domestic category; Provided further that on renewal of the Factory Licence, the DISCOMs shall adjust the bills of such consumers as per applicable Tariff under Industrial category from the effective date of renewal of such Licence. (Explanation – The Factory Licence for the purpose of applicability of industrial tariff shall mean the license or permission or authorisation or any other document issued or granted by Directorate of Industries or Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises or MCD or any other Central or State Government Agency, as applicable, for running an Industry or Factory in respective field of operation.)
- The above tariff rates shall be subject to following additional surcharges to be applied only on the basic Fixed Charges and Energy Charges excluding all other charges e.g., LPSC, Arrears, Electricity Tax/Duty, PPAC, load violation surcharge, etc. for the consumers of BRPL, BYPL & TPDDL:
 - 8% towards recovery of accumulated deficit, and,
 - 7% towards recovery of Pension Trust Charges of erstwhile DVB Employees/ Pensioners as recommended by GoNCTD.
- The Distribution Licensee shall levy PPAC after considering relevant ToD Rebate/Surcharge on energy charges applicable to the consumers.
- For consumers availing supply through prepayment meters, the additional rebate of 1% shall be applicable on the basic Energy Charges, Fixed Charges and all other charges on the applicable tariff.
- The Single Point Delivery Supplier (Group Housing Societies) shall charge the Domestic tariff as per slab rate of 1.1 to its Individual Members availing supply for Domestic purpose and Non Domestic Tariff for other than domestic purpose. Any Deficit/Surplus due to sum total of the billing to the Individual Members as per slab rate of tariff schedule 1.1 and the billing as per the tariff schedule 1.2 including the operational expenses of the Single Point Delivery Supplier shall be passed on to the members of the Group Housing Societies on pro rata basis of consumption.
- Individual Domestic Consumers availing the supply at single point delivery through Group Housing Society, shall claim the benefit of subsidy, applicable if any, as per the Order of GoNCTD. Group Housing Society shall submit the details of eligible consumers with consumption details and lodge claim of subsidy on behalf of individual members from DISCOMs.
- The Single Point Delivery Supplier availing supply at HT & above shall charge the tariff to its LT consumers and in addition shall be entitled to charge an extra upto 5% of the bill amount to cover losses and all its expenses.
- The Commercial Consumers of DMRC and DIAL, who have sanctioned load above 215 kVA but served at LT (415 Volts) shall be charged the tariff applicable to Non-domestic LT (NDLT) category greater than 140kW/150kVA (415 Volts).
- The rates stipulated in the Schedule are exclusive of electricity duty and other taxes and charges, as levied from time to time by the Government or any other competent authority, which are payable extra.
- In the event of the electricity bill rendered by the Distribution licensee, not being paid in full within the due date specified on the bill, a Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) @ 18% per annum shall be levied. The LPS shall be charged for the number of days of delay in receiving payment from the consumer by the Distribution Licensee, until the payment is made in full without prejudice to the right of the licensee to disconnect the supply after due date, in the event of non-payment in accordance with Section 56 of Electricity Act, 2003. This will also apply to temporary connections and enforcement cases, where payment of final bill amount after adjustment of amount as per directions of the Court and deposit, is not made by due date.
- No payment shall be accepted by the Distribution Licensees from its consumers at its own collection centres/mobile vans in cash towards electricity bill exceeding Rs. 4,000/- except from blind consumers, for court settlement cases & payment deposited by the consumers at designated scheduled commercial bank branches upto Rs. 50,000/-. Violation of this provision shall attract penalty to the level of 10% of total cash collection exceeding the limit.
- The payment of monthly electricity bills of all categories of consumers except Domestic, Agriculture & Mushroom Cultivation exceeding Rs. 20,000/- shall be paid Digitally through various platforms like NEFT, RTGS, IMPS, Credit Card, Debit Card, Wallets (like PayTM, Google Pay) etc.
- Wherever the Fixed or Energy Charges are specified in Rs. per kWh, for the purpose of billing, the kWh as read from the meter in the relevant billing cycle shall be used.

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Reply on Haryana charge of talks boycott: SC to farmers



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sought responses from 43 farmers' bodies and their leaders, including Rakesh Tikait, Darshan Pal and Gurnam Singh who are leading protests at the national Capital's borders against the farm laws, on Haryana Government's plea alleging that they have not been participating in talks with its panel to resolve the impasse over road blockade here.

Haryana has moved the application in the PIL filed by a Noida-resident Monica Agrawal who has sought removal of blockade saying that earlier it took 20 minutes to reach Delhi and now it is taking over two hours and people of the area are facing hardships due to protests at the UP Gate on Delhi border.

"Issue notice, Dasti (through messenger) as well," a bench comprising Justices S K Kaul and M M Sundresh

said while taking note of the plea.

"Mr Mehta (Solicitor General Tushar Mehta), you have made around 43 persons as parties. How will you serve them," the bench asked.

Mehta said the farm leaders are necessary parties in the matter and he will ensure serving of notice on them and sought hearing of the plea on Friday, that is October 8.

Mehta, representing the State, said that Haryana has set up a panel for holding talks with the protesting farm leaders who have refused to take part in talks intended to resolve the issue.

"Let notice be issued so that they do not say that they had no reason to come," he submitted.

The bench has now posted the matter for further hearing on October 20.

Haryana, in its plea, said that the state-level panel was

set up by it on September 15, 2021 to hold discussions with the farmers' bodies but they refused to come forward for talks on September 19.

"The Dharna on Sindu Border and Tikri Border is being organised by Sanyukt Kisan Morchha which is a body of number of Kisan Unions and the name of the parties for impleadment mentioned here-in above are the office bearer/workers of various Kisan Unions, therefore, are the necessary party to resolve the issue", the plea said.

The bench had in an earlier hearing wondered by saying that how can highways be blocked perpetually.

"The redressal of problems can be through judicial forum, agitation or through Parliamentary debates. But how can the highways be blocked and this is happening perpetually. Where does this end," it had asked.

It had also asked the Centre what the Government was doing in the matter.

The Centre had said that it had convened a meeting with the protesting farmers and details have been mentioned in the affidavit.

Mehta said the court should allow the petitioner to make the farmers union party to the petition, so that later they don't say that they were not made parties in the matter.

Need to focus on dual-use Def tech to meet challenges: Rajnath



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Border disputes, global security concerns and developments in maritime sphere have increased the demand for modern defence equipment and India has to focus on developing dual-use technologies for military and civil sectors, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said here on Monday.

Underlining these factors, he also said India has to go in for research and development for manufacturing state-of-the-art defence systems. The Minister also called for enhancing its domestic defence industry to keep pace with development around the

world.

Making these observations at an event organised by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) here, Rajnath said no corner of the world is left untouched by the changes seen in areas of strategic affairs, military power, trade, economy and communication.

"Countries around the world are focusing on military modernisation and demand for military equipment has gone up in view of global security concerns, border disputes and developments in the maritime domain," he said.

Highlighting some steps taken by India, the Minister said work is underway with a

focus on futuristic technologies like nano-technology, quantum computing, artificial intelligence and robotic technologies.

"We have moved rapidly in the direction of not only meeting our domestic security needs but also exporting technology and equipment to foreign countries," he said.

Stressing the urgent need for self-reliance, Rajnath said "Developing new technologies indigenously is the need of the hour. Our vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' is to ensure that advanced technologies are developed domestically. It is extremely important not just for strengthening national security but also ensuring overall



development of the country."

Describing private sector participation as crucial to achieving 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Rajnath said the government has taken a series of reform steps to increase the participation of private industry in the defence sector which has created a suitable growth environment and provided a big boost to indigenous defence capabilities.

Cautioning against working in silos and laying special emphasis on identifying cost and time over-run projects and delivering them efficiently in a time-bound manner, he called for strengthening the linkages between academia, Industries and the DRDO. This collaboration, he said, would ensure overall development.

On the occasion, Rajnath felicitated the winners of 'Dare to Dream 2.0' Contest of the DRDO and gave away awards to 40 winners - 22 in Individual category and 18 in Startup category. He also launched 'Dare to Dream 3.0' to promote innovators and startups and provide a platform for the young ignited minds in the country.

'Dare to Dream' is the DRDO's pan-India contest to promote Indian academicians, individuals and startups to develop emerging defence and

The Minister also gave away DRDO Young Scientists awards for the year 2019

aerospace technologies/systems. The DRDO provides technical and financial support to the winners for realisation of their ideas under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme.

The Minister also gave away DRDO Young Scientists awards for the year 2019. Sixteen DRDO scientists, under the age of 35 years, were awarded for their outstanding contribution in areas of their expertise.

Congratulating the winners of 'Dare to Dream' and 'DRDO Young Scientists' awards, Rajnath said, they reflect the energy, enthusiasm and commitment of the youth of the country to create something new.

He exuded confidence that the winners in the fields of innovation, design and development will inspire young minds and create path-breaking innovation in future.

The 'Dare to Dream' challenge, he said, represents the vision and mission of the Government as also the mandate of the DRDO.

CRPF personnel ordered to wear disruptive pattern uniform on Fri

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) headquarters here has directed all its formations across the country to ensure that all the personnel wear the CRPF disruptive pattern uniform on every Friday.

The specialised wings of the CRPF like the Rapid Action Force and Combat Battalion for Resolute Act (CoBRA) have been directed to wear their respective disruptive pattern fatigues on Fridays.

Earlier, the 3.25 lakh strong CRPF had directed its personnel to take pride in wearing the khaki/combat pattern uniform, as reported by *The Pioneer*.

"It has been decided by the Competent Authority that all officers and personnel will wear the CRPF disruptive pattern uniform on every Friday of the week," according to an order issued by the Inspector General (Administration) at the CRPF headquarters here MS Bhatia.

Similarly, the specialized wings of the CRPF will wear their respective disruptive pattern uniforms on every Friday. This order will take effect immediately from the date of



issue, it said.

The order was issued on Friday and circulated to all the five zones, CRPF Academy, Gurugram, all Inspectors General including operations, administration, RAF and CoBRA. It has also been circulated to the Internal Security Academy, Mount Abu besides the training centres and the medical wing.

In June, the CRPF headquarters had issued a directive to all the formations across the country to take pride in wearing the paramilitary's Khaki/combat pattern uniform.

The directive was then triggered after CRPF chief

Kuldiep Singh took exception to a number of officers and men wearing the CoBRA pattern fatigue while deployed in Jammu and Kashmir.

Despite repeated reminders for following the uniform rules, even senior officials were found to be flouting the norms in the Valley.

In April, similar instructions for strict adherence to the uniform rules were issued.

In the circular issued on April 16, the DG's office had said, "Competent authority has observed that officers are exhibiting complacency towards their uniform. Uniform is a matter of pride and officers must have an

exemplary turn-out at all times. Commandants and senior officers should not hesitate to point out deficiencies. Henceforth, please ensure that officers and the men they command are smartly turned out." It called for a strict compliance of the order.

CoBRA is a specialized anti-Naxal force within the overall command of the CRPF. Likewise, the RAF, a specialized anti-riot force, also functions under the command of the CRPF.

The CRPF was raised in 1939 but despite being in existence for over 80 years, the paramilitary does not have a patented pattern for uniform. Besides the CoBRA, the Rapid Action Force (RAF) also has a distinctive pattern of fatigue. The RAF uniform pattern has been copied by the West Bengal police and the disruptive pattern of the CoBRA uniform has been adopted by several state police forces in absence of any patents for these uniforms.

Despite being the biggest paramilitary with lead roles in various operational theatres, the provisioning directorate of the CRPF has not been able to get patents for the different fatigues in vogue in the Force and specialized wings under its command, officials said.

Besides inculcating discipline in the ranks, a uniform also helps in imparting a unique identity to the personnel.

5th annual meeting between SSB, Nepal police force begins



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The 5th Annual Coordination meeting between Director General, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and Inspector General of Armed Police Force (APF), Nepal began here on Monday.

The DG level talks are being held from Monday to Thursday to discuss border related issues and to enable better coordination between both Border Guarding Forces. The SSB delegation led by Kumar Rajesh Chandra,

Director General, SSB will hold talks with APF, Nepal delegation headed by Shailendra Khanal, IG APF.

The meeting will focus on addressing and streamlining mechanisms on how to jointly curb trans-border crimes and timely sharing of information by both the Border Guarding Forces.

DG, SSB and IG, APF have been holding Co-ordination meetings every year since 2012 alternatively in India and Nepal.

Unitech promoter Sanjay Chandra's wife, father held by ED in money laundering case



Delhi: Unitech Group's former promoter Sanjay Chandra's wife Preeti Chandra and his father Ramesh Chandra were arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on Monday in connection with a money laundering case, officials told India Today. Along with them, Rajesh Malik, a senior employee of Carnoustie Group was also arrested by the financial probe agency. Sanjay Chandra was earlier arrested by ED, and he is currently in jail.

Sources have told India Today that all three were summoned by the ED for questioning in Delhi and later, all of them were placed under arrest for their alleged involvement in

the money laundering case. All three were allegedly non-cooperative during the investigation.

According to sources, the investigators have allegedly discovered that the part of the money which Unitech Group received from homebuyers for a project, was transferred illegally to Carnoustie Management (India) Private Limited (CMPL) in form of land parcels.

Last week, the Enforcement Directorate had attached plots in Uttar Pradesh's Noida worth ₹30.29 in connection with the money laundering case against Unitech Group. Agency

70% of India's adult population inoculated with 1st dose: Centre



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The Centre on Monday said that 70 per cent of India's adult population has been administered the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine.

"Strong Nation, Rapid Vaccination: India has administered the first dose of #COVID19 vaccine on 70% of the population. Under PM @NarendraModiji, India is achieving new landmarks in the fight against the pandemic. Keep it up India, let us fight Corona," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said in a tweet.

With the administration of 23,46,176 vaccine doses in the last 24 hours, the cumulative Covid-19 vaccine doses administered has exceeded 90.79 crore as per provisional

reports till 7 am.

This has been achieved through 88,05,668 sessions held across the country, the ministry said.

According to officials, 25 percent of the population has been administered both the doses.

More than 5.67 crore (5,67,37,905) balance and unutilised vaccine doses are still available with the states and UTs to be administered.

According to government data, the average daily doses administered in a month has increased from 19.69 lakh in May to 39.89 lakh in June, then further to 43.41 lakh in July and to 59.19 lakh in August.

The average daily vaccination in September has been 79.08 lakh per day.

Easy to flay Govt, court: SC to petitioner seeking Oxygen shortage probe



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

It is very easy to criticise the Government or courts unless you are in the hot seat but even some of the most advanced nations of the world faced difficulties in containing the Covid-19 pandemic, the Supreme Court on Monday told a petitioner seeking probe into shortage of Oxygen supply during the second wave.

At this time when the country is facing a difficult situation, people must be wary of doing anything which may have a demoralising effect on the authorities who are dealing with the crisis, the apex court said.

The remarks were made by the court while hearing a PIL

seeking setting up of a Commission of Inquiry, headed by a retired judge of the apex court or the high court, or a CBI probe into the alleged non-supply and non-availability of medical oxygen for COVID-19 patients during the second wave of the pandemic from March to May this year.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and B V Nagarathna while dismissing the PIL filed by one Naresh Kumar said, "Allegations with regard to criminal wrongdoing cannot be assumed nor can be levelled lightly without adequate material. In the circumstances for the reasons indicated, we are not inclined to entertain the PIL. Petition is accordingly dismissed".

Govt mulls jail term for those inflicting pain on animals

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Over 60 years after its enactment, the government plans to introduce a higher penalty and jail term through a bill to amend the existing law that is likely to come up in the next Parliament session.

At present, perpetrators of such acts often get away unscathed as the penalty for the first time offender is just ₹50 under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960.

Officials said that the Ministry of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries is reported to have suggested adding to the 1960 legislation a stringent new section that addresses the killing of animals and "gruesome cruelty" towards them. This section calls for imprisonment of up to five years and steep penalties that may go up to Rs 75,000. The ministry has also proposed amending the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act to hike the penalty for first-time offenders from the paltry "minimum of Rs 10 to maximum of Rs 50" to "not less than Rs 750 extended up to Rs 3,750 per animal".

"We are ready with the



draft amendment bill. We are in the process of getting the Cabinet approval," Union Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Poultry Minister Parshottam Rupala said on Monday. He was speaking on the sidelines of an event organised to celebrate World Animal Day at Kamadhenu Goushala in Gurugram.

At the event, Joint Secretary at the ministry and Chairman of Animal Welfare Board O P Choudhary said, "we have suggested an increase in penalty and even jail term under the draft amendment bill. Penalties have been suggested in a balanced way".

Officials said that as per the proposals, gruesome cruelty or life-threatening cruelty against

animals, for which the penalty is Rs 50,000 per animal or the cost of the animal as determined by a jurisdictional veterinarian. This carries imprisonment of one year which may extend to three years or both.

According to him, the ministry will take the Cabinet approval and place the draft bill in the next Parliament session. On Monday, the Union minister launched a portal of the Animal Welfare Board that will provide online approval to those engaged in animal welfare as well as those using animals in film shooting.

The minister emphasised the need to adopt scientific methods to protect cattle and setting up of cow hostel outskirts of cities.

Health Ministry's eSanjeevani completes 1.3 cr consultations

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry's eSanjeevani initiative on Monday completed 13 million consultations. As a digital platform of healthcare services delivery, it has gradually shaped into a parallel stream for the Indian healthcare delivery system.

Andhra Pradesh tops among the states that are leading in terms of adoption.

The eSanjeevani is a telemedicine initiative of which was launched in November 2019 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Around 90,000 patients across the country utilise the eSanjeevani platform on a daily basis.

Two variants of eSanjeevani - doctor to doctor (eSanjeevaniAB-HWC) and patient to doctor (eSanjeevaniOPD) are providing remote consultations all over India.

The eSanjeevani AB-HWC will be implemented at 1,55,000 Health and Wellness Centres under Govt of India's Ayushman Bharat Scheme, in 'Hub & Spoke' model by December 2022.

This facility is currently functional at over 27,000 Health and Wellness Centres.

Dirty money

The Pandora Papers underline the need for a stringent global anti-tax abuse network

After Panama Papers, it's the Pandora Papers; the biggest cache yet of secret offshore affairs of the wealth of the heads of Government, business tycoons, celebrities and billionaires. The millions of documents Pandora netted is the saga of some of the world's richest people, including Indians, to hide their wealth paying little or no tax. Here are the statistics: 35 world leaders, 300 public officials and 100 billionaires. They use shell companies in tax havens to hold billions in cash and kind. What is involved is the secret outflow of wealth to avoid taxes. It could be tax avoidance, which could be legal, tax evasion, definitely illegal, and outright hiding of wealth from tax authorities of one's country of origin. It could be a matter of not wanting to pay high home taxes on acquired wealth or not wanting the authorities to smell ill-begotten wealth. It is not a crime to hold an offshore account so long as it is declared. But then, the whole purpose of hiding wealth or evading taxes will then be lost. There are enough experts to describe how wealth is hoarded offshore and tax laws are abused. What one needs to hear, however, is how to curb the crime. Rich and powerful countries protect tax havens because they are in most cases the tax havens. And they get to write global tax rules as well. The idiom, set a thief to catch a thief, does not work here.

What is required is a global anti-tax abuse network to take shape under a world body like the United Nations. It will not end the abuse but will try to institutionalise an international oversight mechanism to monitor the travel of dirty wealth. There is enough evidence of tax abuse. The Tax Justice Network's Financial Secrecy Index and the Corporate Tax Haven Index together give a clear picture of both sides of the tax abuse coin. On the one side is how countries help rich individuals hide their money from authorities while the other is how countries assist multinational corporations in evading paying full taxes on profits. One is not even talking criminal wealth, amassed through terrorism, trafficking and drugs. Tax Justice Network reported in November 2020 that nearly \$430 billion is lost in tax each year to cross-border MNC tax abuse and private tax evasion. The MNCs may have shifted \$1.38 trillion of profit offshore. The irony is that the group of wealthy countries that decides global rules on corporate tax is among those involved in most global corporate tax abuse. Last October, these OECD member countries came up with some feeble tax reform that did not address the problem at all. The UN is currently studying a proforma for a global tax convention to tackle rampant tax abuse. That can encourage civil society to take on tax havens and pressure countries to rationalise taxes to discourage individual tax abuse as well.



An aerial view of the flood-hit Amta area in Howrah district

PTI

Worthy challenger?

Posting a record win, Mamata looks to take on the BJP Government at the Centre

Firebrand TMC leader Mamata Banerjee retained West Bengal's chief ministership after a landslide victory in the bypoll, vanquishing the BJP's Priyanka Tibrewal by more than 58,000 votes. Although the BJP has improved its visibility in the State in the last few years, its ambition to dethrone Mamata seems to have hit the wall after all the campaigning in a "hostile environment". On the other hand, Tibrewal's claim to be the "Man of the Match" for bagging just a little over 26,000 votes in Mamata's stronghold is nothing more than patting her own back. Mamata's street-fighter attitude and steadfast refusal to yield to the BJP prompted many an ex-TMC leader to "ghar wapsi" from the BJP, so much so that Bengal BJP president Sukanta Majumdar had to request them to stick with the party. Mamata, who has yet again proved her undisputed dominance over Bengal, has often reiterated her plans to expand the party beyond the State. She has also labelled the Congress a "weak Opposition", adding that only the TMC has challenged the BJP strongly. However, for now, what the BJP is to the TMC in Bengal, Mamata is to the PM in the national arena.

Though Mamata can now lay a rightful claim to challenge the Gandhis for leading the Opposition, it would be interesting to see how and whether the 'grand old party' and the TMC end up together. Meanwhile, the BJP has been taking a series of blows lately. It has a lot on its hands ahead of the Assembly elections next year and the 2024 general elections. A host of issues, including economic slowdown, unemployment, the mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic and a series of defections, are already eroding its footprint. The single biggest cause of worry for the Centre currently remains the 10-month-old farmers' agitation, which has spiralled into another major embarrassment for it following the shocking development in Lakhimpur Kheri. With barely months to go before the electorate exercises its franchise, such unfortunate incidents are unlikely to be forgotten by the voters, especially in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. Besides opening a crack — howsoever miniscule — in the BJP's pocket boroughs, Mamata has expectedly sought to corner the BJP Government on the Lakhimpur Kheri incident. She is calculating that the time is ripe to reunite the Opposition, and she hopes to be at the front of it.

Bharat bandh: Making of farmers' revolution

In the last 10 months, the agitation against the three farm laws has spread from being a 'regional protest' to a nationwide movement

It was September 27 and a Bharat bandh. And amidst a blooming cotton field and harvested bajra, I sat with Krishna Lal, a millet farmer on the Haryana-Rajasthan border, discussing the farmers' revolution. From his field, we could see a long line of trucks and cars, police vehicles, discomfort and success of the farmers.

A group of 50 farmers had blocked the Shahjahanpur border to protest against the three farm laws. One naturally questioned, will these traffic jams, roadblocks or Bharat bandhs actually help the farmers? Is all this worth it? The police and truck drivers alike thought it was a show. But sometimes a show is needed to awaken others. Rising fuel prices, unemployment, long work hours and no pension affected police personnel and citizens alike. Having spent over six hours among them, I hitched a bike ride to Bawal and then a Haryana Roadways bus into Delhi. Contrary to news reports, our bus crossed into Delhi through Gurugram without traffic jams.

But others travelling near Ghazipur border, or in parts of Haryana and Punjab, were not so lucky. Traffic movement was affected in many parts of the country, much more than the last time farmers called for a Bharat bandh. Images from Bihar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and elsewhere confirmed that a lot more people were taking the Bharat bandh seriously. The Opposition parties also lent support.

So what did this bandh achieve? One, a nationwide strike. From a "handful of farmers" or "farmers from Haryana and Punjab", the farm leaders proved that their message resonates across the country. The new pockets emerging, whether in Karnataka or Bihar, prove that the movement is spreading. The farmer leaders' 10-month campaign has got new support and perhaps a new electoral constituency.

But this achievement was not possible without political maturity. Sir Chotu Ram's talisman to farmers was "identify the enemy" and "learn to talk"; it's clear that farmers have identified the



enemy and learnt how to talk not only to the media, but are now evolving as a political class. They are organising general strikes or bandhs. And each time, their strength grows. If we compare the last few times farmers called for a general strike, September 27 has been the most successful in terms of numbers and multi-region participation. Apart from Opposition parties, trade and bank unions and others have joined their ranks. Slowly, these strikes are becoming a convergence point for dissent. Indians from all walks of life are embracing this call to protest against various shortcomings of the Government.

Looking inwards, keep in mind that 10 months have passed at Delhi's borders; energy after the Muzaffarnagar Kisan Mahapanchayat and Karnal blockade has been low. As peaceful farmers blockade Delhi, their biggest enemy is not the Government but attrition and ennui, which are eating through their ranks. Getting fresh faces and keeping the morale high is a major challenge for farmer leaders. Hence they use the Bharat bandh to galvanise their sup-



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porters and motivate their cadre. The fight against the Modi Government is also a PR fight involving optics and chicanery. The farmer leaders constantly work to maintain media presence and remain in focus while disciplining their own. Since the Government has repeatedly tried to negate their message, the Bharat bandhs during the last 10 months are farmer leaders' attempts to stay relevant in the nation's attention.

Of course, it's not all rosy. The farmers' leadership also faces some challenges. The first comes from farmers' camps at Shahjahanpur on the Rajasthan-Haryana border where both the crowds and morale seem to be dwindling. Three prominent factions — the BKU, Jai Kisan Andolan and the Left — are supposed to occupy this post but even 50 farmers weren't present on the Bharat bandh day.

These camps around the city and at Shahjahanpur do cause discomfort to the locals, so more effort is required to bring the locals over to their side. By November 26, farmer leaders should aim at having heavier local presence at the borders.

Many years ago when Gandhi picked salt, he didn't destroy the British monopoly but he did challenge immorality and tyranny. Similarly, the Bharat bandh didn't bring the nation to a standstill but it has challenged the Government's legitimacy. It has punctured holes in the official narrative and cast doubts in a trusting nation's mind. Are the farm laws really that good? Ten months on, the resistance grows and another political movement evolves. Its success should be measured not by the number of cars blocked or Twitter hits, but by the resilience it has shown and hearts it has won fighting a well-oiled political giant. Finally, the biggest victory for farmer leaders is that within 10 months, they have converted a "regional protest" into a national revolution. They have successfully brought agrarian issues to the centre stage and unknowingly laid the foundation of a new politics in India.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE GOVT CAN'T JUST ACT ON A WHIM

Sir — It was very tragic that four farmers were allegedly run over and killed in UP's Lakhimpur Kheri a day after Gandhi Jayanthi. That the farmers were mowed down while disbanding from a protest site is yet to sink in. Reportedly, some BJP leaders incited party men and supporters to indulge in violence. In the final analysis, it is the mindset that the farmers need to be taught a lesson and their lives are expendable and the Government's stubborn refusal to repeal the three farm laws that claimed the lives of the farmers. A probe and compensation are necessary, but they can't bring back the lost lives.

A 'strong Government' should be able to do without adopting strong-arm tactics against the farmers and the Opposition leaders to prove its strength. Uttar Pradesh is not a 'no-entry zone', a 'forbidden territory' or anyone's private fiefdom for the Yogi Government to stop the Opposition leaders from visiting Lakhimpur Kheri, even in ones and twos. The cynical description of them as 'political tourists' and 'political vultures' is typical of the BJP and its friends in some sections of the media. We are a democracy; the Government can't just put down protests, deny the Opposition its space and get its own way.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

A DAY TO CELEBRATE TEACHERS

Sir — The World Teachers' Day, which is also known as the International Teachers' Day, is celebrated every year on October 5 to honour teachers across the world and to recognise their contribution towards education and development. Many cultural events are held on this day (or a day around this date, if necessary, to avoid school holidays) to emphasise the importance of teachers and learning and to increase awareness and understanding of the teaching profession and its importance. The World Teachers' Day was first held in 1994 as an initiative of the Unesco and has been observed every year since.

Education equals liberation and, hence, teachers play a crucial role in the growth

Not just a gentleman's game



When a batter is adjudicated "out" by an umpire, and when no Decision Review System (DRS) is in place, s/he has no other alternative but to trudge back to the pavilion. Expressing displeasure or not is the prerogative of a player provided the batter knows s/he may have to cough up a heavy fine. Many Indian men's team members have shown pristine honesty in their manners on the field. Some of them were known to walk out of the park, not wait-

ing for the umpire to raise his finger, if they knew they were out.

But Indian women's team player Punam Raut stood out by walking when she nicked an Australian bowler to the wicket-keeper, and the bowler's appeal was turned down by the on-field umpire in the second pink ball Test match between India and Australia in Queensland. Punam could have stayed put; she had scored a patient 36 off 165 deliveries. She may or may not have glanced at the umpire. Or, the umpire might have taken his time to arrive at a sagacious decision. It goes without saying that those who believe that cricket has to be played in the true spirit of the game will applaud the player's decision, others might not. It is not easy; it needs a lot of courage to leave the field like that, especially when one's place in the team may not be secure.

Ganapathi Bhat | Nagpur

and development of students. We observe this day as a tribute to the teachers, mentors and guides who have shown us the way in life. In schools and colleges, this day is celebrated with enthusiasm where students do various extracurricular activities to thank teachers for their valuable contributions, though the pandemic has slowed down its physical celebration for the time being. In Indian culture, teachers have always had a very high stature. A Sanskrit shloka (verse) — Gurur Brahma, Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo Maheshwara — duly explains the prestige and significance of a Guru whereby it equals a teacher with the three 'key deities' of India.

Jubel D'Cruz | Mumbai

THE PANDORA'S BOX OPENS

Sir — The Pandora Papers is a leak of almost 11.9 million confidential files exposing the secret wealth and dealings of world leaders, politicians and billionaires. More than 600 journalists from 117 countries have looked at the hidden fortunes of some of the most powerful people on the planet. The papers make certain revelations

as to how some super-wealthy and influential people set up complex multi-layered trust structures which are loosely regulated for tax purposes. People are shocked to know that \$7 trillion of taxpayers' hard-earned money has been siphoned offshore in 35 nations by their national leaders. A terrorist can hurt countries but it's not as economically devastating as this one.

Even in India, there are at least 380 persons in the Pandora Papers, among them Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two eyes — Anil Ambani (Rafael fame), who declared bankruptcy in the UK, is rich otherwise; and the it's Gautam Adani's brother. But it's heartbreaking for cricket lovers that their idol Sachin Tendulkar is also among those named in the Pandora papers. Regardless, such leaks lead to some flutter in the media. However, with the passage of time, everything's forgotten (whether it's Panama papers or Paradise Papers), and it's business as usual.

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SOUND BITE

Mamata Banerjee thought that she would wipe out the BJP from Bhowanipur but that has not happened.

Bengal BJP chief — Sukanta Majumdar

This is the real starting point. I will go forth with a strong sense of determination, with a strong resolution.

Japan Prime Minister — Fumio Kishida

While preparing for the role, I didn't want to act like Saina, I wanted to be Saina, and I am glad it translated on screen.

Actor — Parineeti Chopra

If KL Rahul becomes the captain one day, he'll certainly last long because a guy ready to adjust can stay longer in that position.

Former Indian cricketer — Ajay Jadeja


Tamil Nadu has no right to make any decisions over the Mekedatu project. Everyone knows about the stand of that State.

Karnataka Chief Minister — Basavaraj Bommai

FIRST COLUMN

THE QUAD AND THE NEXT COLD WAR

'Containing' China is Quad's focus, like 'containing' USSR was NATO's



GWYNNE DYER

Never mind AUKUS. It's the Quad that counts. The creation of an Australia-United Kingdom-United States military alliance last week caused a tempest in a teapot, but the real action was elsewhere. In Washington on Friday the Quad held its first-ever face-to-face summit, and defined the sides in the great-power confrontation for the next generation. Nobody was willing to say the word 'China' out loud, but 'containing' China is just as much the focus of the Quad as 'containing' the Soviet Union was when NATO was founded 72 years ago. The United States, India, Japan and Australia have more than two billion people to China's 1.4 billion, and economies that add up to around twice the size of China's. All the Quad members except Japan still have growing and relatively young populations, whereas China's population is rapidly ageing and predicted to start falling fast by 2030. It's becoming commonplace to see claims in Western media that China now has "the world's largest navy", but that's only if you count every

rowboat and rubber dinghy. In terms of serious naval hardware, China has one-sixth of the tonnage of the Quad navies, including only two aircraft carriers to 15 for the Quad and twelve nuclear-powered submarines to 69. So, what's this all about? The Chinese are clearly not equipped for a bid at world conquest, and the country's rulers are obviously not interested in spreading their ideology either. They don't even believe in it themselves: Communism provides a rhetorical excuse for single-party authoritarian rule, but the economy is capitalism "with Chinese characteristics". It's superficially about minor territorial issues around China's perimeter, but just below the surface it's about sheer power in an almost abstract sense. The United States has been the world's paramount power for the past 75 years, and China is a challenger with its own sense of manifest destiny. For Japan and India, lesser great powers that have minor border disputes with China, an alliance with the United States is a cheap and handy insurance policy. For Australia, perpetually nervous about being all alone as a Western country in Asia, alliance with America has been the sole foundation of defence policy ever since the end of the British empire. These confrontations are normal, even cyclical, and they have been coming along at around half-century intervals for the last 400 years. What drives them, regardless of what people tell themselves at the time, is mostly differential growth rates in the power of great states. That's what's happening right now. It's not about 'freedom' or 'socialism' or the right of navigation in the South China Sea. It's about the pecking order, pure and simple - and it doesn't have to end in a great war. These cycles always used to end in that sort of war, but the last one didn't, and this one may not either. The last one ended peacefully because the challenger ran out of steam: the old Soviet Union just collapsed economically. China is unlikely to collapse, but it's no longer growing very fast economically, and the threat of global warming might ultimately distract both contenders from this foolish contest. It could also go another way, especially if President Xi Jinping should decide to invade Taiwan, but most of the irritants that are being used to justify the militarisation of the Quad - Hong Kong, the treatment of Uyghurs in Xinjiang, China's actions on the Indian border, etc. — do not threaten the international order. And then there's nuclear weapons, the other main reason that the 40-year US-Soviet confrontation did not end in a world war. Cheer up. It may never happen.

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

Public stockholding initiative at WTO



UTTAM GUPTA

India wants the upcoming 12th Ministerial Conference in Geneva to take up 'total exemption for support to public stockholding for food security'

In the run up to the 12th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference scheduled to be held from November 29, 2021, India has made two submissions. One, subsidies given for maintaining food security programs of developing countries should be allowed without any limit and two, member countries who give trade distorting farm subsidies in excess of \$10 billion should eliminate them within three years.

India runs a mammoth program of public stockholding for food security purposes. Under it, agencies of the Government like the Food Corporation of India (FCI) buy agri-produce such as wheat, rice/paddy, coarse cereals from farmers at the minimum support price (MSP) and distribute at a heavily subsidized price of Rs 1/2/3 per kg through a network of fair price shops to meet the needs of India's poor and vulnerable population.

The excess of MSP plus handling, storage and distribution cost over the realization from sale (read: Rs 1/2/3 per kg) is paid as subsidy from the Union Budget. In this scheme of things, WTO has nothing to do with the subsidy given to the consumer. However, it is very much concerned with the price paid to farmers.

Being the guardian of ensuring 'free' and 'fair' international trade, the WTO puts the actions of a member country under scanner to see if the MSP for any agri-commodity say, rice paid to its farmer is higher than its international price or, External Reference Price (ERP). If, yes this is viewed as giving an unfair advantage to them (read: farmers) in the global market. The state support which helps farmers in securing this advantage is termed as a trade distorting subsidy.

The rules as specified in the Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) cap the trade distorting subsidy - also known in WTO parlance as aggregate measurement support - at 10 percent of the value of farm production for a developing country (for developed countries, the threshold is kept at five percent). The intent behind putting a cap is to prevent trade distortion.

This support includes "product-specific" subsidies and "non-product specific" like subsidies on agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, seed, irrigation and power. The "product-specific" subsidy is calculated as excess of the MSP over the ERP multiplied by the quantum of agri-produce. Whereas the MSP is taken for the relevant year, say, 2020-21, the ERP is the average of the global price prevailing during 1986-88 fixed in rupee terms.

If the subsidy given by a developing country exceeds 10 percent, it will be treated as violation of its WTO commitment.

The AoA came into force on January 1, 1995. For India, until 2005,

MSP was less than ERP. Thereafter, even as MSP was higher than ERP, the



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(The writer is a policy analyst. The views expressed are personal.)



excess remained well within the 10 percent threshold. This was the position until 2010. During the last decade however, the equation has changed. For instance, as per a May 2018 submission by the USA to the WTO, during 2013-14, Indian AMS on rice was 77 percent.

Meanwhile, the developed countries of the USA and EU have conveniently got away with giving subsidies at a level much higher than the five percent threshold applicable to them. This is because unlike India, which gives support to farmers by way of MSP (besides subsidizing agri-inputs), they give direct cash benefit transfers (DBT) to their farmers and it is impossible to establish that those dollar/euro cheques cause any distortion in global trade.

India - along with other developing countries represented in G-33 - has been taking up at WTO the need for what is termed as 'permanent solution' to address their food security concerns.

The 9th Ministerial Conference (MC) in Bali (2013) had agreed to a "peace clause" under which "if a developing country gives AMS in excess of 10 percent, no member will challenge this until 2017, when the WTO would look for a 'permanent solution'. It came with several riders such as submission of data on food procurement, stockholding, distribution and subsidies. These also included establishing that subsidies are not "trade distorting."

In the WTO General Council meeting on July 31, 2014, India insisted on a time-bound action plan to find a permanent solution, to be executed before the end of

the 2014 co-terminus with the approval of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) - an area of great importance to developed countries. This was a good strategic move but it was abandoned mid-stream. In December 2014, even as the latter got away with the TFA, the former got "extension of the peace clause till a permanent solution was found."

At present, the peace clause offers India a shield; but being subject to riders, it is not secure. The bigger worrying point is that the calculations - as per the formula set in the AoA - leads to AMS figure higher than 10 percent thereby making it inherently vulnerable. The focus should have been on untangling this knot, but this was put in the backyard even as Indian negotiators plunged into celebration mode over the December 2014 decision of the general council.

In the MC-10 in Nairobi (December, 2015), it was decided that "negotiations on the subject (read: permanent solution for PSH) shall be held in the Committee on Agriculture (CoA), which will be distinct from the ongoing agriculture negotiations under the Doha Development Round (DDR). Ironically, in the MC - 11 held in Buenos Aires (December 2017), the DDR itself was dumped.

Now, the Modi Government wants the upcoming MC-12 in Geneva to take up 'total exemption for support to public stockholding for food security'. The logic behind this demand is impeccable. The entire quantity of food procured from the farmers under this program is meant for poor and

vulnerable consumers; it is not available for export, hence there is absolutely no question of these supplies causing any distortion in global trade.

It is bewildering as to why our negotiating team did not insist on this at the time the AoA was under discussion. Far from this, it even allowed flaws to creep in the formula for calculating AMS. First, the MSP for the relevant/current year is compared with the ERP that prevailed way back in 1986-88. Second, quantities not procured by Government agencies are also considered for arriving at the subsidy. Third, subsidy on agri-inputs to resource-poor farmers (they produce food for self-consumption and have no marketable surplus) is included.

No wonder, in the calculation done by the USA, for the year 2013-14 Indian AMS on rice was 77 percent. However, in a counter to the US claim submitted by the Indian Government, AMS for rice works out to only 5.45 percent. This is because the latter is free from all the three aforementioned flaws.

Despite logic being on our side, India's PSH program will remain susceptible to violating WTO commitments unless the AoA is altered to remove the anomalies. In 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi nearly grabbed a golden opportunity to set things right but it was missed. Will he succeed this time around? What if he doesn't?

The way forward is to replace the existing regime by DBT to farmers in precisely the same way as developed countries do.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

THIS IS THE FARMERS' COUNTRY, NOT THE BJP'S... I'M NOT COMMITTING ANY CRIME BY DECIDING TO MEET THE VICTIMS' KIN.
— CONGRESS GENERAL SECRETARY PRIYANKA GANDHI



WE'VE SEEN PRIYANKA GANDHI DOING POLITICAL TOURISM EARLIER. IT (IS) AN ATTEMPT TO HAMPER THE PROBE AND MANIPULATE PUBLIC OPINION.
— UP CABINET MINISTER SIDHARTH NATH SINGH

Schools for student mental health support

India is yet to develop a comprehensive approach to school mental health promotion

Virtually every school in the country closed in March 2020, replacing in-person schooling with an online piecemeal education program. The learning setbacks over the last one and half years range from grave for all groups of students to catastrophic for poor children.

As a parent of two school going kids, from the start I have felt that the elected officials had been more concerned about reopening bars and restaurants than safely reopening schools that hold the futures of millions of children in their hands. This continues to be painfully evident as the states enter yet another pandemic school year without enforcing public health policies for post-Covid-19 mental wellbeing in in-person schooling.



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These policies were needed all the more when the highly infectious variants continue doing the rounds and the coronavirus seems likely to become a permanent feature of life which in most likelihood will push and pull the school life years to off and online mode every now and then.

Our kids have come out of the toughest times on the planet and have been doing the best they possibly can, physically and mentally, for the little time they have been on this earth. Now that the kids are returning to school, we must know that the role of schools need to be reimagined and enhanced. School in a student's life is not just academic, it is also about overall development - life skills, social and emotional intelligence. The Covid-19



control measures have taken a toll on the children, and we have the mental health statistics from WHO that paints a bleak picture.

WHO stated that a fifth of children and adolescents worldwide suffer from a disabling mental illness. Epidemiological studies from India suggest nearly 10-15 percent of those aged 16 or below suffer from a diagnosable psychiatric disorder. Suicide rates in Indian adolescents appear to be several-fold higher than anywhere else in the world

accounting for a fourth of deaths in boys and 50-75 percent deaths in girls aged 10-19 years.

Schools have an unprecedented opportunity to improve the lives of young people and the authorities should recognize this strength of schools as a change-maker in the young world. It is progressively becoming necessary to expand their role in providing services for overall development and wellbeing. Authorities governing schools must recognize and respond to the diverse mental wellness needs of the students accommodating both different styles/rates of learning and different states of mental health they are in. Thereby ensuring not only quality education but guiding them develop mental resilience to coun-

teract stressors of life; and these all should be enabled through an appropriate curriculum, teaching strategies and resource support.

What students missed during the pandemic waves are not only academic classes but, sports activities, field trips, music, while handling anxiety and economic precarity all throughout. Now, they must leap into the future, with the school's help. We now need professionals or trained personnel to teach the children ways to improve their moods/minds -- practicing yoga, meditation and most importantly teach them the concept and ways to bring in mental resilience to stressors of life. Schools should make available a space within the school premises where youngsters can

immediately find a counsellor or trained adult to talk with who can identify problems such as depression and anxiety.

Schools have the opportunity to contribute to development of children and adolescents and provide scope for interventions at all levels of the schooling span. There's a need to train man power for child/adolescent mental health at various levels of schooling especially the teachers and student peer groups on screening and preventive aspect of the mind management.

The government agencies and also NGOs have an important role to play in advocacy, awareness and comprehensive and continuous training of man power for the wellbeing of the future generation.

As a powerful socializing

agent, schools play a crucial role in the transformation of cognitive, linguistic and psychosocial competencies and creating happy, healthy and harmonious schools for mental health wellness of kids.

Lastly, about policy and practices of mental health, India is yet to develop a comprehensive approach to school mental health promotion. Currently child mental health policy is non-existent in spite of the dire consequences of the pandemic times. The five-year plans, until recently, have set aside only a few crores for mental health with the child's mental health promotion receiving a very low priority. Lot of complexities exist in multiplicities of laws related to mental health and the associated disabilities.

Leaked ‘Pandora’ records show how powerful shield assets

Washington: A new report sheds light on how world leaders, powerful politicians, billionaires and others have used offshore accounts to shield assets collectively worth trillions of dollars over the past quarter-century.

The report by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists involved 600 journalists from 150 media outlets in 117 countries. It’s being dubbed the “Pandora Papers” because the findings shed light on the previously hidden dealings of the elite and the corrupt.

Hundreds of politicians, celebrities, religious leaders and drug dealers have been hiding their investments in mansions, exclusive beachfront property, yachts and other assets, according to a review of nearly 12 million files obtained from 14 firms located around the world.

The more than 330 current and former politicians identified as beneficiaries of the secret accounts include Jordan’s King Abdullah II, former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, Czech Republic Prime Minister Andrej Babis, Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, Ecuador’s President Guillermo Lasso, and associates of both Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The billionaires called out in the report include Turkish construction mogul Erman Ilıcak and Robert T. Brockman, the former CEO of software maker Reynolds & Reynolds.

Many of the accounts were designed to evade taxes and conceal assets for other shady reasons, according to the report.

“The new data leak must be a wake-up call,” said Sven Giegold, a Green party law-

maker in the European Parliament. “Global tax evasion fuels global inequality. We need to expand and sharpen the countermeasures now.”

Oxfam International, a British consortium of charities, applauded the Pandora Papers for exposing brazen examples of greed that deprived countries of tax revenue that could be used to finance programs and projects for the greater good.

“This is where our missing hospitals are,” Oxfam said in a statement. “This is where the pay-packets sit of all the extra teachers and firefighters and public servants we need. Whenever a politician or business leader claims there is no money” to pay for climate damage and innovation, for more and better jobs, for a fair post-COVID recovery, for more overseas aid, they know where to look.”

The Pandora Papers are a follow-up to a similar project released in 2016 called the “Panama Papers” compiled by the same journalistic group.

The latest bombshell is

even more expansive, relying on nearly 3 terabytes of data — the equivalent of roughly 750,000 photos on a smart-

phone — leaked from 14 different service providers doing business in 38 different jurisdictions in the world. **AP**

Papers leak prompts calls for action in Asia

Bangkok: Malaysia’s main opposition leader called Monday for information found in the Pandora Papers data leak to be discussed in Parliament, after learning the country’s former finance minister and several current officials might have been involved with offshore firms set up in tax havens.

Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim asked for a debate of this “urgent issue, as it has mentioned some big names in the country.” He identified former Finance Minister Daim Zainuddin as well as current Finance Minister Tengku Zafrul Aziz and three other politicians.

“I believe this matter is in

the interest of the people, because it is also mentions the names of government and opposition political figures,” he wrote in a Facebook post to which he attached his formal request for a parliamentary debate.

Zafrul, a banker who was appointed finance minister last year, said in a statement that he had ended ties with the holding company and bank mentioned in the report by 2010.

He suggested he was considering suing online news portal Malaysiakini, the only Malaysian media organization that was listed as being involved in the leak of documents to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists. **AP**

Taliban raid suspected IS hideout after bombing in capital

Kabul: Taliban forces raided an Islamic State affiliate’s hideout in the Afghan capital and killed several insurgents, hours after a deadly bombing outside a mosque in Kabul, the Taliban said Monday.

Sunday’s bombing outside the Eid Gah mosque killed five civilians, and while no claim of responsibility was made, suspicion quickly fell on the Islamic State group, which has ramped up attacks against its Taliban enemy since their takeover of Kabul in mid-August. Taliban officials had gathered at the mosque to mourn the passing of Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid’s mother.

In a statement Monday, Mujahid said Taliban forces raided an Islamic State operations center in the northern Kabul neighborhood of Khair Khana. It did not say how many IS insurgents killed or whether any Taliban were injured in the operation.

Sunday’s bombing was the deadliest attack since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan with the chaotic departure of the last U.S. troops on August 31.

The Islamic State group had claimed responsibility for the horrific bombing on August 26 that killed more than 169 Afghans and 13 U.S. military personnel outside the Kabul airport, where thousands of people were trying to reach the airport to escape Taliban rule.

The Islamic State reemerged in Afghanistan in 2020 after being weakened by a heavy U.S. bombing campaign directed against them in the eastern part of the country in 2019. They were blamed for a horrific attack in 2020 on a maternity hospital that killed 24 people, including newborn

babies. Earlier this year, they were held responsible for a brutal attack on a school in Afghanistan’s mostly Shiite neighborhood of Dasht-e-Barchi that killed more than 80 students.

Sunday’s bombing underscores the growing challenges for the Taliban. The group carried out frequent attacks during their 20-year insurgency, but are now faced with trying to contain rival militants who have used the same methods. And they are doing so during a national economic meltdown without the massive foreign aid given to U.S.-backed government they toppled. **AP**

Taliban-style security welcomed by some, feared by others

Kabul: It wasn’t 7 a.m. yet and already the line outside the police station’s gates was long, with men bringing their complaints and demands for justice to Afghanistan’s new Taliban rulers.

Something new they immediately found: The Taliban fighters who are now the policemen don’t demand bribes like police officers did under the U.S.-backed government of the past 20 years.

“Before, everyone was stealing our money,” said Hajj Ahmad Khan, who was among those in line at the Kabul District 8 police station on a recent day.

“Everywhere in our villages and in government

offices, everyone had their hands out,” he said.

Many Afghans fear the harsh ways of the Taliban, their hard-line ideology or their severe restrictions of women’s freedoms. But the movement does bring a reputation for not being corrupt, a stark contrast to the government it ousted, which was notoriously rife with bribery, embezzlement and graft.

Even residents who shudder at the potential return of punishments - such as chopping off the hands of thieves - say some security has returned to Kabul since the Taliban swept in on Aug. 15. **AP**

Pak Ministers, businessmen figure in Pandora Papers; PM Imran vows to probe all citizens mentioned in leaks

Islamabad: Pakistan’s several ministers, retired civilian and military officials, businessmen as well as owners of the top media outlets were named in the Pandora Papers following an investigation uncovering financial secrets held by high-profile individuals, prompting Prime Minister Imran Khan to promise to investigate all the citizens mentioned in the leaks.

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) on Sunday unveiled “Pandora Papers,” according to which Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin, Minister for Water Resources Moonis Elahi, Senator Faisal Vawda, the family of Minister for Industries and Production Khushro Bakhtiar, among others, had links with offshore companies.

In addition to key members of Khan’s Cabinet, retired civilian and military officials, businessmen as well as owners of the country’s top media outlets have owned companies and trusts holding millions of dollars in offshore jurisdictions, according to The News newspaper.

The paper reported that probe named as the Pandora Papers showed that the retired military officials who owned offshore companies or properties include Lt Gen (ret’d) Muhammad Afzal Muzaffar’s son, Major General (ret’d) Nusrat Naem, Lt Gen (ret’d) Khalid Maqbool’s son-in-law, Lt-Gen (ret’d) Tanvir Tahir’s wife, Lt-Gen (ret’d) Ali Kuli Khan’s sister, Air Chief Marshal Abbas Khattak’s sons and retired army officer and politician Raja Nadir Pervez. **PTI**

Jordan’s king denies impropriety in luxury home purchases

Amman: Jordan’s King Abdullah II denied Monday any impropriety in his purchase of luxury homes abroad, seeking to contain a budding scandal over reports of lavish spending at a time when his country is mired in recession and coping with soaring unemployment.

The purchases reportedly worth more than \$100 million became public Sunday, when the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists reported that hundreds of world leaders, politicians, billionaires, celebrities, religious leaders and drug dealers have been hiding their investments

in mansions, exclusive beachfront property, yachts and other assets for the past quarter-century.

Abdullah, whose popularity took a hit earlier this year when his half-brother accused the country’s leadership of corruption, said he kept quiet about the transactions because of security concerns. He also said no public funds were used.

Beyond possible domestic repercussions, the report threatened to affect Jordan’s critical relationship with the international community. Jordan, seen as a stable, pro-Western bulwark in a volatile region, relies on billions of dollars of international aid.

“Any allegations that link these private properties to public funds or assistance are baseless and deliberate attempts to distort facts,” a statement from the Royal Hashemite Court said Monday.

It called any such suggestions “defamatory and designed to target Jordan’s reputation as well as his majesty’s credibility”. But in a sign the palace was concerned by the report of the purchases, Jordanian media, much of which is directly or indirectly controlled by the palace, made no mention of it. **AP**

Biden admin announces to revisit Trump-era trade agreement with China

Washington: The Biden administration will revisit the phase one trade agreement signed with China last year, a senior official said on Monday, asserting that the US Trade Representative will soon resume direct engagement with her Chinese counterpart to outline a new approach to the bilateral relationship.

In January last year, the US signed the first phase of the trade deal with China, which former president Donald Trump described as historic, concluding more than a year of tough negotiations including several months of suspension of talks between the two largest economies of the world.

The agreement was signed by Trump and Chinese Vice Premier Liu He, Politburo Member and Vice Premier of China. The first phase of the trade deal includes Intellectual Property (IP) Protection and Enforcement, ending forced technology transfer, dramatic expansion of American agriculture, removing barriers to American financial services, ending currency manipulation, rebalancing the US-China trade relationship and effective dispute resolution.

US Trade Representative

(USTR) Katherine Tai is scheduled to deliver a major policy address on this issue later in the day. “We will revisit the phase one agreement and emphasize that China must follow through on the commitments it has made. “Second, we will start a targeted tariff-exclusion process. We will also keep open the potential for additional exclusion processes in the future,” the senior administration official said ahead of her speech.

“Third, in the coming days, Ambassador Tai will resume direct engagement with her counterpart in China. This will include discussions with China regarding its commitments under phase one, but it will also be a chance for Ambassador Tai to reiterate that the United States will defend itself, using all available tools, from state-directed industrial policies that harm our workers, producers, and overall economic interests,” the official said.

According to the official, the Biden administration will work with its allies and like-minded partners towards building an international trading system that is fair and allows for competition. **PTI**

Japan’s Parliament elects former diplomat Kishida as new PM

Tokyo: Japan’s parliament on Monday elected Fumio Kishida, a former moderate turned hawk, as prime minister. He’ll face an economy battered by the pandemic, security threats from China and North Korea and leadership of a political party whose popularity is sagging ahead of a fast-approaching crucial national election.

With his party and its coalition partner holding a majority in both houses, Kishida won by a comfortable margin against Yukio Edano, head of the largest opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan. Kishida and his new Cabinet will be sworn in at a palace ceremony later in the day.

He replaces Yoshihide Suga, who resigned after only one year in office as his support

plunged over his government’s handling of the pandemic and insistence on holding the Tokyo Olympics as the virus spread.

Kishida is expected to make a policy speech in Parliament on Friday but is looking to dissolve the lower house to hold elections on October 31, Japanese media reported. Observers see the early date as a move to take advantage of his government’s fresh image to rally support.

Jun Azumi, senior Constitutional Democratic Party lawmaker, criticized Kishida over his plan to dissolve the lower house in just over a week. “It’s like a delicatessen that forces customers to buy without a chance to try samples.” A former Foreign Minister, Kishida, 64, used to be known as a moderate but turned hawkish on security. **AP**

Ethiopia’s PM sworn in for a second term as war spreads

Addis Ababa: Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has been sworn in for a second five-year term running a country in the grip of a nearly year-long war.

Abiy’s Prosperity Party was declared the winner of parliamentary elections earlier this year in a vote criticised and at times boycotted by opposition parties but described by some outside electoral observers as better run than those in the past.

The prime minister, the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize winner for restoring ties with neighbouring Eritrea and for pursuing sweeping political reforms, now faces major challenges as war in the Tigray region spreads into other parts of the country, deadly ethnic violence continues and watchdogs warn that repressive government practices are on the return.

The 11-month war is weakening

Ethiopia’s economy, once one of Africa’s fastest-growing, and threatening to isolate Abiy, once seen as a regional peacemaker. Just four African heads of state — from Nigeria, Senegal and neighbouring Somalia and Djibouti — were attending Monday’s ceremony.

Ethiopia’s government last week faced condemnation from the United Nations, United States and several European nations after it expelled seven U.N. officials it accused of supporting the Tigray forces who have been battling Ethiopian and allied forces. The government is under growing pressure as people begin to starve to death in Tigray under what the U.N. has called a “de facto humanitarian blockade.” Last week the U.N. humanitarian chief told The Associated Press that the situation in Ethiopia is a “stain on our conscience.” **AP**

2 win medicine Nobel for showing how we react to heat, touch

Stockholm: Two scientists won the Nobel Prize in medicine on Monday for their discoveries into how the human body perceives temperature and touch, revelations that could lead to new ways of treating pain or even heart disease.

Americans David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian separately identified receptors in the skin as part of their work in the field of somatosensation, which explores the ability of specialized organs such as eyes, ears and skin to see, hear and feel. Julius used capsaicin, the active component in chili peppers, to help pinpoint the nerve sensors that respond to heat, while Patapoutian found pressure-sensitive sensors in cells that respond to mechanical stimulation, the committee said. **AP**

Koreas restore cross-border hotlines 55 days after suspension

Seoul: South and North Korea restored their direct communication lines on Monday, raising hopes for the resumption of stalled dialogue amid a deadlock in denuclearization talks. The two sides had contact through a military hotline and a separate joint liaison office channel. Yonhap News Agency quoted South Korean officials as saying. Hours earlier, North Korea’s media announced that the lines would be back to normal as of 9 a.m. on the day. **IANS**



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Investors richer by over ₹3.10 lakh cr

MARKETS RETURN TO WINNING WAYS AFTER 4-DAY LOSING RUN

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Investors' wealth grew by ₹ 3,10,851.75 crore on Monday as markets made a comeback after falling for four days. The 30-share BSE benchmark jumped 533.74 points or 0.91 per cent to 59,299.32. During the day, it zoomed 783.24 points to 59,548.82. In four days (Tuesday-Friday) last week, the benchmark tumbled 1,312.3 points. Following the rally, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies gained ₹ 3,10,851.75 crore to reach ₹ 2,62,71,347.10 crore on Monday. "Indian equities rebound-

ed after witnessing selling pressure for last four days ahead of RBI MPC meet and earnings season that is due to start this week.

The indices ended the session with handsome gains supported by broader markets and rose around 1 per cent," said Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd.

NTPC was the biggest gainer among the BSE 30-frontline companies pack, jumping 4.08 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finserv, SBI, Bajaj Finance, Tech Mahindra and Tata Steel. Bajaj Auto and HUL were among the laggards.

Sebi proposes minimum price band for IPOs, sub-categorisation of NIIIs

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Markets regulator Sebi on Monday proposed a minimum price band of 5 per cent for public issues through book built process and sub-categorisation of non-institutional investors.

Sebi has invited comments on its proposals in a consultation paper for review of price band and book building framework for public issues. The comments can be submitted till October 20, 2021.

The recommendations came as Sebi observed that the price band provided by issuer companies on the main board are extremely narrow.

Several concerns were deliberated upon by the Primary Market Advisory Committee (PMAC). "The objective of fair and transparent price discovery mechanism in a book built issue appears to have been diluted over time due to evolving market practices," it said.

Rupee slumps 19 paise to over six-week low of 74.31 against USD

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee tumbled 19 paise to end at its weakest level in over six weeks of 74.31 against the US dollar on Monday as a stronger green-back against key rivals and rising crude oil prices weighed on investor sentiment.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 74.16 and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.13 and a low of 74.41 against the US dollar.

The local unit finally settled at 74.31 a dollar, down 19 paise over its previous close. This was the rupee's lowest closing since August 20 this year.

"The rupee traded weak as dollar index rallied on the back of US FED tapering bond-buying hints in weeks ahead," said Jateen Trivedi, Senior Research Analyst at LKP Securities.

Housing sales breach pre-Covid level; sales up 92 pc in July-Sep across 8 top cities: Knight Frank

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Housing demand has breached pre-Covid levels with 92 per cent year-on-year growth in sales during July-September period units across eight major cities, mainly on the back of stable prices, very low mortgage rates, property consultant Knight Frank India said on Monday. Releasing its India Real Estate Update for Q3 (July-September quarter) of the 2021 calendar year, the consultant reported that housing sales increased to 64,010 units from 33,404 units in the same period last year. In the previous April-June quarter, 27,453 residential units were sold.

"The total residential sales of the top eight markets under review during Q3 2021, reached 104 per cent of 2019 quarterly average," the consultant said, adding that sales have breached pre-Covid levels.Addressing a video conference, Knight Frank India Chairman and Managing

Director Shishir Bajjal attributed "stable housing prices, historically low-interest rates on home loans and changing attitude of customers towards homeownership" for the sharp recovery in housing sales.

Rajani Sinha, Chief Economist, and National Director- Research, Knight Frank India said, "Stamp duty cuts were a significant intervention applied by several state governments to spark a sharp recovery in sales volumes. These measures have convinced the fence-sitters to make the home buying decision." With the upcoming festive season, Bajjal said the market is gearing up for new project launches and consumers are likely to reciprocate. "While financial stress remains a significant factor for developers across markets, homebuyers' preference for grade A developers and their access to cheaper credit has positioned them well in this recovering market," he added.

Sebi directs exchanges, clearing corporations to display complaints against them on website

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Monday directed stock exchanges and clearing corporations to disclose data on complaints received against them and their redressal on their websites.

These disclosure requirements are in addition to those already mandated by the regulator, Sebi said in a circular.

The circular will come into effect from January 01, 2022.

The status of implementation of the circular's provisions has to be communicated to Sebi through the monthly development report.

"In order to bring about transparency in the investor grievance redressal mechanism, it has been decided that all the Stock Exchanges and the Clearing Corporations shall disclose on their websites, the data on complaints received against them and redressal thereof, latest by 7th



of succeeding month, as per the format enclosed at ... To this circular," Sebi said.

As per the format provided by the regulator, data of complaints against the exchanges or the clearing corporations having commodity derivatives segment has to be displayed, and these include complaints received directly from investors, Sebi SCORES and other sources.

They also need to specify the number of complaints received, resolved and pending.

NCUI signs memorandum with VVKI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and Vyakti Vikas Kendra India (VVKI) of Art of Living Organisation (AOL) at the AOL Campus in Bangalore on Monday. With the signing of the MoU, NCUI and VVKI have come together to develop models of cooperative development and good governance through training and capacity building programs for the farmers in areas of water harvesting, agri-business and rural livelihoods in a phased manner.

Petrol, diesel price rise on hold after 4 consecutive days of hike

IAANS ■ NEW DELHI

Petrol and diesel prices remained unchanged on Monday after the pump prices of both fuels rose simultaneously for four consecutive days taking up its retail rates by over ₹1 per litre. Benchmark crude prices have settled at a tad lower level of \$ 79 a barrel now after shooting over a three-year high level of \$ 80 a barrel early last week. This has given some room to OMCs to halt fuel price rise.With no change in fuel prices, diesel continues to be priced at ₹90.77 per litre while petrol maintains its price-

line at ₹102.39 a litre in Delhi.

Petrol prices had maintained stability since September 5, but oil companies finally raised the pump prices last week on Tuesday given a spurt in the product prices lately. It has now followed diesel with regular hikes in prices for the last four days before the pause on Monday. Diesel prices on the other hand has increased on eight of the last 11 days that has raised its retail price by over Rs 2.15 per litre.The OMCs had earlier preferred to maintain their watch prices on global oil situation before making any revision in rates.

Well-managed companies attract equity investors: FM

New Delhi:Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said the advice given by company secretaries to businesses is going to make a lot of difference as only "well-managed" companies following good governance practices are attracting investors.

She also said Indian companies have done extraordinarily well in the last year with regard to attracting investments because of their transparency and better compliance.In the last few years, the rate at which compliance-related issues have become the main cause for

companies to fail to live up to the expectations of investors, well-managed companies, companies which are more transparent in its functioning,

The Ratnakar CGHS Ltd.
Dwarka, Plot No. 21, Sec-4, New Delhi

Notice Inviting Tender

Pre qualification application invited from registered architect are preparation and submission of all the required drawings and document to DDA for completion certificate in regard to additional FAR including 3D view for D U A C on or before 15th Oct 2021 by speed post in favour of The President, Ratnakar CGHS Ltd., Plot No. 21, Sector-4 Dwarka, New Delhi-110075

The President,
Ratnakar CGHS Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is general information that I, Govind Singh S/o Late Nanak Chand R/o 470, Pocket-III, Janta Flats, Single Storey, Paschim Puri, Delhi-110063 have lost my original property documents, sale position i.e. Possession Letter, Possession Slip and FAVC of Electricity and Water Connection of property No. 470, Pocket-III, Janta Flats, Single Storey, Paschim Puri, Delhi-110063. An FIR to this effect has been lodged vide LR No. 1173400/2018 dated 26/4/2018 in Police Station. If any person/institution /company claim any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write/ contact with above named person at above address /phone number within 15 days from the date of this publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest objection is with respect to this property can personally inform or write by Director (LAB) or Director (H) -1 D Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan NA, New Delhi-110023.

India on path of economic recovery, says DEA Secy

New Delhi:Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth on Monday said India has got on the path of economic recovery aided by

various government reforms in the last seven years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency, (UPNEDA)
(Dep'tt. of Additional Sources of Energy, Govt. of U.P.)
Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow UP. Tel.No.9415609008, 0522-2720779, 2720829
Website: www.upsavesenergy.com, www.upneda.org.in, E-Mail: ashok.upsda@gmail.com, ho_ashok@rediffmail.com

Bid NO.: 03/ EC /UPNEDA/SDA/2021

Tender Notice

UPNEDA invites bids from experienced and interested consultancy firms /consortiums for **"To organise Workshops cum training program for farmers and other related stakeholders on energy conservation in Agricultural sector."** The detailed scope of the work with eligibility conditions is described in the Bid Document.

The tender document is available at the website **www.etender.up.nic.in**. The interested bidders may view, download bid document and submit their bid upto the date mentioned in the table below:

a) Publication on NIT	05.10.21
b) Availability of the bid document on web site (date and time)	05.10.21 to 26.10.21 upto 5:00 PM
c) Pre-Bid Conference (Through Webinar / Video Conference)	13.10.21 at 11:30 AM Google meet link: https://meet.google.com/pdm-sjon-obw
d) Bid submission end date and time	26.10.21 upto 06:00 PM
e) Technical bid opening date and time	27.10.21 at 11:00 AM
f) Financial bid opening date	To be decided after evaluation of Technical Bid
g) Venue of opening Technical & Financial –bid is UPNEDA Head Office	

The hard copies of the required documents (as detailed in the bid document), should reach UPNEDA's head office latest by **27.10.21 upto 10:00 AM**. Tender received after the due date and time will not be considered. The Director, UPNEDA reserves the right to reject any/all offer without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of the Director UPNEDA shall be final and binding.

Director, UPNEDA

Office Of Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division, Uttrakhand Jal Sansthan
Lane No-1, Tarun Vihar, Mithowala Road, Dehradun-248001
Phone No/Fax. 0135 2671940, E-mail - eemdujs@rediffmail.com

Letter No. 2718 /E-Tender notice/2021-22 Date : 04.10.2021

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING e - Tender Notice

On behalf of the Chief General Manager, Uttrakhand Jal Sansthan, Dehradun online tenders in **Two Bid System**, on item rate contract basis (inclusive of all materials & taxes) are invited for the following works in District Dehradun (Uttrakhand) under **Jal Jeevan Mission** from technically and financially capable bidders, registered with Uttrakhand Jal Sansthan/ Uttrakhand Peyjal Nigam in appropriate class & category up to prescribed date & time on the portal as mentioned in terms and conditions.

Bid No.	Name of Work	Bid Security (Earnest Money)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs)	Period of completion of works
01	Construction of Bhitari Majri Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution, System, Construction of Pump House & Clear Water Reservoir, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete	As Per GoUK Order No-121(1)/XXVII(7)/21-32/2007 टीओसी दिनांक 29-04-2021 Bidder have to submit Bid Security declaration	₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months
02	Construction of Mednipur Badripur Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution System, Construction of Pump House & Clear Water Reservoir, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete.		₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months
03	Construction of Kulhal Matak Majri Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution System, Construction of Pump House & Clear Water Reservoir, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete		₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months
04	Construction of Sabhawala Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution System, Construction of Pump House & Clear Water Reservoir, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete		₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months
05	Construction of Mazri Grant Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution System, Construction of Pump House & Clear Water Reservoir, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete		₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months

The tender time schedule (Key Dates) is as follows:-

S. No.	Description	Time Schedule (Key Dates)
1	Date of Online Publication	07.10.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
2	Document download : Start Date	08.10.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
3	Pre-Bid Meeting : Date	16.10.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
4	Bid Submission : Start date	18.10.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
5	Bid Submission : End date	25.10.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs
6	Offline Submission of Documents (Cost of bidding Document, Bid Security, Original affidavits and all supporting Document in support of qualification).	26.10.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs
7	Date of Bid Opening	27.10.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
8	Date of Financial Bid Opening	To be intimated later

“जल संचय-जीवन संचय” Executive Engineer

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Advertisement No. TKDL/03/2021

CSIR-TKDL Unit is a unit under Council of Scientific & Industrial Research which is an autonomous body of the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (Min. of Science & Technology), Govt of India.

CSIR-TKDL Unit invites applications from eligible candidates for engagement of project staff in the streams of **Information Technology, Siddha and Sowa Rigpa** for its Project entitled "Digitization of Indian Systems of Medicine - Siddha and Sowa Rigpa" (Project No. MLP0005). The locations of the project activities include Delhi, Chennai, Palampur and Leh. The engagement in the said project is purely on temporary and contractual basis.

The detailed advertisement is available on CSIR website: **www.csir.res.in**.

Under Secretary CSIR-TKDL Unit

Last Date for receipt of applications: 26 October 2021

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Retail Asset Centre: Axis Bank Ltd. Axis House, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301
Also at: Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower T-2, 2nd Floor, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301
Corporate Office: Axis House, Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025. **Registered Office:** Trishul, 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.

The Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower / Co-borrower	Description of Property	1. Date of Demand Notice 2. Date of Possession 3. Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1. Mr. Raj Kumar Singh S/O Sh. Brahm Singh D-4, Sector-31, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201303	Leasehold Residential Plot of Land Numbered As 04 (Four) Situated in Block D At Sector No 31, In The New Okhla Industrial Development Area, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) Containing The Measurement And Area Of 375 Sq. Mtrs.	1. 15-June-2021 2. 29-09-2021
2. Mrs. Sangita Singh W/O Sh. Raj Kumar Singh D-4, Sector-31, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201303		Rs. 1,74,23,095/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Four Lakh Twenty Three Thousand And Ninety Five Only)

The above-mentioned Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) are hereby given a 30 days' 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 : 05-10-2021 Place : Noida, U.P.

Sd/-,
Authorized Officer,
Axis Bank Ltd.

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, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, 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/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Arvind Kumar/ Rakhi/ LBNOD00001433009	Flat- No-A-60/C-4, Sf (Rear LHS), Trimula Appt. II nd Floor, LIG- Type, Shalimar Garden, Ext- II, Shahibabad, Ghaziabad/ September 29, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 5,90,809/-	Delhi/ Ncr
2.	Devesh Shanker/ Sharmila Mathur/ LBDEL00002060673	Apartment No Scb- 083 8th Floor, The Sky Court DLF Garden City, Sector- 86 Parking No Pcb- 004/PB-1008, Gurgaon Haryana/ September 29, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 1,37,77,562/-	Delhi/ Ncr
3.	Hemant Tyagi/ Anita Dhama/ LBGH200001342657/ LBGH200001342769	Flat No F-2, First Floor, Plot No C-1/8 DFL, Dilshad Ext- 2, Ghaziabad/ September 29, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 9,47,689/-	Delhi/ Ncr
4.	Jitender Prasad/ Mukesh Kumar/ LBDEL00002384421	Flat No 59, 4th Floor Sec 23 B Pocket 8 Block A 11 Dwarka Delhi Delhi/ September 29, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 13,87,159/-	Delhi/ Ncr
5.	Praveen Kumar/ Yojana Sharma/ LBDEL00004674810	Flat No 604, 6th Floor Tower A 5, Saviour Greenside, Plot No GH- 11, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh/ September 29, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 25,32,333/-	Delhi/ Ncr
6.	Sandeep Bhatnagar/ Deepa Bhatnagar / LBDEL00003359324	340-D, Shripra Sun City, Indrapuram Ghaziabad U P, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad/ September 29, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 6,12,043/-	Delhi/ Ncr
7.	Sumit Kr Sharma/ Pooja Sharma / LBDEL00001744484	Plot No -1/465, Sec-1, Residency Colony, Vaishali, GF, Ghaziabad/ September 29, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 9,67,040/-	Delhi/ Ncr
8.	Tarun Kumar Singh/ Kiran Singh/ Dinesh Singh / LBGH200001983964/ LBGH20000740095	Flat No. 707., Sector IV, Plot No. 22., Vaishali, Aman Castle, Ghaziabad/ September 29, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 6,67,660/-	Delhi/ Ncr
9.	Yash Pal Bhati/ Baby Bhati/ LBNOD00003056579 / LBNOD00003056585	Flat No- 1018, Ground Floor, Niti Khand-1, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad/ September 29, 2021	June 25, 2021 Rs. 30,03,465/-	Delhi/ Ncr
10.	Arvind Kumar/ Rinu/ LBGUR00004173629	Flat No 1605, 16th Floor, Tower- D Sector 79 Araville Gurgaon/ September 29, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 87,95,085/-	Delhi/ Ncr
11.	Ashish Chhabra/ Sudesh Chhabra/ LBDEL00001984125	Scd- 052, Sector- 86, The Sky Court, DLF, Tower- D, Gurgaon/ September 29, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 26,72,834/-	Delhi/ Ncr
12.	Darshana Devi/ Parmod Kumar/ Rajan Passi/ Samriti Malhotra/ LBDEL00004210236 / LBDEL00004204900 / LBDEL00004204901	Plot No 161, Bharat Nagar, Delhi- 110052/ September 29, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 69,19,934/-	Delhi/ Ncr
13.	Dilip Singh/ Anjana Singh/ LBDEL00002414880	Flat No-204, Tower- T, 19th Floor, Sare Crescent Parc Phase-4, 15 Sec-92, Gurgaon/ September 29, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 77,28,787/-	Delhi/ Ncr
14.	Doordevices India Pvt Ltd/ Ankur Khanna/ Dalip Kumar Tandon/ LBNOD00003160455/ LBNOD00002976426	Plot No 1-A/40, Block-H, Sector- 63, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida Uttar Pradesh/ September 29, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 1,78,26,419/-	Delhi/ Ncr
15.	Jagbir/ Kusum/ LBDEL00005136503	Flat No 5-102, Floor 1 MVN Athens Tower B5 Sector-5 Village Sohna Gurgaon/ September 29, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 17,41,756/-	Delhi/ Ncr
16.	Sandeep Kumar/ Kusum Lata/ Gurutech Projects Pvt Ltd/ LBDEL00002352231	Lig Expandable Flat No 353, ground Floor Pocket 1, Sector-23, Dwarka Residential Scheme,dwarka,delhi-110075 / September 29, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 25,97,157/-	Delhi/ Ncr

The above-mentioned borrower(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 05, 2021 Place: Delhi/ Ncr

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

DOCYARD

DR ANUBHA SINGH

Medical Director and IVF Expert

SHANTAH FERTILITY CENTRE, NEW DELHI



Pay attention second time



Couples struggling to conceive for a second time are often left out of the infertility conversation, but it can be just as disheartening and frustrating. Incidences of secondary infertility are growing rapidly in number and are not much talked about. Secondary infertility is defined as the inability to become pregnant a second time, following the birth of one or more biological children.

- Causes**
- In women**
- ❖ Damage to fallopian tube due to ectopic pregnancies
 - ❖ Complications during prior pregnancies such as a C-section
 - ❖ Blockage which is caused by fibroids
 - ❖ Increased maternal age and less production of eggs
- In men**
- ❖ Increased age, weight gain, excessive smoking and drinking
 - ❖ Use of certain medications
 - ❖ Impaired sperm production and delivery

Approximately, 10.5 per cent women have reported to experience secondary infertility. If you notice these causes of secondary infertility, you must immediately consult with a specialist. Remember that you are not alone. More and more people are now facing the problem of secondary infertility in India and, therefore, it is better to be informed.

Komal Shukla, who is in her mid 30' tried for a second baby and she could not conceive due to low ovarian reserve. "I didn't realise that chances of getting pregnant reduce with age," says Komal, now 39 and pregnant with her second child after two rounds of IVF treatment.

Secondary infertility can be very frustrating and confusing for a couple who got pregnant quickly in the past. I have seen a lot of cases recently of secondary infertility. I would say inactivity in women along with wrong eating habits, increases chances of primary infertility as well as secondary infertility. With urban lifestyle and dependency on fast food adding to the problem.

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If one had their first child at the age of 35, and they want to try out for a second child at 36 and above, it can be a bit challenging because this is a time where their fertility has naturally declined significantly. Also, blaming only women is not appropriate. Age of the male partner, men with BMIs over 30, which is considered obese, have a lower sperm count and negatively impacted fertility overall.

According to a study titled Fertility: assessment and treatment for people with fertility problems, published in the March 2013, edition of NICE Clinical Guideline. London; about 15 per cent couples with unexplained fertility conceive naturally within a year.

Couples need to plan their pregnancies in a timely manner in order to stave off secondary infertility. They should avoid spacing out kids for more than three years. Women should preserve their eggs if they are thinking of delaying parenting. Couples should keep trying since 35 per cent still have a chance to conceive naturally within two years. If a woman is under the age of 30 years, she has a higher chance of conceiving than a woman aged 30 years or more. Let's not forget that age is an important factor and predictor of successful natural conception.

The doctors would offer you treatments on the basis of the causes of secondary infertility. The treatment for secondary infertility ranges from infertility medications to intrauterine insemination (IUI) or artificial insemination (IVF).

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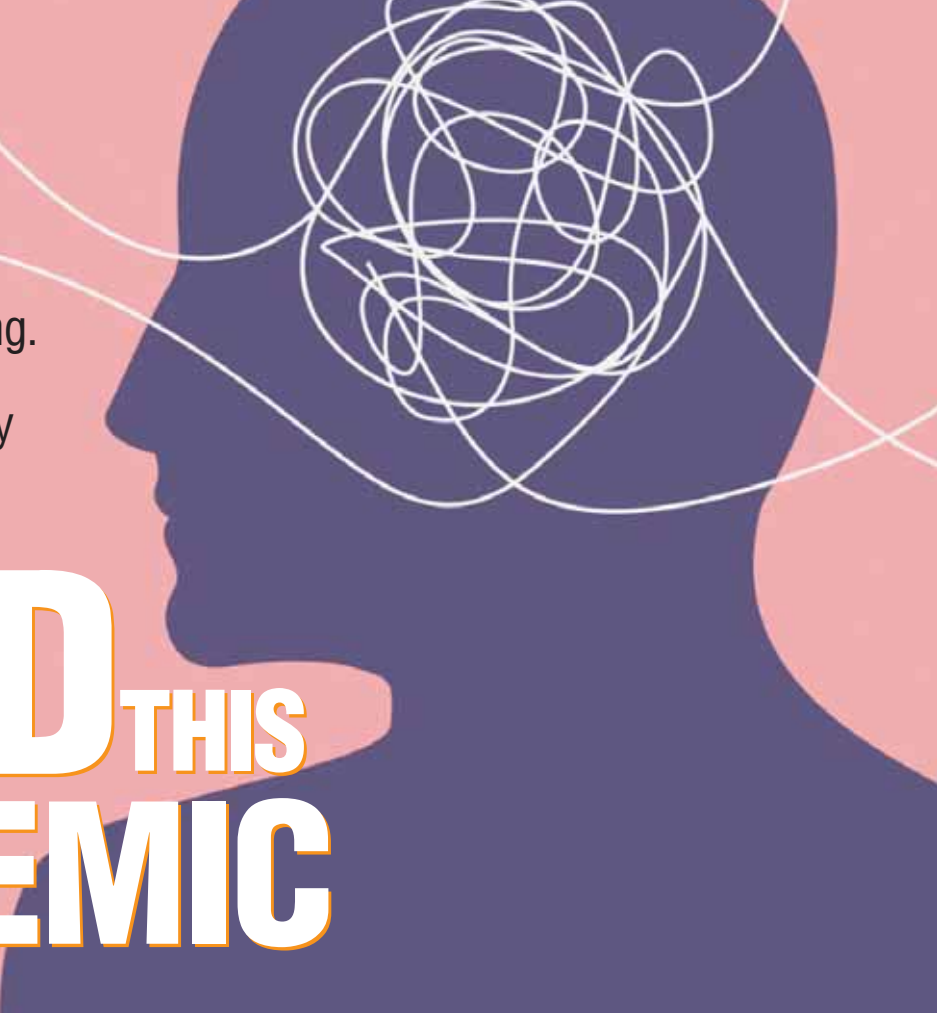
CINNAMON: As history puts it across, cinnamon was native to Sri Lanka, India, Myanmar and Bangladesh and it was transported to Egypt for embalming mummies. Well now, this spice has a lot more to offer. Extracted from the inner barks of the trees, it is quite often used as a flavouring ingredient in cereals, drinks and baked items like cinnamon rolls. Cinnamon is full of worthy nutrients like Vitamin A, B6, C, E



and K. It falls on top of the list for protecting one's body from free radicals when compared to many other spices and superfoods. Including cinnamon regularly to your diet can keep several diseases at bay like heart diseases, neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's and also helps in preventing respiratory tract bacterial infections. This sweet spice can do wonders. One can try including it in their diet or other food items to make it healthy without compromising on the taste.

Whilst we continue to monitor the virus spreading across the globe for more than a year, another pandemic has been silently brewing. DR MILONI SANGHVI tells us how to mindfully deal with anxiety

MIND THIS PANDEMIC



With the one-year anniversary of a worldwide lockdown aimed at curbing the coronavirus outbreak, which led to concerns around individuals' medical health and wellbeing; since then, we continue to take precautionary measures such as regular sanitising, wearing a face mask, physical distancing and avoiding large crowds.

We experienced situations like never before—from staying indoors at all times, to panic buying, to surrendering leisure activities and ease of travel. Whilst we continue to monitor the virus spreading across the globe over the past year, another pandemic has been silently brewing; a mental health pandemic.

The pandemic has also brought about uncertainty and instability for many, rendering them fragile and insecure be it financially or emotionally. The term "pandemic anxiety" has been coined to describe the distress we experience as a result of adapting to the "new normal".

In fact, Medical News Today reported research that found Google searches for 'worry', 'anxiety', and strategies to cope with anxiety have increased during the pandemic, indicating that anxiety rates have shot up. From my personal experience, as a psychologist seeing clients in therapy, this sounds about right.

There's a plethora of articles, online and offline, which provide insights on how to cope with anxiety. However, many don't delve into the side-effects of experiencing anxiety, such as anger, sleeplessness and issues with focus:

- **Anger**
Circumstances that feel like a threat can not only make us feel anxious but can quickly transform into a secondary and more outward emotion—anger. Both anxiety and anger are reactive emotions that root from a loss of control and the removal of choice and freedom; situations that lead us to feel trapped or helpless may make us feel anxious and angry.
- **Sleeplessness**
Feeling troubled by financial, emotional, relational or even medical matters can lead to sleep disturbance. Moreover, the lack of boundaries or schedule—our own as well as our parents', spouse's, children's—can lead to an upheaval of a healthy routine, leading us to compromise one entity we see as a luxury—sleep. Spending more time on screens, especially at night, has also been a driver of sleep deprivation.
- **Loss of focus**
As we prescribe to a lifestyle of mindfully



It's evident that pandemic anxiety is making us angry, sleepless and unfocused. It has also caused uncertainty and instability for many, rendering them fragile and insecure be it financially or emotionally. Remember that these emotions are a part of the human experience, and you are not alone in experiencing this — DR MILONI SANGHVI

actions and decisions, we are using our mental bandwidth to go through a mental check-list ensuring that we take the right action, taking the necessary precautions and are consequently on constant high alert. Things we carried out on autopilot now require considerable thought and risk analyses; this can eat into our capacity to attend to other aspects of our lives in an intensely focused way.

It's evident that pandemic anxiety is making us angry, sleepless and unfocused. This is not only exacerbating our mental health, but also impacts negatively on our immunity and physical health. Here's how we can cope with the side-effects of anxiety

To stay on task, use physical prompts such as a planner, post-its, to-do lists, shopping lists that will serve as reminders during the day and keep you on task

To enhance your focus, separate your work into smaller tasks; break your work down into simpler discrete tasks rather than trying to multitask, losing your focus and feeling like you haven't achieved much

To implement a routine and place some healthy boundaries, set digital reminders e.g. sleep time, taking a break, limiting time on social media/ the internet

Take a break from social media, if you begin to feel anxious/ unsettled (or try a "digital detox"); limit your time on these platforms or allow yourself a specific time frame to browse through social media platforms


Distinguish anger from anxiety; understand what emotion/ insecurity you are really feeling that is masked as anger; think about what is affecting you at a deeper level and acknowledge how this is making you feel

Seek support, speak to someone about what you are experiencing in order to release your anxiety, relieve yourself and to feel supported. Whether confiding in your loved ones or meeting a mental health professional, use conversation to explore, understand and overcome your emotional distress

Finally, remember that these emotions are a part of the human experience, and you are not alone in experiencing this. Seeking support from a mental health professional can help you through a difficult time, as the therapist provides a warm, non-judgmental and safe space as you navigate through your hardships.

The writer is Consultant Psychologist, MPower, The Centre, Mumbai

EAT SENSIBLY



People with cancer need extra nutrition. DR VINEET TALWAR tells you how nutrition has a major role to play in recovery from cancer and even post treatment

Nutrition has a major role to play in recovery from cancer and even post treatment. An estimated 80 per cent of advanced cancer patients suffer from malnutrition causing adverse effects on body functions and treatment outcomes.

Frequent malnutrition in cancer patients could be because of any of the four reasons including decreased dietary intake, increase in the body's diet requirements but not consuming enough, loss of nutrients or impaired digestion (due to radiation/ chemotherapy induced enteritis etc.)

People with cancer need extra nutrition. For instance, calories required per day for a healthy individual is 1800 while a patient with cancer needs approx. 2200 calories per day. However, nutrition in cancer patients is so compromised that an estimated 20 per cent of people with cancer may die from the effects of malnutrition rather than cancer itself.

There is a need for proper planning and counselling of nutrition since cancer treatments could lead to loss of desire to eat, constipation, changes in smell, nausea, vomiting etc. He advised to take small frequent meals of home cooked food and drink plenty of fluids to negate side-effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

There are several myths regarding nutrition for cancer patients and those who have conquered cancer. Drinking red juices like pomegranate and beetroot alone doesn't lead to an increase in haemoglobin count.

There is another myth that starvation would deprive a growing tumour of nutrition and therefore help in treatment of cancer. Research has shown that starvation does not increase survival but could be detrimental due to high nutritional needs during and after therapy.

Cancer patients and conquerors should steer clear of all the claims about super foods/ dietary supplements and food related advice populated on the social media. Indian diet, besides being healthy, is also a wealthy diet with a wealth of all kinds of nutrition required including turmeric, salt, micro nutrients, garam masala, a mixture of different spices each with unique properties and antioxidants.

A general thumb rule is to eat food with 40 per cent carbohydrates, 40 per cent fats and 20 per cent proteins.

Hi-fibre diet which can lead to lower incidence of colorectal, lung, oral, esophageal and stomach cancers. Few studies have also pointed to the role of fruits and vegetables in improvement in cancer survival. Five servings of fruits and vegetables each day is ideal, he said.

Besides good nutrition, there is a need for exercise. Moderate to intense physical activity for half an hour for five days in a week or vigorous activity for 20 minutes for three days a week can do a lot of good.

The writer is Director, Medical Oncology, RGCIRC, Delhi

Devil is lurking around the corner

In India, the incidence of breast cancer is increasing manifold and is now touching staggering figures. DR RITU SETHI shares ways to keep it at bay

Breast cancer is one of the commonest cancers in women. In India, the incidence of breast cancer is increasing manifold and is now touching staggering figures. It is estimated that 1 woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every 4 minutes in India these days, unfortunately at late stages when the spread is extensive and usually incurable.

So what can be done to decrease the incidence and the consequent morbidity arising from this deadly disease?

The key to this is early intervention, treatment and thus cure. This is possible only if women are made aware of the disease and how regular breast self-examination can detect small lumps which may turn out to be sinister.

So, who all are at risk of breast cancer in whom regular surveillance is a must? Women with a family history of breast cancer—a close relative—mother sister or a relative from either parent's side having cancer is at more risk.

Women carrying the breast cancer gene-Brc1 and Brc2 are more at risk of breast cancer and



ovarian cancer more than the general population. This does not mean that they will develop the cancer but increased susceptibility to doing so, hence more caution needs to be exercised.

Other risk factors are increased length of reproductive life—early menarche and late menopause, history of smoking and alcohol consumption, sedentary lifestyle, obesity and use of hormone replacement therapy after the menopause. Women who have never had children or never breastfed also are at increased risk.

Women having these risk factors have more chances of developing breast cancer.

So how can the disease be detected early when it is fully treatable?

Women should be made aware that any lumps, nodules or abnormal discharge from the breast need to be thoroughly investigated. Though 90 per cent of these lumps will turn out to be benign (non-cancerous), which lump is cancerous or not, the treating physician is the best person to diagnose. Regular breast self-examina-

tion should be done by all women above the age of 30 years to feel for any lumps or masses in the breasts.

Routine mammograms (specialized x-rays of the breast) for at-risk women and those above the age of forty is recommended for all women, this is particularly so as the incidence of this cancer is now increasing even in the younger population.

So how to prevent the incidence of breast cancer?

- ❖ Maintain a healthy lifestyle with optimum weight.
- ❖ Avoid smoking, alcohol consumption.
- ❖ No hormone replacement therapy after menopause.
- ❖ If genetically susceptible to cancer, routine screening to be started at a younger age.
- ❖ Any suspicious mass/lump/nodule or skin changes over the breast to be thoroughly investigated.

Thus with early detection, close monitoring and routine surveillance, we can beat the deadly disease in our female population.

The writer is Senior Consultant—Gynaecology, Cloud Nine Hospital, Gurugram

INBRIEF

Combat climate change

Activists around the world are today calling on Governments to put food systems at the forefront of tackling the climate crisis. The campaign for a plant-based treaty will create bottom-up pressure for leaders to negotiate a global agreement to halt the impact of animal agriculture on the planet.

Actions are taking place outside nearly 100 town and city halls worldwide including Manchester, Bristol, Amsterdam, Lisbon, Rome, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Toronto, Seoul, Mumbai and Ankara to encourage leaders to sign the Treaty. Leveraging this grassroots support, the campaign will work towards 10 million individuals, 10,000 organisations, 10,000 businesses and 50 cities to endorse the treaty by 2023, ahead of the Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement.

The treaty urges leaders to negotiate a global agreement around the following three principles, Relinquish: No land use change, ecosystem degradation or deforestation for the purposes of animal agriculture, Redirect: An active transition away from animal-based agricultural systems to plant-based food systems and Restore: Restore key ecosystems and reforest the Earth. With just five years left to reverse the worst effects of climate change, business as usual is no longer an option. It's time to switch toward a plant based economy to reverse the damage we have caused to the environment, and to promote a healthier society.



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APPENDIX IV-A

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVEABLE POROPERTY

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of The Hongkong And Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd, secured creditor, will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is” and “Whatever there is” on **22nd Oct 2021**, for recovery of **₹3,39,38,523.66/- (Rupees Three Crores Thirty Nine Lacs Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three and Paise Sixty Six Only)** as on **29th Sep 2021**, due to The Hongkong And Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, secured creditor, from **Mr. Raja Kaushal and Ms. Parvinder Kaushal**. The reserve price will be **₹25,682,400** (Two Crore Fifty Six Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Four hundred only) and the earnest money deposit will be **₹25,68,240/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty Only)

Short Description of Immoveable Property

RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT NO. H2D083, LOCATED IN BLOCK ‘D’ ON 8TH FLOOR, HAVING SUPER AREA 242.44 SQUARE METERS ALONGWITH TWO COVERED PARKING SPACE(S) NO. POD016 & POD017 IN THE MULTISTORY BUILDING NO.’2’ IN GROUP HOUSING BUILDING KNOWN AS WESTEND HEIGHTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL COLONY KNOWN AS DLF CITY (EARLIER KNOWN AS DLF OUTAB ENCLAVE COMPLEX), PHASE-V, TEHSIL & DISTRICT GURGAON

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the website www.bankeauctions.com

Date: **5th October 2021**

Place: **Delhi**

The Authorised Officer

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E –AUCTION SALE

- The property will be sold on an “As is where is” “As is what is” and “Whatever there is” condition, including and along with unknown encumbrances, if any. The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of Property put on auction, approved /sanctioned plan from appropriate statutory authority and claims/rights/dues affecting the Property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The Property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/rights/dues. It shall be the responsibilities of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the Property before submission of the bid(s). It shall be deemed that the intending bidders have done their own due diligence before submitting the tender.
- E Auction Sale Notice issued by the bank is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids. The same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Bank. Interested bidders are advised to inspect the copies of the title deeds/ Property with the bank and conduct their own independent enquiries / due diligence before submission of bids.
- The bidders must hold a valid e mail address and may participate in the e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Bank/ service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash, own power failure etc.
- Notice is hereby given that the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through “Online Electronic Bidding” through the website <https://www.bankeauctions.com> (E Auction house website) on **22.10.2021 between 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 12:00 pm**, if required.
- For any details, support, help regarding the procedure of online bidding by way of the e-auction, prospective bidders may contact the service provider: **Contact Person Vinod Chauhan, Mobile No. 9813887931**, Email Id : delhi@c1india.com (contact details of E Auction House with the details of contact person)
- Interested bidders may inspect the property and / or copy of title documents on **12-Oct 2021 from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM**
- The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is **₹25682400** (Two Crore Fifty Six Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Four hundred only) . The intending bidder shall be required to pay an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of **₹2568240** (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty Only) . No interest will be paid on the EMD deposited with the Bank.
- Interested bidder(s) have to get themselves registered on the Web Portal and upload a copy of all the requisite documents i.e. Bidder form, KYC documents etc. At the same time, the intending bidder shall have to make the payment of the EMD amount and upload the EMD Amount Receipt on the portal. The interested bidder(s) are also required to mandatorily submit the physical copy of the said documents uploaded on the portal (inclusive of the EMD receipt) to the HSBC Branch.
- No conditional bid will be accepted. The conditional bids may be treated as invalid. Please note that after submission of the bid/s, no correspondence regarding any change in the bid shall be entertained.
- The e-Auction/bidding of the above Property would be conducted exactly on the scheduled Date & Time by way of inter-se bidding amongst the bidders.
- The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on closure of E-Auction process shall be declared as a Successful Bidder and a communication to that effect will be issued which shall be subject to approval by the Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor.
- The EMD shall be paid by the bidder by payment to the following account of the Bank: A/C Number – **010-909968-042** Beneficiary Name: - E-Auction EMD Suspense account number, IFSC Code: **HSBC 0400002**
- Only those bidders who have submitted their bids, not below the reserve price, along with other required documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof etc., and made the payment of the EMD on or before **16th Oct 2021 before 4 pm shall be eligible to participate in the E-auction to be held on 22nd Oct 2021 11:00 Am to 12 :00 Pm**.
- The bidder(s) shall be entitled to improve their offer/ bid by increasing their bid amount, in multiples of **₹150000** (One Lakh Fifty Thousand only. The said revised bid can be submitted up to FIVE MINUTES of the e-auction. In case any bidder enhances his bid during the LAST FIVE MINUTES, it is automatically extended for FIVE MINUTES from the closing time and so forth until no further bids/enhancements are received.
- The intending bidder shall be entitled to withdraw from the e-auction up to 24 hours prior to the date of e-auction i.e., on or before **21st Oct 2021 11: Am** (“prescribed time of withdrawal”). In such event, the EMD paid by the intending bidder shall be refunded to him.
- However, in the event the intending bidder does not withdraw his bid before the said prescribed time of withdrawal, and does not participate in the e-auction for any reason whatsoever, after the expiry of the prescribed time of withdrawal mentioned hereinabove, the EMD paid by the bidder shall be forfeited and he shall not be entitled to the refund of the EMD.
- In case the intending bidders offer / bid is not successful, the said amount paid / deposited by the bidder towards EMD shall be refunded by the Bank, without any interest.
- The successful bidder shall deposit a total of 25 % of bid amount (which shall include the EMD amount paid) within 24 Hours of Acceptance of his/her bid. The balance 75% of the bid amount shall be paid by the successful bidder on or before the 15 day of the date of auction of the property. In the event the 15th Day is a Sunday or any other bank holiday, then the said balance amount shall be paid on the first business day of the bank immediately following the said bank holiday.
- In the event of default of payment within the prescribed period as mentioned above, the Bank shall be at liberty to forfeit the Earnest Money Deposit and/or any other deposit made by the purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold and the property may be re sold after issuing the fresh sale notice proceed with re-auction of the property without assigning any reasons.
- The property shall be sold to the successful bidder subject to acceptance of the bid by the Bank. The successful bidder shall in addition to the Bid Amount bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance such as Stamp Duty, Registration Fees, Transfer Fee, Taxes, TDS, etc. as applicable/mandated under the local Laws. The successful bidder shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground of whatsoever nature. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be liable and/or responsible for any charge / lien / encumbrance, tax or any other dues payable to the Govt. or any other Authority or person, in respect of the property under Sale.
- In case the sale consideration /purchase price is more than an amount of Rs.50 lacs, the same shall attract a TDS of 1% or such rate as may be prescribed by the competent authority. Bank will provide the PAN Card number of the borrower to such bidder for making the payment of TDS. The bank shall only after receipt of the TDS challan execute the final sale certificate and register the same thereafter.
- All Society or land charges, pending dues or any outstanding with the Society, Municipal Corporation, Electricity Charges or any other authorities would be paid and settled solely by the successful bidder. The Bank will not be in any way responsible for the same.
- Offers not accompanied by the Earnest Money Deposit or received subsequent to the above-mentioned stipulated date and time would not be considered and will be returned.
- HSBC Staff/Vendor and their family members are not entitled to apply for Auction Property under any circumstances whatsoever. If the Authorized Officer or the Bank identifies any such application by the said persons, the entire Auction shall be cancelled. Bank shall conduct a fresh auction as per its discretion.
- The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone the sale without assigning any reason thereof. In the event the highest bidder is disqualified for any reason, then the Authorized Officer shall consider the next highest bid and proceed accordingly as per provisions of law.
- The sale is subject to the discretion and confirmation by the Bank. Decision of the Authorised Officer regarding declaration of successful bidder shall be final and binding on all the bidders.
- On receipt of the sale price in full, the Bank will issue a Sale Certificate in favour of the Purchaser and would hand over the possession of the property to the purchaser on an “AS IS WHERE IS BASIS”, “AS IS WHAT IS” and “WHATEVER THERE IS” BASIS. The Sale Certificate will be issued in the form given in Appendix V (for immovable Property) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002 in the name of the purchaser(s) / applicant (s) only and will not be issued in any other name(s).
- The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
- During E-Auction, if no bid is received within the specified time, the Bank at its discretion may decide to revise opening price / scrap the e-Auction process / proceed with conventional mode of tendering.
- The Bank / service provider for e-Auction shall not have any liability towards bidders for any interruption or delay in access to the site irrespective of the causes.
- The bidders are required to submit acceptance of the terms & conditions and modalities of e-Auction before participating in the e- Auction.
- The bid once submitted by the successful bidder, cannot be cancelled/withdrawn and the bidder shall be bound to buy the Property at the final bid price. The failure on the part of bidder to comply with any of the terms and conditions of e-Auction, mentioned herein will result in forfeiture of the amount paid by the defaulting bidder.
- The Successful Purchaser / bidder shall not be entitled to appoint any nominee or assignee nor waive any obligations under the terms of this Auction. No persons other than the intending bidders, themselves, or their duly Authorized Representatives, shall be allowed to participate in the auction/sale proceedings. The Authorised Representatives must carry with themselves letters of authority from the principal bidder with necessary documents for identification. Such representative shall be entitled to bid or represent the bidder at the sole discretion of the Bank.
- In case, all the dues together with all cost, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank are tendered by the above named Borrower one working day prior to the date of Auction, then the property will not be sold vide the said Auction and all the bids received from the prospective bidders shall be returned to them without any liability / claim against the Bank.

For any further details, you may kindly contact: **Rohit Dutt Tyagi - Rohit.tyagi@hsbc.co.in**

Place: **Delhi**

Dated: **5th October 2021**

The Authorised Officer

DC PREVAIL OVER CSK BY 3 WICKETS

PTI ■ DUBAI

Shimron Hetmyer kept his nerves and played some fine shots under pressure to guide Delhi Capitals to a three-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in a battle for top-two finish in the Indian Premier League here on Monday.

Needing 28 from the last three overs to reach the target of 137, the Guyanese picked 12 runs against Dwayne Bravo and then got 10 off pacer Josh Hazlewood to bring down the equation to six runs from six balls.

DC completed the job with two balls to spare despite losing Axar Patel.

Hetmyer remained not out on a vital 28 off 18 balls, including a crucial six in the penultimate over.

A disciplined performance by Delhi Capitals bowlers restricted Chennai Super Kings to 136 for five despite a 43-ball 55 not out from the seasoned Ambati Rayudu.

The flashy Prithvi Shaw smashed three boundaries in seven balls to get the DC innings going but, while trying to go for one too many, the Mumbaier threw his wicket away when he failed to negotiate Deepak

Chahar's extra bounce and Faf du Plessis ran backwards from mid-off to complete the catch.

Shikhar Dhawan (39 off 35 balls)



clobbered Chahar for two sixes and as many fours to get 21 in the fifth over.

However, Hazlewood cut short Shreyas Iyer's (2) brief stay in the middle when he could not execute a pull shot.

Ravindra Jadeja sent back Rishabh Pant (15) when the DC skipper tried to sweep a quicker delivery from the left-arm spinner.

Debutant Rival Patel hit two fours as DC required 53 from 54 balls, but Jadeja came back to get the better of the new man from Gujarat.

R Ashwin too followed suit and when Dhawan, three balls after getting a decision against him overturned through a review, played Shardul Thakur to cover in a soft dismissal, DC were in trouble at 99 for six at the end

► IPL points table			
	M	P	NRR
CSK	13	18	+0.739
DC	13	20	+0.526
RCB	12	16	-0.157
KKR	13	12	+0.294
PBKS	13	0	-0.241
MI	12	10	-0.337
RR	12	8	-0.453
SRH	12	4	-0.475

of the 15th over.

Thakur returned excellent figures of 2/13 in four overs, while Jadeja had 2/28.

Substitute fielder K Gowtham dropped Shimron Hetmyer at a crucial stage of the game, the ball instead going past the ropes.

Earlier, Rayudu reached his fifty when he slashed Anrich Nortje over point for a boundary, following a six over deep extra over in the innings' 19th over, from which CSK scored 14 runs.

However, Avesh Khan bowled a fantastic final over in which he conceded only four runs while taking the wick-

et of Mahendra Singh Dhoni (18).

Rayudu smashed five fours and two sixes during his stay in the middle.

A major part of DC's bowling effort was a far cry from pacer Nortje's horrendous first over when he conceded 16 runs, with nine off them coming off a leg bye and a bye that Rishabh Pant couldn't get his hand to despite a diving attempt.

In between, Ruturaj Gaikwad was given out lbw, but the decision was overturned after the batsman reviewed as TV replays showed the ball was missing the leg stump.

Faf du Plessis got two boundaries on either side of the wicket against Avesh Khan as CSK raced to 26 in only two overs at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

There was swing on offer but DC's bowlers were not able to get their act right until left-arm spinner Axar Patel (2/18) struck when du Plessis' attempted pull shot was held by a diving Shreyas Iyer in the deep mid-wicket region.

The in-form Gaikwad welcomed Kagiso Rabada with a drive straight down the ground, even as Robin Uthappa, playing this game in place of Suresh Raina, walked into the middle.

Nortje removed Gaikwad in the fifth over when the batsman failed to connect his pull shot for Ravichandran Ashwin to complete a neat catch.

In my mind we have won England series 2-1: Rohit

PTI ■ DUBAI

India's white-ball vice-captain and batting mainstay Rohit Sharma has no idea about the status of last month's abandoned fifth Test against England in Manchester but he is quite clear in his mind that his team "won" the hard-fought series 2-1.

The fifth Test in Manchester was abandoned after Team India's junior physio Yogesh Parmar tested positive for COVID-19 and was found to be in direct contact of players. This was after some senior members of the Indian support staff also found to be infected.

The BCCI has agreed to play the fifth Test in July, 2022. BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has said that it will be an extension of this year's series and not a one-off game that England want.

"I don't know what's happening with the last Test match. Whether we are playing a one-off Test (next year) but in my mind we have won the series 2-1," Rohit said during sports apparel giant Adidas' campaign 'Impossible Is Nothing' which also features Tokyo Olympic medallists weightlifter Mirabai Chanu and boxer Lovlina Borgohain among other sports stars.

Asked if the England series, where he scored more than 400 runs with a hundred and two fifties in four games is a milestone series for him, he replied: "It was a good one considering where I was standing in my Test career."

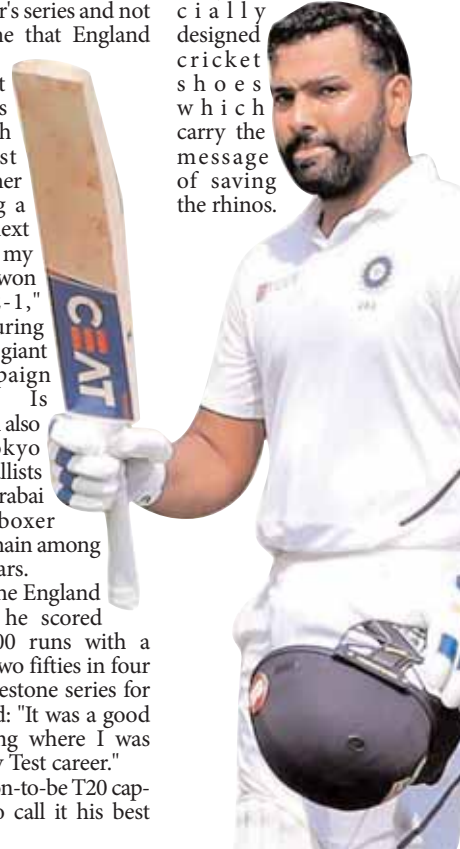
But the soon-to-be T20 captain refused to call it his best series.

"It's not my best series. I feel my best is yet to come. I utilised the time before the World Test Championship final in Southampton (to figure) what sort of technique and mindset is required. I was pretty happy and would like to take it further."

Rohit has been actively involved with the 'Save the Rhinos' campaign and also for a plastic free sustainable planet. He spoke about his experience thus far.

"It was in 2014 when I went to Kenya and was really sad knowing about the condition of rhinos. India and Africa are two places where we have the maximum rhino population.

"I often thought that why don't I carry my cause on to the field," Rohit said about the company's specially designed cricket shoes which carry the message of saving the rhinos.



Learnt from watching 'Captain Cool' Dhoni and McCullum: Erasmus

PTI ■ DUBAI

Many cricketers and captains have learnt the tricks of the trade from iconic Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Namibia skipper Gerhard Erasmus is no different as he admires the former India wicketkeeper-batsman for his "calm" approach.

The other leader from whom Erasmus drew inspiration was former New Zealand skipper Brendon McCullum, who is currently the head coach of Kolkata Knight Riders in the ongoing Indian Premier League.



"For me as captain, perhaps my captaincy style that I learn from watching guys operate like Brendon McCullum or MS Dhoni, in the sense that they are good thinkers of the game, but they have got different styles," Erasmus said in a virtual media interaction, facilitated by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"I learned a lot from watching McCullum, the instinctiveness that he has in his captaincy. The other side of the spectrum, you learn a lot from MS Dhoni, the calm and emotional face that Dhoni has, so definitely we have

learnt a lot from the highest quality players," the 26-year-old added.

The other batsman whom he looked up to while growing up was swashbuckling South African AB de Villiers, who is still taking opposition attacks to the cleaners.

"The kind of energy he (De Villiers) brought to the crease, the shot making he brought, the way he played all around the ground, he is definitely the one person I looked up to when I was young and continue to do," quipped Erasmus, who was introduced to cricket by his father.

England will only play Ashes series



AP ■ LONDON

England will only travel to Australia for the Ashes series across December and January if its leading players are in the squad. That was the message from the England and Wales Cricket Board on Monday, with the governing body saying it will announce this week if the tour will go ahead amid concerns about restrictions in place in Australia due to the pandemic.

An ECB statement said there has been "regular and positive dialogue" with Cricket Australia about arrangements for Ashes series, one of the biggest occasions in cricket. However England's players are concerned about the conditions they will have to live in after arriving in Australia, such as the quarantine arrangements and whether family members can travel.

The ECB said the priority

was to ensure the tour can take place "with conditions for players and management to perform at their best."

"We will continue talking to our players this week to share the latest information and seek feedback," the ECB said. Tellingly, the governing body added that the squad selected needed to be "befitting a series of this significance."

With the World Twenty20 competition taking place in the United Arab Emirates and Oman from Oct. 17-Nov. 14 and the five-test Ashes series beginning on Dec. 8 until mid-January, plus quarantine either side and before the Ashes, some players could be away from home for more than three months.

Ben Stokes, England's star all-rounder, is currently missing for London because he is taking a break from cricket to protect his mental health.

Morgan admits that he has been 'short of runs'

PTI ■ DUBAI

Kolkata Knight Riders captain Eoin Morgan is the first one to admit that he has been woefully short of runs throughout the IPL but is confident of finding some form with the tournament hitting the business end.

KKR are currently placed fourth with 12 points from 13 games and with a positive net run-rate will just need to win their final game to qualify for the play-offs along with CSK, Delhi Capitals and RCB.

"Yeah, I am short of runs in this phase of the tournament, the whole tournament in general. I am very lucky to be in a position where I have been through stages like this in my career," Morgan said after his team's six wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad.

"And I think the longer you go without contributing a significant score, the closer you are to actually contributing. And that's coming from experience," said Morgan, who scored a total of 111 from 12 innings with a highest score of 47 not out.

Speaking about Sunil Narine and Varun



Chakravarthy, who have had a key role in KKR, he said the team was very lucky to have them.

"I think they are the two big impact players for us (Varun Chakravarthy and Sunil Narine). We are very lucky to have them, par-

ticularly Narine. He has been a huge part of the franchise for a long time, an integral part of KKR's success.

"Game on game basis, you have to look at where they can have the biggest impact in the game and you try to get them in that position," Morgan added.

Morgan was all praise for the bowling group, who restricted SRH to 115.

"The match against SRH was a good example, we are fortunate enough that the other guys in our bowling group bowled extremely well and that allowed us to juggle things around," the KKR captain added.

The KKR captain said veteran New Zealand cricketer Tim Southee has had a good impact in the absence of key players like Andre Russell, Lockie Ferguson, Pat Cummins and the others.

"Tim's obviously had a huge impact in the side. When you miss two or three big gun players - we miss Pat, we miss Lockie, and obviously Dre (Russell) has been missing as well. His contribution with the ball in this phase has been brilliant.

PTI ■ LONDON

FIFA has offered direct encouragement for footballers to get vaccinated. The first clear statement of its kind from world football's governing body came as players were flying to countries for men's World Cup qualifiers.

"We encourage COVID-19 vaccinations," FIFA said, "and endorse the World Health Organization's position: safe, fair, and equitable access is critical in all countries. Players should not receive priority access to vaccines."

The British government last week agreed to ease strict quarantine requirements to allow fully vaccinated players to train and feature in matches on their return to



England from red-list countries, which includes all of South America. Those players who don't want to be

vaccinated would still be sent to spend 10 days in government hotel quarantine when flying back to

England.

"We acknowledge this decision does not help every player," FIFA said, "and we remain committed to further improving the situation for upcoming windows and joining discussions to explain more about the many measures we are putting in place to reduce the risks of COVID transmission into the community as a result of player travel." Many Premier League clubs blocked players from going to red-list countries during the international window last month. Players who did go missed games for their clubs as a result.

"We believe this is a much more desirable solution to the situation that players faced in September," FIFA said.

India's women footballers hope to find limelight with Asian Cup



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Not a household name at the moment, Ritu Rani is banking on next year's AFC Asian Cup to become one. So is Karishma Shirvoikar, and many others representing the senior Indian women's football team.

Ritu and Karishma feel hosting next year's FIFA U-17 World Cup and

Asian Cup will "change" the country's women football scene, motivating more girls to try taking up the sport as a career option. Both of them are looking forward to put their best foot forward in the Asian Cup.

"This will definitely bring about a change in women's football all over the country and girls would take it as a career option," Karishma told PTI.

"Both The tournaments will showcase a high level of women's football and motivate people to support women football. It is a good opportunity," she said. India will be hosting both the major events in 2022, with the continental tournament scheduled in the beginning of the year.

Both Ritu and Karishma are expected to be among the women representing the senior team in the continental meet for the senior team.

RENNES BEATS PSG 2-0

PTI ■ PARIS

Rennes scored just before and after the break to beat Paris Saint-Germain 2-0 and hand the runaway league leader its first defeat of the season.

Gaetan Laborde put Rennes ahead on the stroke of halftime after PSG star Lionel Messi had hit the crossbar with a free kick in the 31st minute. Laborde turned provider in the 46th for midfielder Flavien Tait.

"We played a very physical game and we hurt them on each of our runs," Tait said. "They were missing something today."

PSG won its opening eight games but needed injury-time goals to edge victories against Lyon and Metz.

"The first person responsible is me," PSG coach Mauricio Pochettino said after he was outwitted by Rennes coach Bruno Genesio. PSG is six points ahead of second-placed Lens and eight clear of third-placed Nice, which has played one game less.

Rennes has been a tough place to visit



for PSG in recent seasons and was again so for different reasons.

Because of heavy wind and rain, the team was unable to fly to Brittany on Saturday night and arrived at the stadium by coach and car.

The six-time Ballon d'Or winner Messi, who scored a brilliant first goal for PSG in the Champions League on Tuesday, had a shot blocked early on. He hit the crossbar with a free kick for the second time since

joining PSG in a shock move from Barcelona, where he netted 672 goals.

Although he still awaits his first league goal for PSG, Messi set up Mbappe midway through the first half — but the shot was scuffed — and almost created a goal for Neymar. PSG was punished when Ghana winger Kamaldeen Sulemana picked out Laborde for his league-leading sixth goal.

Mbappe pounced midway through the second half after Messi and Angel Di Maria put him through, but the goal was ruled out after a video review showed Mbappe was offside.

Laborde won a late penalty but it was called off following a review.

In the late game, last-placed Saint-Etienne scored an injury-time penalty to tie bitter local rival Lyon 1-1.

Tunisia forward Wahbi Khazri's spot kick for the hosts in the fifth minute of stoppage time came when video review detected a handball by Lyon defender Jason Denayer.

SINGLES

SAHDEV YADAV ELECTED AS IWFF

NOIDA: Veteran sports administrator Sahdev Yadav was on Monday unanimously elected as president of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF) for a four-year term. Anand Gowde was elected as secretary general of the federation and Naresh Sharma the treasurer during the electoral congress Annual General Council Meeting at a city Hotel.A total of 10 vice presidents, four joint secretaries and seven executive committee members were also elected. The elections were conducted by Returning Officer Narinder Paul Kaushik, Judicial Officer (Retd.), Delhi District Courts. Rakesh Gupta, joint secretary, Indian Olympic Association was present as the IOA observer.Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu had won India's first ever Olympic medal during the Tokyo Games when she claimed a silver in the 49kg category.

INDIA FINISHES WITH BRONZE

NEW DELHI: The two Indian pairs of Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyan, and Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar, earned bronze medals in the men's doubles of the 2021 ITTF-ATTU Asian Championships here on Monday.In the first semi-final, the eighth-seeded Harmeet and Manav stretched South Korean fifth seeds of Woojin Jang and Jonghoon Lim before bowing out 4-11, 6-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-8 in 44 minutes. However, the sixth-seeded pair of Sharath and Sathiyan withstood the onslaught from Yukiya Uda and Shunsuke Togami for 33 minutes, going down 5-11, 9-11, 11-13.Yet, the Indian men made history at the Asian Championships, first winning team bronze last week, and both pairs adding a doubles bronze each.Harmeet and Manav, facing a 0-2 deficit, were seemingly out of the match. But they regrouped in the third to give a scare to their opponents. From 7-all, they made it 10-10 and took the game 12-10.With renewed energy, the two combined well and ran the Koreans close at 5-5. But the three points lead at 8-5 restored their confidence as despite Korea making it 9-all, the eighth seeds sealed the game for them.

INDIAN - AMERICAN THEEGALA MISSES TITLE

JACKSON (USA): Indian American golfer Sahithi Theegala could not pull off his maiden PGA Tour triumph but finished a career-best tied-8th at the Sanderson Farms Championship here. The 23-year-old, whose parents shifted to US from India, had a final round of 1-under 71, even as Sam Burns, 25, earned his second Tour victory in his 87th start following a one-shot win over Nick Watney and Cameron Young.Burns closed with a 67 to end his week on 22-under.After holding at least a share of the lead each of the first three rounds this week, rookie Theegala finished at 19-under and tied eighth. India's Anirban Lahiri, who missed the cut this week, will return next week at the Shriners Hospital Open, as will Theegala. Korea's Si Woo Kim produced his career's fourth hole-in-one on the PGA Tour for a tied eighth finish, which maintained his solid start to the new 2021-22 Season.

1-1 DRAW IN THEIR SAFF CHAMPIONSHIPS

BANGLADESH: Male India allowed a 10-man Bangladesh to come back and score a shock goal after talismanic captain Sunil Chhetri's 76th international strike to play out a 1-1 draw in their SAFF Championships opener here on Monday.The 37-year-old Chhetri, playing in his 121st match for India, struck in the 27th minute to place himself just a goal shy of legendary Brazilian Pele (77 goals from 92 matches). He is now in the fourth spot in the list of highest scorers among active footballers, behind Cristiano Ronaldo (111), Lionel Messi (79) and Iraq's Ali Mabkhout (77).India were the better side in the first half and even though they lost possession quite often, they seemed to be cruising. They also had numerical advantage from 54th minute onwards after Bangladesh player Biswanath Ghosh was sent off for committing a foul on Liston Colaco. But Igor Stimac's men failed to stop the swift counter-attacking Bangladeshis on their tracks and conceded a goal in the 74th minute to share points, much to the dismay of the Indian camp.