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Supply maximum power to Delhi, Centre orders plants

Ministry asked to ramp up coal supply to power plants

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

mid a looming power cri-Asis, as stocks of coal in power plants have fallen to unprecedentedly low levels and States warning of power blackout, the Ministry of Power has issued directions to NTPC Ltd and Damodar Valley Corporation to supply as much power as available to Delhi.

This has been done keeping in view the Declared Capacity offered to Delhi power distribution companies (discoms) in the last 10 days. Coal stocks in power plants have fallen to low levels, and States have warned of blackout

and a power crisis.

The Ministry has also issued guidelines to ensure the States do not misuse electricity allocated from coal-based power stations of Central Public Sector

Undertakings (CPSUs).

Meanwhile, the Prime
Minister Office (PMO) on
Tuesday reviewed the coal sup-



ply at thermal power plants sources said, adding that ways across the country. At the meeting, Power Secretary Alok Kumar and Coal Secretary AK Jain made a presentation on coal and power availability,

to increase transportation of coal were also discussed during the meeting. The Coal Ministry has

been asked to ramp up the sup-

has been asked to make available rakes to transport the fuel to power plants, sources said.

According to sources, States have been forced to buy power from exchanges at high rates to meet demand According to sources, Modi is expected to hold a meeting soon on the coal issue.

Coal India Ltd has been asked to augment the coal supply to power producers to 1.55-1.6 million tonnes per day this week and to further scale it up to 1.7 million tonnes daily after October 20.

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Security personnel take positions at the encounter site near Dehra Ki Gali area in Rajouri on Tuesday

Crisis being created, Capital forced to buy power 5 times costlier: Jain

Delhi Power Minister Satyender Jain on Tuesday slammed the Centre over the coal shortage and said the Delhi Government has been compelled to buy electricity at five times the average rate.

Jain said all coal-based power plants supplying power to Delhi are non-functional. "It looks like



the crisis is being created. If there is no shortage of coal, why is NTPC not producing electricity to its full capacity," Jain said.

"Delhi has gas-powered electricity generating plants but the Central Government has stopped giving gas to Delhi at controlled rate because of which we have to buy gas at market rate to generate electricity," the

5 ultras killed, Pandits' killers identified

In a major success, a joint I team of security forces has neutralised five terrorists in the last 24 hours in two separate encounters in the south Kashmir district of Shopian.

One of the terrorists killed in the operation has been identified as Mukhtar Shah, who shot Virender Paswan, a street vendor from Bhagalpur area of Bihar, last week.

ists behind the targeted killing of schoolteachers and a prominent Kashmiri Pandit pharmacist have been identified by the security forces.

According to official sources these terrorists are believed to be cadres of LeT proxy terror outfit The Resistance Front (TRF).

According to official sources, the security forces have identified 25-year-old Kulgam, as kingpin of the "hit squad" who carried out the Pandits' killing in Srinagar. Dar had come on the radar

Basit Ahmed Dar, a resident of

of the security forces after he started working under the command of Abbas Sheikh, the self-styled chief of TRF.

According to official sources, Dar and three others — including Mehran Shalla, a youth in his early 20s and a resident of Nawa Kadal in down-

man Adil — were part of a four-member terror squad that carried out the attacks on

Hindus in the city.

The officials said the group was involved in the killing of Kashmiri Pandit businessman Makhan Lal Bindroo, school principal Supinder Kaur and teacher Deepak Chand, both of whom taught in the same

school located at Eidgah. Continued on Page 2

CAPSULE

MUNDRA DRUG HAUL: NIA SEARCHES IN NCR New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday raided multiple locations in the National Capital Region in connection with its probe related to the recent seizure of 2,988 kg of heroin at

ECONOMY TO GROW AT 9.5% THIS YEAR: IMF

Gujarat's Mundra port.

Washington: India's economy, cent due to the Covid-19 pandemic, is expected to grow by 9.5 per cent in 2021 and 8.5 per cent in 2022, according to latest projections released by the International Monetary Fund.

PAKISTANI TERROR SUSPECT ARRESTED

New Delhi: Police have arrested a 40-year-old Pakistani national who allegedly has ISI links and is involved in a plot to carry out a terror attack here, from east Delhi's Laxmi Nagar area and seized arms and ammunition from his possession

IIP GROWS 11.9% IN AUG ON LOW-BASE EFFECT

New Delhi: Industria production grew 11.9 per cent in August mainly due to a lowbase effect and good performance by manufacturing mining and power sectors that surpassed the pre-Covid level.

Flight curbs lifted, domestic airlines to operate at 100%

New rule from Oct 18 as air travel demand rises ahead of fests, declining Covid cases

PNS NEW DELHI

Domestic airlines will be able to operate at 100 per cent of their pre-Covid capacity from October 18. The Ministry of Civil Aviation on Tuesday lifted restrictions on capacity on domestic flights keeping in mind the rise in demand for air travel ahead of the festive seasons and declining Covid-19 cases.

The Government's move will enable airlines to operate more flights and will push up passenger loads as the festive season rush begins across India. The fresh circular marks the fourth consecutive upward revision. The Ministry had capped domestic airline capacity since May 2020. Currently, the cap on the capacity for domestic flights is at 85 per ators shall, however, ensure



cent since September 18.

"After review of the current status of Scheduled Domestic Operations viz-a-viz passenger demand for air travel," the Ministry has been decided to "restore the scheduled domes tic all operations with effect from 18-10-2021 without any capacity restriction," the order stated. According to the Aviation Ministry, the decision to ease the norms on flight capacity was taken after reviewing the current air travel.

The airlines/airport oper-

that the guidelines to contain the spread of Covid are strictly adhered to and Covid appropriate behaviour is strictly enforced by them during the

travel," it said. This means that from the winter schedule which comes into effect from the end of next month, airlines can have a full complement of domestic flights. Airlines will be allowed to not just return to pre-pandemic levels but go beyond that as well depending on demand. However, apart from strictly following Covid protocols, a

tinue to be applicable on domestic flights. These include the maximum and minimum fare caps and no selling of food and snacks in less than

The carriers were operating 72.5 per cent of their pre-Covid domestic flights since August 12. Between July 5 and August 12, the cap stood at 65 per cent, whereas between June and July 5, the cap was at 50 per cent.

When the Government resumed the scheduled domestic flights on May 25 last year after a two-month break, the Ministry had allowed the carriers to operate not more than 33 per cent of their pre-Covid domestic services. The cap was gradually increased to 80 per cent by December 2020. The 80 per cent cap remained in place

till June 1 this year. On October 9, the Indian carriers operated 2,340 domestic flights, which is 71.5 per cent of their total pre-Covid capacity.

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Covaxin gets emergency use nod for 2-18 yr group

Awaits final OK from Drugs and Comptroller General of India

PNS NEW DELHI

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Committee (SEC) on Covid-19 has granted emergency use approval to Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for children

in the 2-18 years age group. Now it awaits the final approval from the Drugs and Controller General of

India (DCGI). The Hyderabad-based pharma completed phase-2 and phase-3 trials of Covaxin on children below 18 years of age in September and submitted the trial data to the DCGI early this month.

"After detailed deliberation, the committee recommended grant of market authorisation of the vaccine for the age group of 2 to 18 years for restricted use in emergency



situation," the subject expert panel said in a statement.

The made-in-India vaccine will be administered in two doses, with a gap of 20 days between the first and

second dose Back in August, India had granted emergency use approval also to ZyCov-D's Covid-19 vaccine for children between the ages of 12 and 18. The vaccine is developed by pharmaceutical firm Zydus Cadila and is the first DNA vaccine to be approved in the world.

In a statement, Bharat Biotech said the clinical trial data it had submitted was thor-

oughly reviewed by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and SEC, who provided their pos-

itive recommendations. 'This represents one of the first approvals worldwide for Covid-19 vaccines for the 2-18 age group. Bharat Biotech sincerely thanks the DCGI, Subject Experts Committee, and CDSCO for their expedited review process. We now await further regulatory approvals from the CDSCO prior to product launch and market availability of Covaxin for children,

the vaccine developer said. Continued on Page 2

PM: Don't dent India's image with partisan rights definitions

Modi raps 'selective interpretation' of human rights for political gains

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday slammed elements who try to dent India's image in the name of human rights violations and asked people to be aware of them. Speaking at the 28th foun-

dation day of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), the PM castigated those who engage in "selective interpretation" of human rights and look at its violation with an eye on political loss and gains. He said such conduct is harmful to these rights as



programme, through video conferencing in New Delhi on Tuesday

well as democracy.

Modi said similar incidents are seen differently by some people as they describe human rights keeping their own interests in mind

"Some even try to dent the country's image in the name of human rights violation, and people should beware of he said. Continued on Page 2

of terror: Modi at G20 Summit Afghanistan needs humanitarian help, inclusive

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Govt, says PM

Drime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday once again asked the international community to take measure to prevent Afghan territory from becoming a source of radicalisation and terrorism. The PM also called for

"urgent and unhindered" humanitarian assistance to Afghan citizens and underlined the need for having an inclusive administration in that country.
In a virtual address at the

G20 Extraordinary Summit on



Afghanistan, via video conferencing, in New Delhi on Tuesday

Afghanistan, Modi also called upon the international community for a unified response based on United Nations

Security Council Resolution 2593 to improve the situation in Afghanistan.

Amit Khare **Stop Af from turning into source** appointed PM's adviser

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Amit Khare, a 1985 batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre who retired as higher education secretary on September 30, has been appointed as adviser to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for two years on contract basis, a personnel ministry order issued on Tuesday said.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Khare as adviser to the Prime Minister in Prime Minister's Office, in the rank and scale of secretary to the Government of India, on contract basis, initially for a period of two years, it said. He joins the Prime Minister's Office after ex-cabinet secretary PK Sinha and exsecretary Amarjeet Sinha left Continued on Page 2 | the PMO as advisers this year.

HC junks plea challenging **Asthana's pick** as Delhi CP

PNS NEW DELHI

n a relief to Delhi Police Commissioner RK Asthana, the Delhi High Court ruled on Tuesday that there was no irregularity, illegality or infirmity in the appointment of the Gujarat-cadre IPS officer as the Delhi Police head.

The court dismissed a PIL challenging his selection and observed that the landmark Prakash Singh judgment on the appointment of DGPs is not applicable to Union Territories like Delhi. A bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh said that the procedure adopted for appoint-ment of the 1984-batch IPS officer was being followed for "nearly over a decade".

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Active cases in Kerala drop below one lakh

Thiruvananthapuram: The cases in Kerala dropped below one lakh — 96,646 to be exact on Tuesday after it had breached that figure more than five months back during the start of the second wave.

The State today reported 7,823 fresh Covid-19 cases and 106 deaths, taking the caseload to 48,09,619 and fatalities to 26,448, an official press release

On April 19, the State had breached the one lakh mark with 1,07,330 active cases after reporting 13,644 fresh Covid-19 infections. The State has been showing a decline in the daily fresh cases after crossing the 30,000-mark post-Onam festival in August.



With 12,490 more people recovering from the virus since Monday, the total recoveries touched 46,85,932 and the active cases dropped to 96,646, the release said

As many as 86,031 samples were tested in the last 24 hours. Among the 14 districts, Thrissur recorded the highest number of cases with 1,178, folThiruvananthapuram (902).

Of the new cases, 53 were health workers, 35 from outside the State and 7,353 infected through contact with the source of it not being clear in 382. There are currently 3,43,082 people under surveillance in various districts, of whom 3,31,243 are in home or institutional quarantine and lowed by Ernakulam (931) and 11,839 in hospitals.

Sikkim lifts curbs on inter-State travel

Gangtok: The Sikkim Government on Tuesday lifted inter-state travel restrictions in the festive season allowing people to enter the State without producing negative RTPCR test reports or vaccination certificates at the border, as the Covid-19 situation has improved, according to a noti-

The notification was issued by the home department.
This will help both home-

grown and outside tourists who want to travel during the festive season. In another notification, the education department of the Himalayan state said students from Lower KG to Class 8 can now attend offline classes from October 18.

Classroom teachings have already started for classes 9 to 12 from September 27. **PTI**

Maha cinema halls, theaters to operate with 50% capacity

The Maharashtra Government has issued standard operating procedures (SOPs) for cinema halls, auditoriums and drama theaters, which are set to reopen from October 22, allowing them to operate at half the capacity.

Social distancing and other Covid-19-related norms must be followed, said the guidelines issued on Monday.

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray had last month announced that cinema halls and drama theatres in the state can reopen from October 22.

The Government on Monday came out with three separate GRs (Government Resolutions or orders).



Effigies of Ravana and other demons on sale alongside a road ahead of Dussehra in Jaipur on Tuesday

(REET).

There has been concerted bid to defame Savarkar after Independence: RSS chief

PNS NEW DELHI

 R^{SS} head Mohagwat on Tuesday regretted the fact that there is a lack of correct information about Veer Savarkar in today's India. He said that in the current political sce-nario in the country, thoughts of

Savarker are much needed.

While speaking at the book launch — 'Veer Savarkar: The Man Who Could Have Prevented Partition,' Bhagwat said, "There is alack of correct information." a lack of correct information about Veer Savarkar in today's India.

The things that are needed of Savarkar in today's time are in this book. There is a campaign to defame Savarkar. They are defaming because of their nationality of India, because their shop may be

Mohan Bhagwat further said that Sir Syed Ahmed is the father of Muslim discontent.

The RSS chief once again reit-

erated that the ancestors of all those living in India are the same irrespective of their caste and creed. All the people living in India are Hindus, he said, adding the meaning of Hinduism here is very

He also advised people of all faiths to live together.

The RSS head said all the reli-

gions that came to India were welcomed. "So don't talk of separation, don't talk of special rights."

Objecting to the use of the word minority, Mohan Bhagwat said that there is no such thing as minority. "We are one, we are the inheritors of the same culture, in spite of differing rituals and languages. No appeasement, and welfare of all. Everyone has rights, so also duties," he said.

Bhagwat further said that Savarkar never accepted anything blindly. "He didn't hate Muslims, he knew Urdu too. There are many

thoughts in a democracy. Those who do not know the generosity of Savarkar's ideas, they defame there. Savarkar had given a statement that Gandhiji is needed by the country. Gandhiji should work keeping his health in good health, because he

Ambedkar and Gandhiji have been appreciated by all, but petty people have made frivolous things and condemnation about

He further said that walk equally, equal in duties, and equal in fruits, there is no minority. Our motherland cannot be divided. Lohia also used to talk of Akhand

On the occasion, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was also present. Singh said that "people are not able to understand" Savarkar because a lot has been said by many

Man gets RI for life for sexually assaulting minor girl

Hyderabad: A local court on Tuesday sentenced a 45-year-old man to Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) for life for sexually assault-

(RI) for life for sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl in June 2018.

The First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge B Suresh found the man, who ran a tea stall, guilty under relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and IPC and sentenced him to rigorous life imprisonment (life imprisonment for remainder of his natural life).

The court slapped a fine of ₹ 20,000 on him. According to the prosecution, the man forcibly took the girl on a two-wheeler to a real estate office on June 16 2018 and sexually assaulted her.

Later, she narrated the incident to her mother, who filed a complaint and the man was subesquently arrested.

Police constable rapes woman in Raj, thrashed



Barmer: A police constable allegedly raped a woman at her house in Rajasthan's Barmer district and was thrashed by her family members after she raised an alarm, officials said on Tuesday.

The accused constable, Sultan Singh, who is posted at Sheo police station, has been suspend-

Singh entered the woman's house and allegedly raped her on Monday night. After the woman raised an alarm, her family members caught the constable and thrashed him badly, police said.

Singh was hospitalised after the incident, they He was suspended after the woman registered a complaint against him, they added.

The matter is being investigated by Deputy Superintendent of Police Pushpendra Singh Hada,

Irregularities in conduct of eligibility exam for teachers in Rajasthan will be probed: Pilot

Jaipur: Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Tuesday said the Rajasthan Government and the State police are working to thoroughly investigate the irregularities in the conduct of the Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers-2021

He said there will no laxity in the investigation and strict action will be taken against the culprits.

"The education minister has already given a statement. Police are doing their work. Some people have been arrested also. It is a serious matter and we need to go to its roots. There will be no laxity in the action taken by the Government and the police. Strong action will be taken against the culprits," Pilot told

The Congress leader is currently on a tour of the Tonk

constituency, which he represents in the State Assembly. He took stock of the facilities at the Saadat Hospital in Tonk on a random inspection

and spoke to the patients and their family members. The former deputy Chief Minister distributed land allotment letters and cheques

among the beneficiaries of various government schemes and listened to the issues raised by Congress workers during the "Prashasan Shehro ke Sang" District

Chinmayee Gopal and other officials were present during

Gujarat: Man gets | Flight curbs 20 years in jail for kidnapping, raping minor girl

Surat: A special POCSO court in Surat in Gujarat on Tuesday sentenced a man to 20 years rig-orous imprisonment for kidnapping and repeatedly raping a minor girl in 2017. Special POCSO court judge

Dilip Mahida sentenced Indrajit Arak (30) to 20 years in jail and 0,000, failing pay which will see him in jail for an additional year. The court also ordered payment of ₹1.5 lakh to the victim as compensation under a State Government scheme.

The victim, the daughter of a migrant worker, had gone missing from her house in Sachin GIDC police station limits in April, 2017 while playing with her friends, after which a missing person complaint was

lifted, domestic...

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After declining in Covid cases and easing of economy, airports across the country have witnessed a massive rush. On Friday, a number of flyers missed their flights due to inadequate measures at the Mumbai inadequate measures at the Mumbai airport terminal which couldn't handle the passenger crowding brought on by the weekend and festive sea-

Several videos went viral showing long queues at Terminal 2 at CISF and struggling to reach their boarding gates on time. Kolkata and Chennai airports also witnessed chaos during the weekend due to the According to the reports, Airlines

witnessed around 61,100 departures in September as compared to 39,628 departures in the same month of 2020. The number of departures in the month gone by higher by around 6 per cent, as Covid-19 infections demonstrated a downward

Covaxin gets emergency ...

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The emergency use authorisation, however, is subject to certain conditions. The developer of Covaxin will continue the study as per Whole Virion, Inactivated Corona Virus Vaccine the approved clinical trial protocol. It will have to provide updated prescribing information/package Insert (PI), Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) and factsheet, and an official from the Union Health said an official from the Union Health Ministry. Moreover, the firm should on AEFI and AESI, with due analysis, every 15 days for the first two months and monthly thereafter and also as per the requirement of New Drugs & Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, it said.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organistion (WHO) is yet to grant emergency use authorisation to Covaxin. Bharat Biotech had reportedly submitted all documents required for the listing to the WHO by July 9, and the WHO review process, which takes close to six weeks, had commenced by July-end.

5 ultras killed...

The officials said security agencies gathered CCTV footage from all the locations and joined the dots to zero in on the squad that was responsible for the killing of civilians, especially the minorities.

Sharing details of the twin anti terrorist operation a Jammu and Kashmir police spokesman said, "During the past 24 hours two antiterrorist operations were carried out in twin villages of Shopian viz, Tulran and Feeriporaout resulting in which five terrorists were neutralised. The killed terrorists include terrorist the targeted killing of a non-local vendor at Lal Bazar area of Srinagar".

The police spokesman said the search operations were launched late Monday evening in the village Tulran.

"Despite establishing contact with the hiding terrorists the operation was halted due to darkness. The terrorists were also given repeated opportunities to surrender but in the wee hours they fired on the joint search party and the fire was retaliated".

In the ensuing encounter, three terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of the encounter. The police spokesman said the killed terrorists have been identified as Danish Hussain Dar resident of Ray Kapren Shopian, Yawar Hussain Naikoo resident of Pahlipora and Mukhtar Ahmed Shah resident

of Sindbal, Ganderbal. As per police records, the killed terrorists were linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT (TRF) and remained part of groups involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on security establishments and civilian

In another encounter at Feeripora the operation remained suspended during the night but the first contact around 10.00 am. According to police, the terrorists ignored the repeated reminder for laying down their arms and targeted the security forces. "In retaliation two terrorists were killed. They have been identified as Ubaid Ahmad Dar resident of Ray Kapren and Khubaib Ahmad Nengroo resident of Braripora," it said.

As per police records, both the killed terrorists were linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT and involved in several terror crime

Stop Af from turning into...

From Page 1 "Participated in the G20

Summit on Afghanistan. Stressed on preventing Afghan territory from becoming the source of radicalization and territory. icalisation and terrorism," Modi

tweeted.
"Also called for urgent and unhindered humanitarian assistance to Afghan citizens and an inclusive administration," he said.

The UNSC resolution, adopted on August 30 under India's presabout the need for upholding human rights in Afghanistan, demanded that Afghan territory should not be used for terrorism and that a negotiated political settlement should be found out to the crisis. The Ministry of External Affairs said Modi noted that every Indian feels the pain of Afghan people facing hunger and malnutrition and emphasised the need for the international community to ensure that Afghanistan has immediate and unhindered access to

humanitarian assistance. The Prime Minister also

underlined the need to ensure that Afghan territory does not become a source of radicalisation and terrorism, regionally or globally," it said in a statement. The MEA said Modi called for

enhancing the joint fight against the nexus of radicalisation, terrorism and the smuggling of drugs and arms in the region.

"In order to preserve the socio-economic gains of the last 20 years and to restrict the spread of radical ideology, the Prime Minister called for an inclusive administration in Afghanistan, minorities," it said.

"He conveyed support for the important role of the United Nations in Afghanistan and called for renewed support of the G20 for the message contained in UN Security Council Resolution 2593 on Afghanistan," it added.

It said Modi called on the international community to forge a unified international response without which it would be difficult to bring about the desired change in Afghanistan's situation.

HC junks plea...

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The court said some "free movement of joints" has to be given to authorities in such matters in view of the unique requirements of the national Capital.

"As many as 8 erstwhile Police Commissioners in Delhi, have been appointed by the Central Government since 2006 prior to the appointment of Respondent No.2 (Asthana), following the same procedure as has been followed for appointment of Respondent No.2 herein. There has never been any objection to the said appointments...Either by UPSC or any other party," the court stated in its 77-page judgment.

Asthana, serving as the Director-General of Border Security Force, was appointed the Commissioner on July 27, four days before his superannuation on July

Petitioner-lawyer Sadre Alam sought quashing of the July 27 order of the Ministry of Home Affairs appointing Asthana as the Delhi Police Commissioner while granting him inter-cadre deputation and extension of service by one year. Noted lawyer Prashant Bhushan who

first approached Supreme Court on the matter accused Alam of copy-pasting his petition. The judgment said that this was an "unhealthy" practice. In the last week of August, Supreme Court said it will hear on the matter after the High Court's judgment asking the petitioner Bhushan's NGO CPIL to implead in the High Court. 'Before we part with the judgment, we

may add a note of caution to the Petitioner... Counsel for the petitioner had disputed and denied the allegation and asserted that the pleadings in the petition are his own creation. We do not wish to precipitate the issue any further but are constrained to observe that such a practice is certainly unhealthy and deserves to be deprecated and the petitioner shall be well advised to refrain from indulging in such an exercise, in the future," the bench said.

The court further clarified that the Supreme Court's decision in Prakash Singh case, which mandated a minimum tenure for certain police officials and the constitution of a UPSC panel before selection, was not applicable to the appointment of Police Commissioner for Delhi but were "intended to apply only to the appointment of a

"It ought to be kept in mind that Delhi, being the Capital of India, has a unique, special, and specific requirement. It has witnessed several untoward incidents and extremely challenging law and order situations/riots/ crimes, which have an international implication, which in the wisdom of the Central Government necessitated the appointment of an experienced officer possessing diverse and multifarious experience of heading a large Para-Military Security Force apart from other factors." As brought out in the counter affidavit by Respondent No. 1 (Centre), the impugned order was passed keeping in background the aforesaid factors," the court said

Supply maximum...

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At the same, taking note of the Delhi Government's claims of possible power crisis due to coal shortage, the Power Ministry issued directions say-"Keeping in view the Declared Capacity (DC) offered to the Delĥi DÍSCOMs, the, Ministry of Power has issued instructions on 10.10.2021 to NTPC and DVC as under so as to secure power supply to Delhi Discoms as per their allocations made to them under the respective power purchase agree-

Following the directives of the Central Government, NTPC and DVC have agreed to provide Delhi with a steady supply of power. The gas available from all sources including SPOT, LT-RLNG etc may be included while offering the DC to Delhi discoms. NTPC on Tuesday tweeted

been making available required power for Delhi. As the data shows (1st October to 11th October), Delhi DISCOMs have been scheduling only 70 per cent of power

that has been made available by

along with data for 11 days till

October 11, 2021 that it has

the NTPC. The discoms in the city scheduled (or got supply of) 38.81 million units (MU) against the 54.83 MU declared capacity entitlement (or made

available by the NTPC). The Ministry has also came out with a fact sheet on the power supply situation in Delhi saying the maximum demand of Delhi was 4,536 MW (peak) and 96.2 MU (Energy) on October 10, 2021. It further added that there was no outage on account of power shortage, as the required amount of power was supplied to them. It said in the last two weeks, there was not a single day, when the Delhi's power requirement was not met by the Centre.

As per its data, on October 10, energy requirement in the National Capital was 96.2 MU and the availability was 96.2 MU, while the peak demand was 4,536 MW and it was fully Likewise on October 9, the

energy requirement was 96.9 MU and the availability was also 96.9 MU. The peak demand was 4,569 MW and it was again met. On October 8, the peak demand was 4,839 MW and it was met by the Centre.

It is to be noted that on October 5, Delhi's energy need was 112.4 MU and the availability was also 112.4 MU. The demand had surged to a level of 5,189 MW and this was also

The decision to allocate power to the national Capital has been announced a day after Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said Delhi will soon be on the verge of a power crisis due to the acute shortage of coal in the national Capital. He also wrote to Modi, asking for intervention in the matter.

The Government has issued guidelines to ensure they States do not misuse electricity allocated from coal-based power stations of Central PSUs. In a separate order, the Ministry warned that if any State is found selling power in power exchange or not scheduling this unallocated power, their unallocated power may be temporarily reduced or withdrawn and reallocated to other States which are in need of such power.

Under these guidelines, the States have been requested to use the unallocated power for supplying electricity to the consumers of the State; and in case of surplus power, the States are requested to intimate so that this power can be reallocated to other needy State, it said

PM: Don't dent...

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Though Modi did not name any person or organisation, the ruling BJP has been critical of a section of human rights groups, including those with a global presence, for allegedly highlighting cases of HR violations selectively and in a one-sided manner to tar-

get the Government. In his speech, the Prime Minister cited a number of measures taken by his Government to deliver basic needs like toilets, cooking gas, electricity and homes to the poor and said this give rise to their aspirations and make them more aware of their rights. He said by making a law against "triple talaq", his Government has bestowed new rights on Muslim women. Modi also spoke of the measures like 26-week maternity leave and more stringent law for rape to highlight his dispensation's empowerment of women.

Addressing the foundation day of the NHRC, Home Minister Amit Shah appreciated the work being carried out by the rights body for creating awareness among people of the country about their human rights over the last 28 years of its existence. The Home Minister said the NHRC, since its inception, has disposed of 20 lakh

cases and awarded Rs 205 crore compensation to scores of people for violation of human rights,

which is commendable. NHRC Chairperson Justice Arun Kumar Mishra said social service organisations and human rights defenders should strongly condemn political violence and terrorism as apathy on this issue engenders "fundamentalism". Noting that a large number of people have lost their lives to political violence globally in the last century, he said it was unfortunate that political violence has "still not stopped" in the country and

"India has the spirit of 'Sarvadharma Sambhav' (harmony of religions). Everyone has freedom to build a temple or mosque or a church. But in many countries, such liberties are not there," the NHRC chief said. Lamenting that humans were hellbent on destroying humanity, he said, in the 20th century a large number of people have died due to political violence globally.

"It is unfortunate that political violence has still not stopped in the country and abroad ('Desh-videsh mey rajnaitik hinsa aaj bhi samapt nahin hui hai')," he said. The NHRC chairperson also said that "killers of innocent people cannot be glorified".

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Head of ISI's sleeper cells held

The Special Cell of Delhi Police has arrested a Pakistani national, who had been living in the National Capital's Laxmi Nagar area after obtaining Indian identity cards through forged documents. Police said that they have also recovered an AK-47 assault rifle along with two magazines and 60 rounds, two pistols with 50 rounds and a hand grenade from the alleged terrorist.

The man has been identified as Mohammad Ashraf alias Ali Ahmed Noori, a resident of Pakistan's Punjab province. According to Pramod Singh Kushwah, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, on October 12, specific inputs were received that Ashraf was staying in the Laxmi Nagar

area.

"A police team of the Special Cell was deployed at Laxmi Nagar area and after consistent efforts, it resulted in the identification of Pakistani national Ashraf. The team acted swiftly and apprehended

the suspect," said the DCP.
"Preliminary interrogation



revealed that Ashraf had been acting as head of the sleeper cell nodes in India and had been assigned to carry out an attack during the festive season at the behest of Pakistan's ISI.

Ashraf had been staying in India using a fake identity of

Shastri Park in Delhi," said the

"In 2004, he got his training from a Pakistani ISI handler code name Nasir in Siyalkot, Pakistan. Nasir motivated him to be a part of the sleeper cell

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for subversive activities for Pakistan in India and after completion of his training, Ashraf managed to enter India through the Siliguri border, West Bengal," said the DCP.

"He then went to Ajmer and befriended a maulvi at a

Red Light On Gaadi Off from Oct 18

accompanied the said maulvi to Delhi. He came to the factory of a relative of the maulvi in the walled city area and started Tilawat (daily wages prayer job) at factories in that locali-

ty," said the DCP. "Ashraf met other relatives of the maulvi and managed to of the maulyi and managed to win over their trust and start-ed receiving money from his ISI handler Nasir through Western Union Money Transfer through IDs of the maulvi's relatives.

During his stay in the country, he was in regular touch with his Pakistani handler, Nasir through different secure communication channels," said the DCP adding that recently he was tasked by his Pakistani handler to orchestrate terror strikes during the festi-

"The recovered arms and ammunition were arranged by the Pakistani handler to carry

Ashraf is also suspected to be involved in many terror strikes in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of India in the past," said the DCP adding that further investigation is going

Tiwari hurt in protest near CM's house

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he Bharatiya Janata Party}}_{\text{(BJP) MP from East Delhi}}$ rushed to Safdarjung Hospital after being hit by a water cannon during a demonstration in front of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal's residence. According to sources in Delhi BJP, Manoj Tiwari sustained injuries near his neck and underwent treatment at Safdarjung Hospital. "If opening of swimming pools in the Capital has not led to a spike in Covid cases, how will Chhath Puja celebrations where people stand in water for a short while spread infection?" Tiwari questioned the AAP Government. "The Government can make the body temperature check mandatory for entry into the Chhath Puja sites and also make it necessary to video record the celebrations. Nearly two crore vaccine doses have been administered in Delhi. Covid cases are at an all time low. Chhath is celebrated by maintaining social distance, as fasting women are not supposed to touch anyone. It can be celebrated while adhering to all the Covid-19 guide-lines," he said.

Manish Sisodia urges Mandaviya to issue new Covid norms for Chhath

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

ust a few days after the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) prohibited the public celebration of Chhath at the Yamuna River banks and water bodies in the midst of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Tuesday wrote to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya to issue guidelines for the festival.

In a letter to the Union Health Minister, Sisodia wrote, 'You are aware that for the last 18 months, Delhi as well as the

entire nation has faced the situation arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic in an unprecedented manner. Last year also, in view of the threat of the Covid-19 epidemic, decisions were taken to celebrate Chhath festival throughout the country as per the instructions of the Government of India."

It may be recalled, that as per the DDMA's fresh guidelines for Covid-19 issued in October beginning, Chhath Puja celebrations in the city have been prohibited in public places and people have been advised to celebrate it in their

Congress raps Delhi Govt for curbs on celebrating Chhath



STAFF REPORTER ■ **NEW DELHI**

Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar on Tuesday criticised the Delhi Government for "hurting" the sentiments Purvanchalis by not allowing permission to celebrate Chhath Puja while following

Covid-19 protocols. Kumar said that Kejriwal has strong "anti-Poorvanchali" sentiments that were witnessed during Covid-19 pandemic lock-downs in 2020 and 2021. "Millions of Poorvanchalis were forced to leave the capital and marched towards their native places on foot but the Delhi Government did not provide any help," he

Poorvanchalis, has now necessary arrangements.

become a part of the religious calendar of Delhi and people are allowed to perform it, he

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) in an order last week prohibited Chhath Puja celebrations at public places, including riverbanks, water bodies and temples, in view of the Covid-19 situation.

BIP MP Manoi Tiwari on Saturday had also urged the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal to allow the devotees to celebrate Chhath Puja while following COVID-19 protocols, The BJP MP said that he will not accept a complete ban. Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta on Monday had said the party will celebrate Chhath puja in the Capital and all three municimportant religious festival of ipal corporations will make

Delhiites should pitch in to bring down pollution in city: Arvind Kejriwal



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

hief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday urged Delhiites to help bring down pollution in the city by giving up vehicle use once in a week and turning off engines of vehicles at red lights.

He also noted that pollution caused locally was in safe limit but stubble burning in other states was increasing it. "I have been tweeting air

quality data for past one month. It shows pollution has started increasing because neighbouring states did not help their farmers who are forced to burn paddy straw

The Chief Minister said that it is high time that burning so that it could be Delhiites took responsibility checked, he added.

to bring pollution down.

individual takes responsibility and contributes to the three measures including 'Red Light On Vehicle Off' campaign starting from October 18, to at least reduce pollution generated locally, he said.

Experts say keeping vehi-cle engines off at red lights could save ₹250 crore and reduce pollution by 13-20 percent, he said.

He also urged people to use public transport or car pool to avoid use of their own vehicle at least once in a week. People should also become eyes and ears of the Delhi gov-

dents of pollution like garbage

It is necessary that every

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday announced that the 'Red Light On Gaadi Off' campaign will start on October 18.

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Citing PCRA (The Petroleum Conservation Research Association) report, Keiriwal encouraged Delhiites to participate in the campaign light. "A PCRA report states that turning off cars at red lights can save about ₹250 Particulate Matters (SPMs).

Crore and reduce pollution by 13-20 per cent. we can all avoid using our personal vehicles at least once a week to save fuel and reduce pollution."

Delhi Government has launched various campaign, instance - anti-dust campaign, Green War Room, free spraying of Pusa- made de-composer in paddy fields etc.., for fight against pollution in wincal factors play vital role in the dispersion of Suspended composer in paddy fields, etc, for fight against pollution in winter season The Aam Aadmi Party again bear with incessant winter pollution."

Delhi Government has launched various campaign like anti-dust campaign, Green War Room, free spraying of Pusa- made de-

(AAP) supremo said, "The pollution levels stay within the safe limits throughout the year but during this time of the year, it starts to increase gradually. One can go and check my tweets in the last 3-4 days and observe how the pollution levels have been on the rise. The reason behind this

rise is the fact that the Governments of the neighbouring States did not at all try to help their farmers in managing the stubble.

The farmers have been forced into burning their stubble. It is very evident in NASA's all of this Delhi will have to Delhi.

H also mentioned about

ten -point Winter Action Plan and urged masses to join campaign and said, "If we start to follow these three solutionssave fuel and combat pollution by switching off our engines on red lights, use public transport and avoid using our vehicles and be active and responsible on the Green Delhi App to notify the Government of any ongoing activity causing dust and pollution, then we will be making great progress in our fight. Throughout the last few years, we have worked hard in burning has started in the we will continue to do so with neighbouring states. Thanks to all the efforts of the people of

City reports 34 new cases | G'gram man gets into with positivity of 0.06%

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The national Capital report-L ed 34 new cases on Tuesday while the positivity rate stood at 0.06 per cent, according to a health bulletin issued by the health department of the Delhi Government.

A total of 61094 tests 39,156 RT-PCR tests and 21,938 rapid antigen tests -were conducted a day ago, the bulletin said. As per the bulletin, the Covid case tally in Delhi reached 1439252 of which over 14.13 lakh patients have recovered. The death toll has risen to

The national Capital has 12,600 ICU beds as on Tuesday.

wave of the pandemic in April and May that claimed a massive number of lives with the issue of oxygen shortage in hospitals adding to the woes.

On April 20, Delhi had reported 28,395 cases, the highest in the city since the beginning of the pandemic. On April 22, the case positivity rate was 36.2 per cent, the highest so far. The highest number of 448 deaths was reported on May 3. The Delhi Government has taken steps to increase the number of hospital beds to accommodate up to 37,000 patients a day and to become self-reliant in terms of oxygen

Limca Book of Records Gurugram: Gurugram-based fitness trainer and Martial Arts

expert M A Murtoza registered his name in the Limca Book of Records (LBR) by performing 101 consecutive full-contact knee strikes using only one leg in 1 minute.Murtoza's achievement was recognized by Limca Book of Records. He had made many attempts earlier to enter the Limca Book of Records.

Finally, with diligence, he has now been successful and the 42-year-old Murtoza has entered the LBR's 2020-2022 edition. Talking about his achievement Murtoza said "This was not an easy task to grab this achievement. It required a lot of patience and hard work to com-

dedicated to my father who has left to us suddenly". However, Murtoza had participated in the event in May 2019 but due to the covid pandemic, a cut-off of the Limca Book of Records was released in May 2021. Meanwhile, this was the 30th edition of the Limca Book of Records which has been launched on September 20 2021. "My aim behind attempting the record was to make the society and youth aware about the importance of health and fitness in today's hectic life. Every citizen's need to adopt the concept of Fit India, which is the key to a hale and healthy society," he added.



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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective properties. SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

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Name of the Branch

Description of the immovable properties mortgaged / Owner's Name (Mortgagor of the property(ies)

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STATUTORY 15 SALE NOTICE UNDER RULES OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

PLACE: JALANDHAR

CBI raids ex-Adviser to J&K L-G, 40 places

As part of the countrywide searches covering 41 locations in the arms licensing racket, the CBI on Tuesday searched the residence of Baseer Khan, the former adviser to Jammu & Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. Besides Basheer's residence, the agency also conducted searches at 40 locations in other parts of the country, including New Delhi and Madhya Pradesh.

Khan, a promoted IAS officer, was relieved of the charge of advisor earlier this month. He was made an advisor in March last year when G C Murmu was the Lt governor and he continued in the post under Murmu's successor

The CBI searches were conducted at around 41 locations including at Srinagar, Anantnag, Banihal, Baramulla, Jammu, Doda, Rajouri, Kishtwar (Jammu & Kashmir), Leh, Delhi and Bhind (Madhya Pradesh) at the official and residential premises of around 14 then public servants including then District Magistrates (IAS/KAS) among others.

In addition to this, the

agency also searched the premises of several clerks and five private persons (middlemen/agents); around 10 Gun houses/dealers in the on-going



to arms licence racket.

"During searches, Incriminating documents including issuance of arms licences, list of beneficiaries, documents related to investment in FDRs and other sale proceeds, property documents, bank account details, locker keys, diary comprising incriminating details, arms licence Registers, electronic gadgets/mobile phones and some cash including old currency were recovered," the CBI said in a statement.

The CBI had registered two cases on the request of Jammu and Kashmir Government and further notification from the Centre, and took over the investigation of two FIRs—No.18 of 2018 dated May 17, 2018 earlier registered at Police Station Vigilance Organisation Kashmir (VOK) and FIR No. 11 of 2018 dated

May 17, of Police Station Vigilance Organisation Jammu (VOJ) on the allegations of bulk issuance of arms licenses in the erstwhile State of J&K during the period 2012 to 2016.

It was alleged that more than 2.78 lakh arms licences were issued to the non-entitled persons. CBI also collected documents pertaining to the issuance of said armed licences allegedly spread over 22 districts of J&K.

During investigation and scrutiny of documents, the role of certain gun dealers was also found who in connivance with the public servants like the then DM and ADM of the concerned district, had allegedly issued such illegal arms licenses to the ineligible persons.

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vritten objections within 15 days.

It was also alleged that the persons who got these licences Prevention Act (UAPA). were not residents of the places from where the said arms licences were issued

Naveen Mishra

President

NIA searches spots in NCR in ₹21K cr Mundra Port drug haul

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday searched multiple locations here and in the National Capital Region in connection with its probe related to the recent seizure of 2,988 kg of heroin at Gujarat's Mundra Port, an official said.

The searches were conducted at five places including residential premises and godowns at Lajpat Nagar, Alipur, Khera Kalan, New Delhi and Noida in connection with the seizure of semi processed Talc stones with contraband drugs imported by Aashi Trading Company, the NIA said.

During searches, various incriminating documents, articles and items were seized by NIA, the agency said.

The agency earlier this month took over the case from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) following an order from the Union Home Ministry and registered a criminal complaint under Sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and the Unlawful Activities

The case relates to seizure of 2988.21 kg of narcotics substance (heroin) at



During searches, various incriminating documents. articles and items were seized by NIA, the agency

Mundra Port, Gujarat, having involvement of foreign nationals in procurement and delivering of consignment, it said.

The narcotics drugs Heroin was found concealed in the import consignment of 'Semi-processed Talc stones' originating from Afghanistan which had arrived from Bandar Abbas Port, Iran.

On September 13, the DRI detained two containers that had arrived at Mundra Port from Kandahar in

Afghanistan via Bandar Abbas port of Iran.

The declaration accompanying the containers claimed they had "semiprocessed talc stones".

However, a thorough examination by DRI had established that the two containers in fact contained 2,988 kg of heroin worth ₹21,000 crore, which was concealed in "the lower layers" of "jumbo bags" topped with talc stones, an official release had said.

The DRI had arrested eight persons, including five foreign nationals, in connection with the seizure of the drugs

Raids were also carried out by the NIA soon after filing the case. Searches were then conducted by the NIA in Chennai, Coimbatore and Vijayawada at premises of the accused

Edakkara Maoist case: Raids in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, K'taka

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at multiple places across Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in connection with its probe in the Edakkara Maoist case.

The agency conducted searches at twenty locations at the premises of accused Maoists across Tamil Nadu Kerala and Karnataka.

The searches were carried out at twelve locations in Tamil Nadu, in the districts of Chennai, Coimbatore, Theni, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Kanyakumari, and Krishnagiri, three locations in Kerala in the districts of Wayanad, Thrissur, and Kannur, and five locations in Karnataka in the districts of Chikmagalur, Udupi and Shimoga, Karnataka, the agency said.

"During the searches conducted today, digital devices including mobile phones, SIM cards, pen drives, documents including books, manifesto, pamphlets and other incriminating materials have been recovered from the premises of the accused persons," the NIA said in a statement.

The case was originally registered as FIR No. 249/2017 dated September 30, 2017 at **After investigation** by State Police, five accused persons were chargesheeted

police station Edakkara, Malappuram, Kerala and was re- registered by the NIA on August 20 this year.

The case registered under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code, Arms Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act relates to the conspiracy by members of CPI (Maoist), a proscribed terrorist organisation for conducting training camp, arms training, flag hoisting and celebrations for formation day of CPI (Maoist) during the last week of September 2016 in the Nilambur forest area. The accused were also booked for engaging in anti-national activities, threatening the unity, integrity and security of India.

After investigation by State Police, five accused persons Kalidas, Danish alias Ŕrishna, Rajan Chittilapilly, Dinesh D H and T K Rajeevan were chargesheeted on May 18, 2021. Investigation by NIA is continuing against the involvement of remaining 20 members of CPI (Maoist).

J&K POLICE DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU

LOOK OUT NOTICE

SDPO Domana vide communication No. 10802/SDD dated 04.10.2021 intimated that one un-known person met with an accident at Rajpura and was shifted to GMCH, Jammu, from where, he succumbed to his injuries and died. Upon this, case FIR No. 139/2021 U/S 279/304-A IPC registered at P/S Kahanachak and dead body was shifted to mortuary room of GMCH, Jammu for identification.

For the identification of unidentified male dead body below description roll is required to be published on daily newspapers for identification / Public in general, having any clue related to the unidentified dead body, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact/Telephone numbers

Description Roll:-: About 60 years

Height : 5 feet 4 Inch : Wheatish having beard Colour Face Shape: Oval

Hair Colour : White : Yellow Coloured Kurta

And Blue Coloured Pajama Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-1. DPO, Jammu

2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D 3. PCR Jammu 4. SP Rural

Dated: 12.10.2021

: 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578

Jammu

: sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in : 0191-2542000 : 0191-2605949 5. SDPO Domana : 0191-2604220

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I, Shaily Rekhi W/o Vishal Rekhi, residing at B-98, 2nd floor, Brij Vihar, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201011 have changed the name of my minor daughter Avika Rekhi aged 12 years and she shall hereafter be known as

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India sees lowest daily rise in Covid cases with 181 deaths

PNS NEW DELHI

ndia saw the lowest daily rise In Covid cases on Tuesday since early March as 14,313 fresh infections were registered, said the Government which is reportedly aiming for 100 crore vaccination anytime

Till Tuesday, the country reported over 96 crore vaccination coverage under the nationwide vaccination programme. A total of 181 Covid-19

related deaths were reported in India in the past 24 hours, according to the Union Health Ministry. The current recovery rate is 98.04%, highest since March 2020. With a sharp decline of

12,449 active cases, the coun-2,14,900 the ministry data showed. Active cases account for less than 1% of total cases, currently at 0.63%. India's Covid-19 tally had

crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16.

Chief of US naval ops' India visit coincides with Malabar exercise

PNS NEW DELHI

A mid growing Chinese mus-cle-flexing in key waterways in the region, including Indo-Pacific, Chief of US naval operations Admiral Michael Gilday arrived here on Tuesday on a five-day visit coinciding with the second phase of the Malabar exercise, involving the navies of the Quad countries, that commenced during the day in the Bay of Bengal. Admiral Gilday held extensive talks with Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh.

The Indian Navy began phase of Multilateral Maritime Exercise Malabar along with the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force, Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the United States Navy.

The exercise is being conducted in the Bay of Bengal from October 12 - 15. First Phase of the exercise was conducted in the Philippines Sea from August 26 – 29

The Indian Navy's participation includes INS Ranvijay, INS Satpura, P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft and a Submarine. The US Navy will be represented by the Aircraft Carrier USS Carl Vinson along with two destroyers, USS Lake Champlain and USS Stockdale. The JMSDF will be repre-

sented by JS Kaga and JS Murasame. The Royal Australian Navy will be represented by HMAS Ballarat and HMAS Sirius. "The Second Phase of the

synergy, coordination and interoperability developed during the First Phase of the exercise and would focus on advanced surface and antisubmarine warfare exercises, seamanship evolution and

weapon firings," officials said. The Malabar series of exercises, which began as an annu-

between India and the US in 1992, has seen increasing scope and complexity over the years.

The 25th edition of Malabar, being conducted in two phases, while observing all protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic, is reflective of the commitment of the participating countries to support a free, open, inclusive Indo-Pacific as well as a rulesbased international order, they

On Tuesday Admiral Gilday's talks with Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh covered issues on boosting overall bilateral maritime security

During the talks, a range of issues including the regional security scenario, the situation in the Indo-Pacific and ways to further expand bilateral maritime cooperation, officials

"Thank you Admiral Singh and the @indiannav for hosting me during my visit to

India. We are committed to operationalizing #USIndiaDefense partnership, including through enhanced information-sharing, regional security, and exercising at sea together," Admiral Gilday

tweeted. He is also scheduled to visit Indian Navy's Western Command in Mumbai and Eastern Command at Visakhapatnam where he is scheduled to interact with the respective Commander-in-Chiefs.

"Admiral Gilday is also scheduled to embark the US Navy's Carrier Strike Group off the East Coast of India along Indian Navy Spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal

The Carrier Strike Group is being led by nuclear-powered US aircraft carrier Carl Vinson and it is participating in the second phase of the high-voltage Malabar exercise from October 12-15.

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005 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 **Webinar on 'cyber safety**

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 Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession Date of Demand Name Name of the Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) Borrower/ Loan Account Numbe Branch Manoj Sachdeva/ Rashmi Ahluwalia/ LBDEL00001516044/ Plot No-E-419, 2nd Floor Greater Kailash- II, Delhi/ October 08, 2021 March 26, 2021/ Delhi/

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93,81,858/-LBDEL00001639313 The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. **Authorized Officer**



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NIT Number: 110/BMC/2021-368 Online percentage/Item rate bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms

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for women and girls' held

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In tandem with the global cyber safety needs and the importance of cyber hygiene, the National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and UN Women India on Tuesday jointly organised a webinar on "Cyber Safety for Women and Girls" with the National Cyber Security Awareness Month celebrations.

The webinar marked the beginning of jointly launched series of initiatives by NeGD and UN Women India under the broader theme of 'India's digital dreams and cyber safety' to encourage safe and equal online spaces for women and girls. It acknowledged the gravity of rising cybercrimes and violence, and the need to encourage safe and equal online spaces for women and girl celebrations.

Abhishek Singh, CEO, NeGD and also CEO, MyGov & CEO and MD, Digital India Corporation, said: "Through The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, brought out in February 2021, Government of bringing is sanity to the social media platforms that are commonly used and ensuring that the rights of everyone, especially women and girls, are protected."

Susan Ferguson, UN Women's Country Representative for India, expressed her optimism towards bringing about awareness and attitude change.



Scientists identify molecules in blood that can detect dementia

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Scientists have identified molecules in the blood that can detect dementia about two to five years before its onset, making the diagnosis of the condition—via a simple blood test.

The biomarker discovered by researchers at the DZNE and the University Medical Center Gottingen (UMG) is based on measuring levels microRNAs—which influence the production of proteins and

thus a key process in the metabolism of every living organism. As the technique is not yet

suitable for practical use, the scientists aim to develop a simple. low-cost blood test, similar to the rapid test for SARS-CoV-2, and can be applied in routine medical care to assess demen-

According to the study data, presented in the scientific journal EMBO Molecular Medicine, microRNAs could potentially also be targets for dementia therapy.

dementia manifest, the brain has already been massively damaged. Presently, diagnosis happens far too late to even have a chance for effective treatment. If dementia is detected early, the odds of positively influencing the course of the disease increase," said Andre Fischer, Professor at the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at UMG.

"We need tests that ideally respond before the onset of dementia and reliably estimate

"When symptoms of the risk of later disease. In other words, tests that give an early warning. We are confident that our current study results pave the way for such tests," Fischer added. Through extensive studies

in humans, mice and cell cultures, the researchers identified three microRNAs whose levels were associated with mental performance.

For this, they analysed data from both young, cognitively normal individuals and from elderly people with mild cog-

The findings showed that in healthy individuals, levels of microRNAs correlated with mental fitness.

The lower the blood level.

nitive impairment.

the better the subjects performed in cognition tests. In mice, in turn, this score increased even before the rodents started to show mental decline—regardless of whether this was due to age or because they developed symptoms similar to those of Alzheimer's

J&K: Massive hunt on to track down ultras

Massive searches continued during the day in the thickly forested area of Dera Ki Gali in Surankote area of Poonch on Tuesday to track down the footprints of the terrorists believed to be hiding in the area before moving towards Kashmir valley.

Five Indian Army soldiers including a JCO had made a supreme sacrifice in the line of duty on Monday.

Deputy Inspector General of Police (Rajouri-Poonch Range) Vivek Gupta told reporters in Poonch, "during a cordon and search operation in the area a patrol party of the Indian Army was targeted in which five soldiers sacrificed their

He said the joint parties have cordoned off the area and the operation is still going on in the area. "We want to take it to its logical conclusion in the shortest possible time", he added.

DIG Vivek Gupta also claimed the group of terrorists was already camping in the area and had not infiltrated recently. "We believe the group was present here for the past 2-3 months". The frontier districts of Rajouri and Poonch have become active for the last couple of months.



Several infiltration bids have been attempted and few among them have been successful. Since July 2021 several encounters took place in the Sunderbani, Nowshera and Thanna Mandi areas of Rajouri and a group of terrorists were neutralised in Poonch while the terrorists were headed to Kashmir valley via Pir Ki Gali along the

Meanwhile, the Indian Army also organised a wreath laying ceremony in Rajouri before dispatching the mortal remains of martyred soldiers to their native places.Defence Spokesman Lt-Col Devender Anand said, "rich tributes were paid to the fallen soldiers who laid down their lives during the conduct of Counter Terrorist operation in general area Thanamandi on 11 October 2021". "Wreaths were laid by senior Army officers and civil dignitaries.

Mehbooba slams J&K for sleeping on tip-off about targeted killings

Jammu: PDP president minorities. Yet they chose to Mehbooba Mufti claimed on ignore these inputs. Instead Tuesday that the Jammu & Kashmir administration had prior information about attacks on minority community members but ignored the inputs to provide security to Union ministers, who came here to amplify the BJP's "fake narrative and propaganda" about normalcy in the Union Territory.

At least seven people have been killed by terrorists this month in the Kashmir valley. Of those killed, four belonged to minority communities and six of the deaths were reported from Srinagar. Mufti also claimed that 700 civilians were arrested in the aftermath of the recent killings with the intention to "shift the blame and absolve

"J&K admin had prior

they were busy providing security to Union Ministers who were brought to Kashmir to amplify BJP's fake narrative & propaganda of so called nor-malcy in J&K," she wrote on

The former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister is on a five-day tour of the Chenab valley region. During her visit, she has addressed PDP workers' conventions at different places since Sunday.

"Not taking responsibility & arresting 700 civilians shows their intention to shift blame & absolve themselves. Collective punishment & humiliation of an entire population has become the one size fits all approach to resolve problems caused due to GOI's punitive policies," Mufti

Kerala: Narco smugglers deploy women to lure potential preys

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Anew modus operandi to woo potential targets towards narcotics is emerging fast in Kerala. The State has become a den of drug pushers and addicts, if the number of cases being busted by the excise and narcotics control departments are any indication. But what has shocked the officials is the number of women being held along with the contraband.

Two women in their early twenties formed the five-member team that was arrested by the Police last week from a suburb in Ernakulam on charges of drug pushing. They were not ordinary girls but good looking women hailing from upper middle families. An investigating officer said on condition of anonymity that they could sweet-talk anyone to consume any kind of drugs.

high school teacher from Ernakulam's Kakkanadu area has sent shockwaves across the State. She is known for her fluent speeches and skills to attract anyone towards her. "Even the well educated and widely travelled persons would find it difficult not to believe her. Efforts are on to find out the students who have been cornered by his voluptuous teacher," said an investigating officer.

The teacher, whose name has been given as Susmitha Philips, was reportedly in contact with many film personalities. "She was a regular in the rave parties held by many film stars. We are scrutinizing her phone calls and bank account details to establish her role as a pusher as well as junkie," said

Though there were past instances of women being arrested for possession of marta of society. "This is the first time we are coming across characters like Philip and the girls mentioned earlier. There are reasons to believe that Kerala has been taken over by narcotics smugglers," said a senior official

Rishiraj Singh, an Indian Police Service officer who once headed the Excise Department of the State had warned the authorities about the hydra headed minster all set to swallow the society. "Curiosity, Peer Pressure, and Stress are the factors which make the youngsters getting drawn towards narcotics," said Rishiraj Singh. He said the drug consumption in the State has seen manifold increase over the last two decades. "The facts and figures under the possession of the State Crime Records Bureau speak volumes about this," said



Crowd at a flower market ahead of Ayudha Puja and Dussehra Festival at KR Market in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Muslims organise Durga Puja in Kolkata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

t a time when divisive forces A ta time when divisive forces are engaged in polarizing the society this festive season Mother Goddess Durga seems to have brought from the heavens a distinct message of communal peace and harmony.

Cut to south-central Kolkata. One may have heard Muslims taking part in Hindu festivities or vise versa but here the story is a tad different. A group of Muslim youth has revived a long abandoned Durga Puja at the Alimuddin Street locality --- which is known for housing the State CPI(M) headquarters.

Till about 15 years ago the Hindu families of the area used to organize the Durga Puja. But almost all of them have migrated to some other places leading to the closure of the decades' old Puja in this neighbourhood, locals say. The Puja had started in the mid fifties but was discontinued post 2005.

'We also missed the Pujas badly as we had played inside and around the pandal for years when we were youngsters ... but we were not sure how the Hindu people would take it if we initiated a Puja on our own ... But when a local Hindu brother came with the idea of reviving it we lapped it up ... more because Pujas had been fun to us since we were young \dots even our parents came here when they were kids," said Md Ashraf a local resident.

The young Muslim boys immediately prepared a budget and raised "chanda" (donation) --- and needless to say with only two Hindu families around the entire funding had to be done by the Muslim brothers ... and they happily did so," said Tausif who bore the maximum cost to make the arrangements.

"It feels great blowing conch

shells and ringing bells ... initially we were not sure whether it would be in the fitness of things for a Muslim person to blow conch shells or whether the Durga Maata would accept the prayers ... but when we were told that She is everyone's Mother and that she accepts anything given with love we started doing things with more freedom ... in fact all the fruits were cut by us and the Purohit (priest) is only doing the ritualistic part of it," said Ejaz.

The Muslim boys have renamed the club Sishupal Foundation Durga Puja Committee. About a dozen Muslim youth promised almost in one voice to organize the Pujas for years "till we are there and after us our children...

In fact "we love the khicri bhoga very much so we are making special arrangements to prepare khichri here," said Tausif adding "all the four days of fes-

tivities we are not eating any non-veg because it is a matter of pleasing your Mother ... believe me this Mother is no different from that mother back home ... in fact we have asked the priest to tell us the story of the Pujas right from Mahalaya Day." Another gentleman said sounding philosophical, "we

have known how the demon Mahishasura was killed by the Goddess ... he also said that it is all symbolic ... the demon and God are two feelings that reside inside us and through the Puja we revive the God and kill the demon ..."

Though the Muslims have taken part in Durga Pujas in other areas like Khidderpore and Muhammad Ali Park the one at Alimuddin Street is an exception because it is almost an ʻall-Muslim Puja" sources said adding there are plans to develop it into a big ticket Puja in the

Minor fire atop Didi's office

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minor fire broke out on A Tuesday at Bengal State secretariat Nabanna, sources adding the fire broke out on the 14th floor just above the office of Chief Minister Mamata

The fire was caused due to a short circuit in the mobile towers atop the building, sources said adding the police immediately called the Fire Brigade and it took three engines to douse the

Though no casualty was reported as there was no staff inside the 15 storey building across Hooghly River where the State secretariat was temporarily shifted by Banerjee after the 300-year-old Writers Buildings was vacated for ren-

employment to the youth but

can also improve the economy of the country and our party will work for it," he said.

started his "rath yatra" from this

town and the party is following

ple will give their support and

the SP government will be

formed with majority,

that tradition.

He recalled that his father Mulayam Singh Yadav had also

Maya questions Congress silence on Dalit's killing in Rajasthan

Lucknow: BSP president Mayawati on Tuesday questioned the "silence" of Congress Dalit youth in Rajasthan and suggested that the Supreme Court should take suo moto cognizance of the case as it had done in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence in Uttar Pradesh.

She also questioned the silence of the Congress leadership over the "ruthless murder in Rajasthan" and accused the party of restricting its Dalit leaders from speaking on this topic.

In a tweet in Hindi, the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president said, "In the latest incident in Congress-ruled Rajasthan, the ruthless murder of a Dalit was discussed and condemned all over the country, but the Congress leadership not only kept mum but also imposed restrictions on its Dalit leaders from speaking about it. This is very sad and shameful.

Alleging that Dalits hold no importance for the Congress party, she said, "This proves that in the eyes of the Congress party and their governments, there was no importance of Dalits in the past and now also there is no concern for their lives, properties and safety. The new CM of Punjab and the new leader of Gujarat have also maintained silence by adopting standards

"The FIR was lodged three days after the killing in Rajasthan due to which there are scant chances of the family getting justice from the Government. Therefore, like the Lakhimpur Kheri case of UP, if the Supreme Court takes suo moto cognizance of this matter as well, it would be better," she said in another tweet.

The Dalit man, identified as Jagdish, was thrashed to death by the accused on October 7 in the Prempura area of Hanumangarh.

The accused also shot a video of the entire incident in which they are seen giving water to the victim to drink and then beating him up repeatedly with sticks.

LAKHIMPUR VIOLENCE –

Ashish Mishra taken One more to Crime Branch for interrogation

Uttar Pradesh Police took MoS Home Ajay Mishra's son Ashish to the Crime Branch office here on Tuesday for interrogation in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence case, a day after a court sent him to three-day police custody, an official

Chief Judicial Magistrate Chintaram on Monday had granted three-day police remand, with the condition that Ashish Mishra would not be harassed and his lawyer would remain present during interrogation.

He was arrested on Saturday night in connection with the October 3 Lakhimpur Kheri violence in which eight people, including four farmers, were killed.

The police had demanded a 14-day remand of Ashish, but

ning October 12 and it will end on October 15, senior prosecution officer (SPO) SP Yadav had told reporters. Ashish Mishra was questioned for 12 hours in the Crime Branch office on Saturday before his arrest. Now the Special Investigation Team, set up by the state government to probe the case, will interrogate him about the incident, the senior police official said.

Elaborate security arrangements have been made in and around the police line, he added.

Ashish Mishra was named in an FIR following allegations that he was in one of the vehicles that mowed down four farmers protesting over UP Deputy Chief Minister Keshay Prasad Maurya's visit on October 3.

arrested

Lakhimpur Kheri (UP): Police here on Tuesday arrested one more person in connection with the Lakhimpur Kheri viocourt, which sent him to 14day judicial custody.

Senior prosecution officer SP Yadav said they have sought 14-day police custody of Shekhar Bharti and the hearing in this regard will take place on Wednesday.

He was sent to 14-day judicial custody, the officer said. With Bharti's arrest, police so was have arrested four peo-

Earlier, they had arrested Union minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra, Luvkush and Ashish Pandey in connection with the violence, in which eight people, including four farmers, were

SP Yadav said two people--Ankit Das and Latif-- moved applications for surrender at the CIM court.

Akhilesh launches 'rath yatra' from Kanpur Kanpur/Mathura: Kickstarting

his party's "mission 2022" with a "rath yatra", SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday hit out at the BJP, saying it has "crushed farmers" and on return to power in Uttar Pradesh would crush the Constitution" as

launched the "Samajwadi Vijay Rath Yatra" from UP's Kanpur and it will cover all 403 Assembly segments ahead of the 2022 Assembly polls in the Meanwhile, Shivpal Yadav,

who is Akhilesh's uncle and heads the Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party, also launched a "Samajik Parivartan Yatra" from Mathura.

Akhilesh launched the yatra after taking blessings of his father Mulayam Singh Yadav on Mondav.

The yatra was flagged off by "Khazanchi", a child who was born in a queue outside a bank during demonetisation

A Mercedes bus has been transformed into the "rath". Besides Mulayam Singh Yadav, it displays photographs of Dalit icon B R Amdedkar, Acharya Narendra Deva, Ram Manohar Lohia, Jayprakash Narayan, former president APJ Abdul



Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav during the 'Samajwadi Vijay Yatra' in Kanpur on Tuesday

Kalam, party veteran Janeshwar Mishra and jailed MP Mohammad Azam Khan.

The yatra will pass through Kanpur, Kanpur Dehat, Hamirpur and Jalaun in the first phase and promises to make people aware about the "corrupt, autocratic and sup-pressive" policies of the BJP government and establish "real lemocracy".

Attacking the ruling party, Akhilesh said, "The BJP has crushed farmers and if they come back to power, they are all set to crush the Constitution.

"Therefore, the Samajwadi Vijay Rath will go to people and throw the BJP out of power, the former CM said in apparent reference to the mowing down of farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri last Sunday.

"This rath will go on con-

tinuously for restoring the rights and honour of farmers," he added. Akhilesh exhorted party

workers to reach out to people and seek their support.

On the importance of Kanpur, Akhilesh said his party for worked development.

"It is a big and industrial city. Today, business establishments here have closed down. This city can not only give Akhilesh remarked. Highlighting the significance of the yatra, an SP spokesman said whenever the party has taken out such a yatra, it has come to power.

Exhibition of photographs of Samajwadi Party's Muslim face Azam Khan indicates the party efforts to cash in on his popularity among the minority community and also evoke their sentiment against the BJP for sending him and his son to jail in Rampur.

Akhilesh's estranged uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav also launched a "Samajik Parivartan Yatra" from Mathura.

Congress leader Acharya Pramod Krishnam was seen on his rath. The Congress leader told reporters in Vrindavan that he has come to give his "subhkamna" (good wishes) to Shivpal Yadav.

Gehlot hits out at BJP leaders, calls them 'foolish' Jaipur: Rajasthan CM Ashok "Such foolish people have increased and coal is not avail-

Geĥlot on Tuesday targeted BJP leaders for comparing a Dalit man's killing in the State's Hanumangarh with the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, saying they are "foolish" and lack "sense" on how to react to an

He also took a dig at the Centre over the coal crisis, saying it is their responsibility to bring states out of the trouble. The comments of the chief minister invited a sharp reaction from BJP leaders, one of whom said it is Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who lacks

On October 7, a man was beaten to death in Prempura town of Hanumangarh over his alleged love affair. Police have so far arrested seven people.

Gehlot said he himself condemns such incidents and took prompt action, after which the accused were apprehended.

become their (BJP) office-bearers, who don't even have sense on how to react to an incident. Nobody has gone to the house of the dead. They are sitting here and want to remain in news," Gehlot told reporters. He further said, "It is for

the first time that I am seeing leaders who are becoming chief ministerial candidates and talking such stupid things, and are asking why Priyanka Gandhi or Rahul Gandhi is not coming to Rajasthan?"

The chief minister said the prime minister, Union home minister or BJP national president should come to see what happened there.

We ourselves condemn it. We took immediate action and Gehlot said.

the accused were nabbed," Replying to a question on the coal crisis in the country,

Gehlot said prices have

At such a time, it becomes

the responsibility of the Centre to bring the states out of this crisis, he said, adding that he hopes that the Union power minister will find a solution.

"It would be dishonesty if someone says there is no shortage of coal. Everyone knows there is a shortage of coal and states are in trouble. And it is the responsibility of the Centre to get the states out of trouble,' Gehlot said.

When asked that Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra has not been sacked after the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, Gehlot said that's why the Congress is agitating continuously. "People were killed in broad daylight. We saw people die in riots. We heard that people are killed in police encounters but we haven't seen such deaths.



month-long cleanliness campaign of the department of Youth Affairs and Sports. The drive has been taken up to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

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Crisis lurks

The anticipated demand surge was not dealt with beforehand, leading to an energy crunch

The current power crisis is entirely man-made and eminently avoidable if planning and efficiency had been the buzzwords. The situation is alarming, with coal stocks running low and Coal India and NTPC and Indian Railways putting their heads together to reach coal to the power companies. It is no secret why the crisis came upon the country. The Covid-19 lockdown anyway witnessed a surge in demand. The subsequent unlock added to it, not only for residential but industrial power as well. In August 2021, India consumed 124 billion units of power, an escalation of 17 per cent over 2019. Two, India's coal imports in the last two months fell by a third, on account of international prices of coal increasing because of higher demand from China. As a result, power plants using imported coal stopped or curtailed generation. Three, thermal power plants did not accumulate adequate coal reserves in the first two quarters of the current finan-



cial year. Four, heavy rainfall in coal-bearing areas in August and September added to the woes by reducing the supply of coal from the mines. India plunged into a crisis. On October 4, for instance, the power Ministry reported a gap of over four gigawatts between peak demand and available power supply.

Who shoulders responsibility and why was there no advance planning in April-May anticipating a demand surge and problems on account of the coming monsoon? It is Coal India's primary responsibility because it has the job of overseeing the supply of coal. Coal extraction is a tricky business. The com-

panies just cannot excavate coal and sit on it. The production has to be moderated according to offtake because coal cannot be stockpiled. There is a risk of it catching fire. Extended monsoon or heavy rains can affect offtake from open-pit mines; that is what happened in the last few weeks. Coal India's track record in this regard has never been outstanding. It has grown reliant on shallow, open-pit mining for most of its production. It must right away update its expertise in deep-mining techniques. Issues related to efficiency ended up in coal blocks allocated to CIL being given away to private players. It has also to adapt to new realities like the changing economics of coal power as renewable energies become cost-competitive and coal faces growing scrutiny as the prime source of pollution. On the other hand, the States' din over power scarcity is not matched by their indifference to clearing outstanding coal dues. The State boards and generation companies owe Coal India Rs 21,619.7 crore. Some States also make questionable decisions like refusing to extend power purchase agreements with thermal power plants and purchasing expensive power from spot exchanges. The power plants that did not anticipate coal supply problems and failed to stock up are equally to blame. The coal inventory will gradually improve but the power situation may stabilise early next year provided the lessons from the current mishap are learnt in time.



Devotees celebrate Durga Puja at the 112-year-old samiti in Kashmere Gate

RANJAN DIMRI/ THE PIONEER

Marriage perils

Unless the perception of a girl child being 'paraya dhan' is disposed, kid marriages will continue

espite all the big talk on girl child welfare, especially by loudmouth politicians, 60 girls die of child marriage every day around the world, six of them in South Asia. These shocking revelations come from a report by 'Save the Children', which was released on October 11, the International Day of the Girl Child. The study claims that young girls married at an early age succumb to pregnancy



and childbirth. According to the report, in South Asia alone, 2,000 young girls die every year and 22,000 globally. Beyond South Asia, the number of such deaths in East Asia and the Pacific is 650 a year. In Latin America and the Caribbean, 560 girls die of early childbirth issues. The situation is worse in Western and Central Africa where child marriage is the norm. Almost half of the deaths are reported from there. This is despite the fact that due to the collective effort of the United Nations and the Governments around the world, 80 million child marriages have been prevented in the last 25 years. The

report warns that 10 million girls are now at risk as they are expected to marry

by 2030 in their early years.

This is a side-effect of the Coronavirus pandemic, which has stripped people of their sources of income. They are thus marrying off their daughters early. The young girls are also at the risk of domestic violence as they are often burdened with household chores and punished for minor mistakes. The report notwithstanding, the plight of the girls getting married early is far worse. Often such marriages are a compromise where the groom is much older than the girl. They often face violence and sexual exploitation from their family members. Even if they survive the pregnancy and childbirth, their health takes a heavy toll often leading to lifelong weakness and menstrual disorders. In India, especially in States like Rajasthan and Haryana, the situation is much worse and with the skewed sex ratio, girls are pushed into the marriage at an early age. The Prime Minister had rightly taken up the cause of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao', but not much happened after that as the drive lost steam somewhere on the way. The campaign just ended being a slogan on the truck backs. It is high time to start it with renewed vigour and in right earnest.

Air India lands with its original parents

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The Tatas have companies like Tata Engineering, Taj Sats and IHCL among others, which can benefit from Air India's infrastructure, assets and slots

t is indeed a "Ghar Wapsi" for the debt-laden Air India after 68 years as Tata Sons has won the bid to take over 100 per cent of the Government's stake in the national carrier. The formalities to complete the handover to Tata is expected to be completed by December this year. The real test of Ratan Tata's business acumen will be to bring back the airline on track but it won't be easy even though there are synergies between group companies and the Indian airline. The ailing airline was originally launched as Tata Air Services under the leadership of philanthropist Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoy Tata in 1932. A few years after India's independence in 1953, the Government purchased a majority stake in the airline company. And thus Air India was nationalised.

To be fair, Air India has good assets, infrastructure, slots and bilateral agreement. The Tatas have companies like Tata engineering, Taj Sats and IHCL among others which can benefit with Air India. The Tata's will need to put in tens of thousands of crores of capital to clean up the balance sheet; pay off liabilities that come with the airline; and to fix, grow, and bring the airline to a point where it can be a meaningful and an effective global competitor. This was the third attempt to

sell the national carrier and this time the Centre went all out, deciding to offload its entire stake lock, stock and barrel to the highest bidder. Initial attempts to disinvest the carrier faced trouble, following which the process was started again in January 2020 but the COVID-19 pandemic created hurdles. In April 2021, the Government asked potential bidders to put in financial bids. As the bidders were unenthusiastic about certain clauses, the Government had in October last year amended the clause relating to the transfer of Air India's debt to the new investor, giving bidders flexibility to decide on the quantum of humongous debt they want to

Of the ₹18,000 crore, the Government will get ₹2,700 crore in cash, while the remaining amount will be debt transferred to the new entity. With this, the entire 100 per cent shareholding of Air

India along with its shareholding in Air India Express Limited (AIXL) and 50 percent in the ground handling joint venture AISATS will pass on to the new owner. The Government will absorb the balance debt of ₹46,262 crore, which will be transferred to a special purpose vehicle (SPV) set up by it — Air India Assets Holding Limited. When adjusted against non-core assets such as land and buildings worth ₹14,718 crore that will also be parked in the SPV and the cash amount of ₹2,700 crore from Tatas, the net liability on the government comes to ₹28,844

Apart from 141 planes and control of 4,400 domestic and 1,800 international landing and parking slots at domestic airports, as well as 900 slots at airports overseas, Tatas will also have the ownership of iconic brands like Air India, Indian Airlines and the Maharaja. Tata Sons owns 84 per

cent share in Air Asia which has a market share of 5.2 percent, and 51 percent stake in Vistara which has a market share of 8.3 percent. Together with Air India's market share of 13.2 percent, Tatas could be in share and be the second biggest player after IndiGo.

Years after it earned the tag



THE TATAS WILL NEED TO PUT IN THOUSANDS OF **CRORES OF** CAPITAL TO CLEAN UP THE BALANCE SHEET; PAY OFF LIABILITIES AND REVIVE THE AIRLINE

of 'The Maharaja', Air India's fortunes plummeted and it started incurring heavy losses. Air India has been in losses ever since its merger with domestic operator Indian Airlines in 2007. According to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, since 2009-10, the Government has pumped in ₹1.10 lakh crore to support Air India. During 2019-20, the airline incurred an operational loss of ₹8,743.59 crore. In 2020-21, Air India reported a provisional operational loss of ₹6,555.66

Air India (originally Tata Air Services) was converted into a public company after the World War II and renamed Air India Limited in 1946. International services started between Bombay (Mumbai) and Cairo, Geneva, and London, and Air India International Limited was formed in 1948. This is the year when the Nehru Government purchased a 49 percent stake in the company. India nationalised all Indian airlines and created two corporations one for domestic services and the other for international.

Senior Tata was deeply distressed by the decision of the alise the Air India "through the back door" and even suspected that the airline was deliber-

ately bad-mouthed so that it could be acquired after its value came down, letters written by JRD Tata reveal. He shot off a telegram to Nehru, which said. "I can only deplore that such a vital step should have been taken without giving us a proper hearing.

(Former Tata Steel CEO Russi) Modi and I were called by (then Communications Minister) Jagjivan Ram only to be informed of the Government's decision to nationalise the industry. Although I told him that I had prepared and brought with me an alternative scheme, which in my humble judgement was better calculated to achieve the Government's objective, the minister sought our advice only on questions of compensation and the like," he

Tata continued as chairman of Air India till 1978, when his services were unceremoniously terminated by then Prime Minister Morarii Desai. Desai sent a terse letter to Tata informing him of the Government's decision to appoint former Air Chief Marshal PC Lal as the chairman of Air India.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY A REALITY

 The world is facing an energy crunch as the supply of natural gas, coal and other energy sources fails to adequately satisfy demand. Natural gas prices have risen multifold. India's power plants are also running on critically low coal stocks. As a developing country, India's leadership role in sustainable energy and water security has touched a new high. The state-of-the-art technology is taking shape and the world's biggest Hybrid Renewable Energy Park in Gujarat's Kutch is one such step in the

In the coming years, energy storage will play a key role in making renewable energy a firm source of power and fur-ther reducing the landed cost of renewable electricity. Additionally, with the advent of electric vehicles, using renewable energy in the charging infrastructure will further boost the growth of the industry. With the Government's support, developers getting long term visibility in terms of project pipeline and actual off-takers witnessing value in adopting solar electricity, India is poised to secure its renewable future. It will be tough going for industries to survive with limited stock of coal until the supplies are restored.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER CONFLICT Sir — The 13th round of corpse commander-level talks between India and China did not yield any creative solution to the ongoing border tussle between the two countries. The mounting tension on the border keeps us all on tenterhooks. It is quite sad and disheartening to read the news of the uncertainty prevailing at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. Indians who live near the border have always been bearing the brunt of the border clashes. Most of them have been living under fear and discomfort. The cold and contemptuous attitude of China in initiating the process of genuine disarmament and disengagement seems to ruin the hope of reviving peace and

Veteran actor bids adieu



ilm buffs are overcome with grief at the passing of actor Nedumudi Venu. The void left by his passing will never be filled. Nedumudi Venu was looked up to as a cultural icon. He was a versatile actor who played a variety of parts; he has made an impression. The ease with which he acted was astonishing. A born actor, Nedumudi Venu had quite an unlimited range; the memorable roles he played in over 500 films in an acting career spanning 50 years presented a range of

harmony on the border.

Mobilising more troops and weapons systems on the LAC and blaming each other will not help both sides to evolve a creative and lasting solution for this ongoing face-off. Both sides will have to realise the fact that an aggressive militaristic move will not yield a permanent solution for this ongoing scuffle. If a war breaks out between the two countries it will have devastating and irreparable damage on both sides. The Governments of both the countries and some samaritans from their military wings must come forward to augment the process of establishing peace and harmony at the border. Prabhakaran Vallath | Kozhikode

SAVE THEM BEFORE THEY'RE GONE Sir — Assam's Kaziranga National Park is home to the one-horned rhinoceros. These animals are on the brink of extinction. It is common knowledge that poaching is the biggest threat to any animal — endangered or otherwise. The horns of Rhinoceros are thought to be of medicinal use, and the one — horned

human conditions and experiences. He had that indefinable something that made him an actor par excellence. True-to-life acting was his forte and nuance of expression was his

He had a twinkle or a glint in his eye depending on the traits of the character, the skin of whom he entered and infused with life. His chuckle struck a chord with the audience He excelled in popular box-office hits and 'parallel cinema' alike. As Siddhan Aashan in Sarvakalashala, Chellappanasari in Thakara, Andrews in Irakal, Maharaja Udayavarma in His Highness Abdullah, Sreekrishnan in Thenmavin Kombathu, Appukkutty Nair in Devasuram, Bhagavathar in Sargam, Ravunni Nair in Oru Minnaminunginte Nurunguvettam and as hundreds of other characters, Nedumudi Venu has immortalised himself and lives among us and will live among posterity.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

rhinos are considered exclusive to India. India is home to approximately 80 per cent of the world's Rhino population. Recently, nearly 2,500 horns of the rhinos that were stored by the Assam Government's treasuries were put to fire by the authorities in Kaziranga, and the

vent was given wide publicity. Rightly so because apparently the Government wanted to send a message or two to the poachers that if it can burn so many horns at once, then it only means the horns have no medicinal or ornamental value whatsoever. These horns were seized from poachers and from the deceased rhinos. Countries like China have revoked the ban on the use of "medicinal parts" of Rhinoceros long ago. The problem lies in India's close roximity to China. The whole Northeast and northern part of West Bengal are always on high alert because of their international borders.

Ganapathi Bhat | Nagpur

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Our worst fears are coming true. With Pakistan-backed Taliban taking over Afghanistan, terror-

ism is increasing in Kashmir

Former Punjab Chief Minister -Amarinder Singh



From November, international visitors may enter Thailand without quarantine if they are fully

vaccinated and arrive by air from low-risk countries.

> **Thailand Prime Minister** —Pravut Chan-o-cha

I hope I can continue the grand legacy of the mainstream men of Hindi cinema on national television.



-Ranveer Singh

We are human beings who are giv-



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ing out our best each and every day. Try being a decent person instead of spreading abuse.

> **RCB** batsman —Glenn Maxwell

you silent? We need just one word of sympathy from you. That should not be difficult!



Congress leader –Kapil Sibal

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We can do nothing about flank collapses, except have a good early warning system



GWYNNE DYER

on't bother your pretty head about it' is the prevailing media take on the risk of the volcanic eruption on La Palma in the Canary Islands turning into a mega-tsunami disaster. The media definitely over-hyped that risk when it was first suggested twenty years ago, so now they have to work the other side of the street. But the original story still has legs. The eruption is now more than two weeks old, but the explosions and lava flows are still increasing. Part of the main cone of Cumbre Vieja (old summit) collapsed some days ago. La Palma and its neighbour El Hierro, the westernmost islands of the Canaries, are so volcanic that similar cone collapses have removed about half of their above-water mass during the past million years. The volcanoes constantly rebuild the islands, too, so massive landslides are a normal part of their geology. That's why volcanologist Joan Martí, when asked if the flank of Cumbre Vieja might slide into the sea and cause a huge tsunami, replied that "it is possible, but it is not likely." But there will eventually be another collapse on La Palma and then a tsunami, maybe tomorrow, maybe in 100,000 years or



so. The original scientific article warning of a possible mega-tsunami from La Palma was written by Steven Ward and Simon Day in 2001.

They estimated that the giant waves generated by a flank collapse would hit the Moroccan and Spanish coasts in two to three hours, and make it all the way across the Atlantic to strike the Brazilian, US and Canadian coasts in nine hours. Hundreds of metres high at first, the tsunamis waves would probably be down to one hundred metres by the time they reached Spain, and perhaps only 25 metres high when they struck the North American coast from Florida to Newfoundland. But that's still a lot. Or so Ward and Day estimated — whereupon other scientists immediately piled in to insist that they had got the geology wrong, or the volcanology, or the rate at which tsunami waves lose height over long distances. What the media have missed is that all the basic facts were correct: the relatively frequent massive slides (one every 100,000 years in the Canaries, on average), the tsunamis that follow, and the immense damage they do. The odds that this particular volcanic eruption will cause a mega-tsunami are less than one in a hundred, maybe one in a thousand. Even if a tsunami from La Palma did reach the Americas, the wave height might be less than one metre. But the risk of unpredictable, life-altering events is real. We can do nothing about flank collapses on volcanic islands except have a good early warning system, but they are only common in the Hawaiian Islands, the Canary Islands, and the Indonesian archipelago. Then there's asteroid strikes, global plagues, nuclear winters. but let's stick with volcanoes. Just east of the Rocky Mountains in the west-central United States, Yellowstone has staged three longlasting 'super-eruptions' at 2.1 million, 1.3 million and 631,000 years ago. Each time it covered the surrounding states with volcanic ash a metre thick, coated the entire continent with enough ash to kill most green plants, and boosted over a thousand cubic km, of pulverised rock and gas into the atmosphere. That blocked much of the incoming sunlight for the next six to ten years and caused a 'volcanic winter', with 3 or 4°C lower average global temperature. If that happened today, it would cause global crop failures and mass starvation.

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

Making sense of a socialist's life journey



The book addresses some of the most controversial aspects of JP's ideas and initiatives along with several authentic texts and letters

- ayaprakash Narayan (popularly called 'JP') was one of the most charismat-ic leaders of India. He represented a rare confluence of selflessness and courage of conviction. In his Marxist years, the followers saw JP as 'Lenin of India' after the Quit India movement of 1942. In the evening of his life, students and youth conveyed their admiration by calling him 'Loknayak'. It is due to his unparalleled roles in Indian politics and society for five decades from 1930s to 1979 that the life-journey of JP continues to provide a fascinating narrative across generations of activists and scholars.

At the same time, it has been a perplexing fact that Jayaprakash was always perceived in contradictory ways. For example, Acharya Vinoba Bhave and other Sarvodaya associates called him a saint, while DK Barooah, the president of Congress (Indira) characterised him a fascist with corrupt supporters.

The Dream of Revolution - A biography of Jayaprakash Narayan' by Bimal Prasad and Sujata Prasad (2021, Gurgaon, Penguin Random House) is an outstanding book about a worshipper of freedom and revolution for at least four reasons. First of all, the father (an eminent academician) — daughter (a distinguished senior bureaucrat) team, representing two different generations and two different orientations, knew JP intimately for decades.

Secondly, it contains distillation of several volumes of works about the ideas and initiatives of JP in a readable book of just ten short chapters. Thirdly, it addresses some of the most controversial aspects of JP's ideas and initiatives with several authentic texts and letters. Finally, it signifies the inter-play between a) the teachings of Gandhi and Vinoba; b) politics of Jawaharlal Nehru, the socialists and Índira Gandhi; and c) changing imperatives of democratic nation-building in shaping the lives of Jayaprakash and

The book is worth reading because the two authors have set an admirable example of objectivity and self-restraint. They have not shied away from a critical assessment but remained quite moderate when it comes to discuss the qualities of

JP in comparison with other historians. Reading 'Dream of Revolution' was an illuminating experience for an activist of the IP movement days like me as it is not a hagiography of 'Bharatratna Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan'. It is a well-documented life-story of JP — the rebel-extraordinarily written in a unique style where often just a single sentence evokes a few hundred images. Let me present a few examples of the power of prose from this book. Here are three such lines from three separate chapters about his socialist politics days: 1) 'One of the most trenchant critiques of Jayaprakash Narayan's politics came from his wife Prabhavati. (Ch. 4, p. 53); 2) 'Jayaprakash viewed the tran-



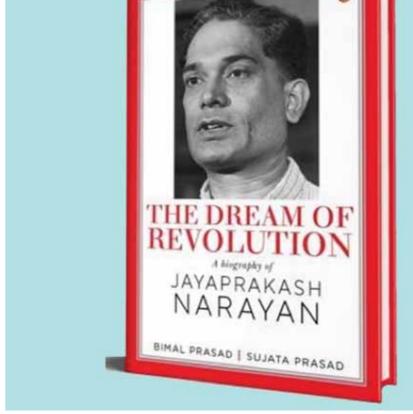
IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONVEY THAT AFTER GETTING TO KNOW **JAYAPRAKASH** NARAYAN WITH THE HELP OF THIS BOOK, A CONCERNED READER MAY BE TEMPTED TO ASK WHY THERE HAS BEEN SUCH UNFAIR **PORTRAYING** OF GENTLE JAYAPRAKASH BY A NUMBER OF HIGHLY **INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE**

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University. The views



sition to socialism not a straight road, but a tangle of conflicting paths.' (Ch. 5, p. 83); and 3) 'The recriminatory atmosphere in party meetings singed Jayaprakash.'(Ch.

6, p. 113).

Here are three other sentences about his orientation towards some systemic challenges: 1) 'Jayaprakash's utopia was not predicated on the idea of party-less democracy alone, but on a new kind of economic structure based on voluntary limitations of wants.' (Ch. 7, p. 131); 2) 'Through the rumble of history and politics, Jayaprakash's life oscillated constantly between the quotidian and the monumental — and that's what makes it so special.' (Ch. 7, p. 143); and 3) Stripping away the accretions of myth enveloping the Naxalite movement, Jayaprakash argued that the ground for violence was prepared by persistence of merciless exploitation, chronic poverty and accumulated injustices.' (Ch. 8, p. 156).

Now we can move to read similar power-packed lines about the most crucial period just before hisepoch-making leap for 'Total Revolution' (1974): 1) 'Indira's carefully drafted reply to the issues

raised by Jayaprakash was patient, conciliatory, even a little wistful.' (Ch. 8, p.167); 2) 'One wonders if a sense of dread shot through Indira upon Prabhavati's death. For with her death, the voice of moderation in Jayaprakash's life also died.' (Ch. 8, p.169); and 3) 'The year 1973 closed not with a revolution but certainly the intimations of one. (Ch. 9, p. 170). Let us conclude this exercise by

underlining a few examples from the last two chapters — 'Hope in Dark Times' (Ch. 9) and 'The Death of a Dream' (Ch. 10): 1) 'November 1974 was a definitive month in the history of the movement.'(p.185); 2) 'Friends of Jayaprakash and Indira tried to about a truce, but failed. (p.187); 3) 'It took some amount of persuasion to coax Jayaprakash back to Delhi to champion the anti-Indira front.' (p. 195); 4) Indira handed over control to Sanjay and his hand-picked cabal of pugnacious bullies. (p. 196); and 5) 'As the storm clouds gathered, no one bothered to seek Jayaprakash's opinion. In a sense, it was history repeating itself, with his predicament not very different from Gandhi in 1947. (p. 215)

It is important to alert that after getting to know JP with help of this contribution of Bimal Prasad and Sujata Prasad, a concerned reader may be tempted to ask why there has been such unfair portraying of gentle Jayaprakash by a number of high-ly influential people. Why was he labelledas a person with 'woolly thinking, a confused mind leading a frustrated life, hazy, naive, and unrealistic thinking, a poor judge of Indian politics and politicians, giving respectability to Hindu communal forces, and head of forces of counter-revolution.

In any case, the evaluation of IP by the father-daughter team is close to the mesmerizing description of Sisyphus by Albert Camus Sisyphus (a rebel in the Greek mythology) was condemned by gods to roll a rock up to the top of a mountain, only to have the rock roll back down to the bottom every time he reaches the top. But did Sisyphus smile when he reached the top with the rock? I have seen our Sisyphus smiling without pride of power or arrogance of success before passing away to become undeletable part of the collective memory of the people of India.

expressed are personal.)

A DALIT WAS BEATEN TO DEATH IN RAJASTHAN. WHY IS THE CONGRESS HIGH **COMMAND SILENT OVER IT?** —BSP CHIEF **MAYAWATI**





FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE. GET UP FROM SLEEP BEHEN JI. —CONGRESS LEADER **ALKA LAMBA**

The Lakhimpur Kheri moment

The political fallout is likely to be heavy for the BJP if the Opposition manages to sustain the protest against the violence until elections

n politics, certain poignant moments give incredible ■ support to the opposition parties and adversely affect the ruling party in a state. The Singur moment for Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee, former Tamil Nadu chief minister J. Jayalalithaa's lavish spending on her adopted son's wedding in 1995 for the DMK, the Belchi moment for Indira Gandhi, and Rajiv Gandhiji's insult to Andhra Pradesh chief minister T.

Anjaiah are some examples. The recent Lakhimpur incident where eight people, including four farmers, were killed is one such moment that has come at a most inconvenient moment for the Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath just five months before the Assembly polls.



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expressed are personal.)

The Supreme Court has taken a suo motu notice of the incident as an added support for the opposition. The opposition has been

fanning the year-long farmer's movement against the three farm laws passed by Parliament last year. The UP government has come into the firing line because of Yogi's reluctance to take concrete action against the alleged culprits, including the Union Minister of State Ajay Mishra's son Ashish, the primary accused. One of the four farmers was allegedly shot dead by the minister's son. The others have been reportedly run over

by the vehicles of his convoy. Further, the decision of the UP government to detain the opposition leaders, including Congress General Secretary



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Satish Mishra of BSP, and Akhilesh Yadav of Samajwadi Party, among others, has given a talking point to the opposition.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi vented his frustration by tweeting: "All the institutions of this country have been hijacked by the RSS-BJP. While no action has been taken against the home minister's son, there is a systematic attack on farmers of the country. Opposition leaders are not allowed to even visit

Lakhimpur Kheri. Only in a dictatorship, such things happen." Many other leaders, including West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Chattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, and others, also criticised the State Government.

The political fallout is likely to be heavy for the BJP if the opposition parties manage to sustain the Kheri movement until the elections early next year. Opposition parties and the BKU plan to intensify the agitation by building a narrative around the Lakhimpur Kheri violence. Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav has announced the party's 'victory rath yatra' from October 12. BSP chief

party cadre to reach out to the

farming community. Secondly, the Kheri incident will emerge as a poll issue hurting the BJP, which won a massive mandate in 2017. It also depends on how quickly the BJP manages the damage

control before the polls. UP is very crucial as the BJP won a massive mandate in 2017. The incident happened when Yogi was trying to take some pro-farmer steps such as withdrawing stubble burning cases and a substantial increase in sugar cane prices. But the Kheri incident appears to have washed away the gains. The UP Government has constituted a one-member judicial commission.

Lakhimpur is the largest district of UP's Terai region Mayawati has directed the with the dominance of the power since 1989 and has a

Sikh farmers' community that settled there after migrating from Pakistan. It is 80 per cent rural, with most of the population surviving on sugarcane farming. The district is dominated by Brahmins, followed by Muslims and Kurmis among non-Yadav OBCs.

Thirdly, the farmer's agitation is likely to spread to more areas. Opposition parties and the BKU plan to intensify the agitation by building a narrative around the Lakhimpur violence. So far, it has impacted the UP border, but now it has spread to Central UP. Thirdly, the UP Congress has been looking for an opportunity for revival. The Kheri moment is one such that could help if Congress plays its cards well. The party has been out of feeble presence in the State. The negative side of this is that Congress' revival may hurt other players like the SP and the BSP, thus further dividing the Opposition parties. The impact would be dramatic if the opposition came together and planned a collective action against the BJP. Right now there are too many opposition blocks.

Fourthly, this is an opportune moment for the Gandhi siblings to prove their leadership. If they can improve in UP, their overall fortune might also become better.

The Lakhimpur incident will continue to be a developing story until the Assembly polls. Defeating the BJP depends on how the opposition plays its cards or it would be a self-goal.

ICJ BACKS SOMALIA IN SEA **DISPUTE WITH KENYA** of Justice has sided with Somalia in its dispute with neighbouring Kenya over a maritime boundary in a case

affecting a territory potentially rich in oil and gas. The ruling on Tuesday by the United Nations highest court is legally binding. though the court has no enforcement powers. The court rejected Kenya's claim of the maritime boundary it sought, saying Kenya had not consistently maintained it

6.3M EARTHQUAKE JOLTS GREEK ISLAND OF CRETE **Athens:** A strong earthquake jolted the Greek island of Crete on Tuesday two weeks and a day after another temblor killed a man and damaged

hundreds of buildings. The Geodynamic Institute in Athens said the undersea earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.3 and occurred at 12:24 pm local time (9:24 am GMT) off the island's eastern coast. It was felt as far as the coast of Turkey and on Cyprus, more than 500 kilometers (310 miles) to the east, authorities said.

INDIAN-ORIGIN AMONG 2 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH New York: A small plane owned by a prominent Indian-origin cardiologist has crashed in the US state of California, killing two persons, including the physician, and causing a major fire that engulfed nearby homes and left a swath of destruction, according to media reports. Dr Sugata Das, who worked as an Interventional Cardiologist at Yuma Regional Medical Center (YRMC) in Arizona, owned the twinengine Cessna C340 aircraft, media

15 NIGERIAN ESCAPE FROM BOKO HARAM CAPTIVITY

Lagos: Six women and nine children abducted by Nigeria's Boko Haram extremist rebels in the country's troubled northeast have escaped after months in captivity, according to a Borno state official. The 15 former hostages met with Borno Governor BabaganaZulum in the state's capital, Maiduguri.

BUS ACCIDENT IN NEPAL Kathmandu: At least twenty-two people died and 16 sustained injuries when a passenger bus met with a tragic accident in Nepal's Mugu district on Tuesday, police said. The bus heading towards Gamgadhi, the district headquarters of Mugu district, from Nepalgunj fell into Pina Jhyari river lying in the Chhayanath Rara Municipality

ISRAEL'S NEW PM TO MEET WITH PUTIN

Naftali Bennett will for the first time as premier meet Russian President Vladimir Putin later this month, with Iran at the top of the agenda.

COUPLE IN SUBMARINE SPY CASE TO REMAIN HELD

Washington: The Maryland couple charged in a plot to sell sensitive US submarine secrets to a foreign government will remain behind bars for now, a judge said Tuesday in granting a detention request from prosecutors. Jonathan and Diana Toebbe each made brief appearances in federal court in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

TRAIN PLOWS INTO

MIGRANTS, KILLS 3 Paris: A train hit and killed three people and seriously injured another person in southwestern France on Tuesday morning, A local mayor said the victims were thought to be migrants who were resting on the tracks. The train was on a line that links the seaside resort town of Hendaye, on France's border with Spain, and the city of Bordeaux, the national railway company SNCF said.

'G20 leaders discuss Af and its counterterrorism efforts'

eaders of the G-20 countries Lon Tuesday discussed the situation in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, including the critical need to maintain a laserfocus on counterterrorism efforts and ensure safe passage for foreign nationals still stuck in the country.

Attended by leaders of G-20 countries, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden, the group during the G-20 Extraordinary summit on Afghanistan held virtually also agreed to provide humanitarian assistance directly to the Afghan people through independent international organisations, the White House said.

"The leaders discussed the critical need to maintain a laserfocus on our enduring counterterrorism efforts, including against threats from ISIS-K, and ensuring safe passage for those foreign nationals and Afghan partners with documentation seeking to depart Afghanistan," White House said

meeting with G20 leaders.
"The leaders also reaffirmed their collective commitment to provide humanitarian assistance directly to the Afghan people through independent international organisations and to promote fundamental human rights for all Afghans, including women, girls, and members of

minority groups," it said. The White House said that the US remains committed to working closely with the international community to address problems in Afghanistan.

"The US remains committed to working closely with the international community and using diplomatic, humanitarian, and economic means to address the situation in Afghanistan and support the Afghan people,"

The G20 meeting took place days after American officials met Afghanistan's ruling Taliban in Doha, Qatar, for their first face-to-face talks since the US pulled its troops from the wartorn country in August.

Qatar diplomat emphasises engagement with Taliban

Dubai: Qatar's diplomatic point man on Afghanistan said on Tuesday countries should engage the country's new Taliban rulers, warning that isolation could lead to a wide-reaching security threat, as happened when al-Qaeda used the country as a base to plot the 9/11 attacks.

Mutlaq bin Majed al-Qahtani, Qatar's special envoy for counterterrorism and mediation in conflict resolution, said he's held conversations with the Taliban about pressing issues related to the role of women in society, girls' access to education and the importance of an inclusive government.

Qatar's policies and insights on Afghanistan are watched closely because the tiny gas-rich nation has played an outsized role in the war-torn country in the wake of the US withdrawal.

"What we are saying to the Taliban, which is the caretaker government, the de facto authorities in Kabul, (is that) discrimination and exclusion .. This is not a good policy," al-Qahtani said in a speech at the Global Security Forum in Doha organised by The Soufan Center. "As a de facto authority, you have certain responsi-

The current Afghan Government, which the Taliban say is only interim, is comprised solely of Taliban figures, including several sanctioned by the United Nations.

bility, obligations to discharge."

Qatar was crucial to the chaotic US airlift of more than 1,00,000 people from Kabul after the Taliban's surprise takeover of the capital Aug. 15, and has hosted face-to-face talks between the Taliban and the United States.

We fail to recognise anti-Hindu phobia: Muraleedharan at UNSC

roots, including anti- Hindu, anti-Buddhist and anti-Sikh

have seen in our own neigh-

bourhood and elsewhere the

destruction of temples, glorifi-

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premises, massacre of Sikh pil-

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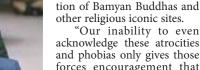
Muraleedharan said, "we

phobias," he said.

 \mathbf{I} ndia on Tuesday called out the failure of the global community to recognise emergence of more virulent forms of religious phobias, including anti-Hindu, anti-Buddhist and anti-Sikh, as it highlighted violation of gurudwara premises and glorification of breaking of idols in temples in its "neighbourhood".

Addressing the United Nations Security Council High Level Open Debate on 'Peacebuilding and sustaining peace: Diversity, state building and the search for peace, Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan asserted that being "selective" about criticising such phobias is "at our own peril."

"As regards religious identities, we are witnessing how member-states are facing newer form of religious phobias. While we have condemned anti-semitism, Islamophobia and Christianophobia, we fail to recognise that there are more virulent forms of religious phobias emerging and taking



"Our inability to even

acknowledge these atrocities and phobias only gives those forces encouragement that phobias against some religions are more acceptable than those against others. If we chose to be selective about criticising such phobias or ignoring them, we do so at our own peril."
In August this year, hun-

dreds of people, carrying sticks, stones and bricks had attacked a temple at Bhong city of Rahim Yar Khan district in Pakistan, some 590 kms from Lahore, burning parts of it and damaging idols. The attackers had damaged the idols, walls, doors and electric fittings while desecrating the

India: Change in authority in Kabul was neither through negotiations, nor inclusive

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The change in authority in Kabul was neither through negotiations, nor inclusive, India said at the UN Security Council on Tuesday, underlining that it has consistently called for a broad based, inclusive process that involves representation of all section of Afghans.

The Taliban, ousted from power by the US shortly after the 9/11 attacks, seized control of Afghanistan in mid-August, ousting the previous elected government which was backed by the West.

The Taliban had promised an inclusive government that represents Afghanistan's complex ethnic makeup. However, the interim Cabinet announced by the insurgent group last month was dominated by established Taliban leaders who fought against the US-led coalition forces since 2001. No woman has been named in the

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tainable peace in South Asia

Jammu and Kashmir is

resolved in accordance with the

resolutions of the UN Security

Council and the wishes of the

Kashmiri people," according

India has repeatedly told Pakistan that Jammu and

Kashmir "was, is and shall for-

ever" remain an integral part of

the country. It also advised

Pakistan to accept the reality

and stop all anti-India propa-

to Foreign Office.

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interim Cabinet.

"The change in authority in Kabul was neither through negotiations, nor inclusive. We have consistently called for a broad based, inclusive process that involves representation of all section of Afghans," Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan said.

As American forces withdrew from war-torn Afghanistan, the Taliban took control of Kabul on August 15.

Addressing the UNSC High Level Open Debate on 'Peacebuilding and sustaining peace: Diversity, state building and the search for peace, Muraleedharan said the expectations of the international community on Afghanistan, including on combating terrorism, are set out clearly in the UN Security Council Resolution 2593, that was adopted under India's Presidency of the 15-nation Council in August.

Can the Taliban suppress the potent ISIS threat?

Kabul: With the Taliban in power in Afghanistan, there's a new enemy ascending.

The Islamic State group threatens to usher in another violent phase. Except this time the former insurgents, the Taliban, play the role of the state, now that the U.S. Troops and their allied Afghan government are gone.

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

Kim vows to

build invincible

military while

slamming US

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un reviewed powerful mis-

siles developed to launch nuclear

strikes on the U.S. mainland, as he

vowed to build an "invincible" mil-

itary to cope with what he called

persistent US hostility, state media

effort to drive a wedge between

Washington and Seoul, Kim

also used his speech at a rare

exhibition of weapons systems

Monday to stress that his mili-

tary might isn't targeted at South

Korea and that there shouldn't be

another war pitting Korean peo-

signaled it's not hostile to our

state, but there is no action-based

evidence to make us believe that they are not hostile," Kim said

Monday, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

"The US is continuing to create

tensions in the region with its

wrong judgments and actions."

"source" of instability on the

Korean Peninsula, Kim said his

country's most important objec-

tive is possessing an "invincible

military capability" that no one

can dare challenge.

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AP ■ SEOUL

uptick in IS attacks since the Taliban takeover on August 15. A deadly bombing Friday

in the northern province of Kunduz killed 46 worshippers inside a mosque frequented by Shiites. Other deadly IS attacks have struck in the capital, Kabul, and provinces to the east and north, while smaller-scale attacks target Taliban fighters almost daily

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

 $R_{\text{crimes registered a 12 per}}^{\text{acially motivated hate}}$

cent increase over the past year

across England and Wales and

overall reported hate crimes

rose by 9 per cent, according to

latest UK Government figures

defined as any criminal offence

which is perceived, by the vic-

tim or any other person, to be

motivated by hostility or prej-

udice towards someone based

lates annual data on such

crimes and the latest statistics

for 2020-21 show a new record

high for race hate, also impact-

ed by the Black Lives Matter

protests in the wake of the

killing of African-American

crimes recorded by the police

in England and Wales in year

ending March 2021," the Home

majority of hate crimes were

racially motivated, accounting

for around three-quarters of

such offences (74 per cent;

There were 124,091 hate

"As in previous years, the

George Floyd in the US.

Office bulletin notes.

The UK Home Office col-

on a personal characteristic.

Hate crime in Britain is

released on Tuesday.

EU pledges 1 bn euros for Afghan people

Rome: The European Union warned that humanitarian aid for Afghans won't suffice in itself to keep hunger at bay as winter approaches after the bloc announced a support package worth 1 billion euros (\$1.15 billion) on Tuesday.

The 27-nation bloc made the pledge during a virtual summit of the Group of 20 dedicated to Afghanistan. The Italian government, which holds the G-20 presidency, said the aim of the meeting was to address "urgent" humanitarian support for Afghans, the fight against terrorism and freedom of movement for Afghans inside the country and out. AP

hate crime increased by 12 per

cent between year ending

March 2020 and year ending

ter recording by police forces

and growing awareness of hate

crime is likely to have led to

improved identification of such

improvements are thought to

be the main drivers for the

increases seen, there appear to

have been short-term genuine

rises in hate crime following

certain trigger events. Increases

in hate crime were seen around

the EU Referendum in June

2016 and the terrorist attacks in

in public order hate crimes dur-

ing the summer of 2020 fol-

lowing the widespread Black

Lives Matter protests and far-

that religious hate crimes fell by

right counter-protests."

"There was also an increase

It notes: "Although these

The report notes that bet-

March 2021," it adds.

Race hate crimes

on record high in

England, Wales

Pak Minister says law would be followed in appointment of ISI chief However, the notification

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Pakistan's Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry said on Tuesday that law would be followed in the matter of the appointment of the chief of the powerful spy agency ISI, amid reports of differences between the civilian government and the army over the key appointment.

The Pakistan Army last week announced that Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum was appointed as the new Director General of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) in place of Lt Gen Faiz Hameed who was appointed as Peshawar Corps Commander.

Russia registers

another record

in Covid deaths

Russia registered a new record number of daily coronavirus

rapid surge of contagion amid

avirus task force reported 973

coronavirus deaths, the highest

daily toll since the start of the

ously registered new coron-

avirus mortality records this

month, and daily infections

also have been hovering near all-time highs, with 28,190

new confirmed cases.

The government coron-

The country has continu-

laggard vaccination rates.

AP MOSCOW

pandemic.

of his appointment has not been issued by the office of Prime Minister Imran Khan, giving air to rumours about differences between the civilian government and the army over the key appointment.

As per law, the Prime Minister has the legal right and prerogative to appoint the ISI chief in consultation with the army chief. Despite speculation on social media over the delay in notification, the government kept silent on the issue until Chaudhry addressed the matter during a press confer-ence after the meeting of

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Kashmir issue.

Nur-Sultan.

said on Tuesday that peace in

South Asia was not possible

without the resolution of the

while addressing the 6th

Ministerial Meeting of the

Conference on Interaction and

Confidence Building Measures

in Asia (CICA) through a

video statement. The meeting

was hosted by the current

CICA Chair, Kazakhstan, in

Qureshi made the remarks

Peace in South Asia not

possible without resolution

Dakistan's Foreign Minister would remain elusive until and

of Kashmir issue: Qureshi

Biden to meet Kenya Prez as war roils nearby Ethiopia

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden is set to hold his first bilateral talks as president with an African leader on Thursday, hosting Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta as war and a humanitarian crisis roil neighbouring Ethiopia, according to the

White House. The Oval Office talks come just weeks after Biden signed an executive order threatening to levy sanctions against Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and other leaders involved in a conflict gripping the Tigray region if steps aren't taken soon to wind down the 11-month-old war.

But the situation appears to have only worsened on the

Tigray external affairs office earlier this week alleged that hundreds of thousands of Ethiopian "regular and irregular fighters" launched a coordinated assault on several

Russia offers US to lift sanctions on diplomatic missions Ryabkov. Nuland arrived in

Moscow: Russia offered the US on Tuesday to roll back several rounds of sanctions that have hampered the activities of their diplomatic missions, but Meanwhile, the data shows reaffirmed its strong opposition to any US military presence in Central Asia.

18 per cent (to 5,627 offences) down from 6,856 in the previ-The Russian proposal was ous year, with Muslims made during the talks between accounting for the largest tar-Under Secretary of State get group (45 per cent) fol-Victoria Nuland and Russia's lowed by Jewish (22 per cent). Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei

Moscow on Monday on a three-day visit for talks that the US State Department said would touch on a range of bilateral, regional, and global issues.

The US Embassy tweeted Nuland's description of her meetings as "constructive" but didn't give any details.

Ryabkov said he and Nuland made no progress on normalizing the work of their

diplomatic missions, which has been hampered by multiple round of sanctions, adding that the situation could exacerbate even further, according to the Interfax news agency.

The Russian Foreign Ministry reiterated Moscow's readiness to respond in kind to any unfriendly US actions and called for rolling back a slew of sanctions and restrictions on diplomatic missions.

29 killed, 1.2L people displaced

ground, with Tigray forces saying Ethiopia's government has launched a long-threatened major military offensive against them in an attempt to end the A statement from the

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No 1 Plot No – B3, WIFI IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane,

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.

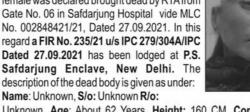
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the 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	Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch	
	LBIND00002016959	Flat No A2 601, 6th Floor Sahara City, Gram Bicholi Mardana, 601, Madhya Pradesh, Indore- 452001/ October 11, 2021	June 25, 2021 Rs. 12,13,231.00/-	Indore	

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 13, 2021 Place: Delhi (Rohini) Authorized Officer APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one female was declared brought dead by RTA from Gate No. 06 in Safdarjung Hospital vide MLC No. 002848421/21, Dated 27.09.2021. In this regard a FIR No. 235/21 u/s IPC 279/304A/IPC Dated 27.09.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under:



Unknown, Age: About 62 Years, Height: 160 CM, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Cornflower Colour Upper and Black Salwar.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead female please inform the undersigned.

DP/878/SW/2021

P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi. Ph.: 011-24106346,24106345

as heavy rain lashes north China **PTI** ■ BEIJING Pingshan county,

relocated.

t least 29 people were Akilled, including 14 in a bus accident, as relentless rains triggered massive flooding in north China, authorities said on Tuesday.

Fifteen people have been killed and three others went missing in continuous rain storms that hit north China's Shanxi Province, which also displaced over 1.20 lakh peo-

ple, the local government said. In a separate incident, 14 people were killed when a bus plunged into the rushing river 780 million), state-run Xinhua

Shijiazhuang on Monday. From October 2 to 7,

Shanxi experienced the strongest autumn flood on record. Continuous rainfall has affected nearly 1.76 million residents in 76 county-level regions across the province, and 120,100 people have been

About 238,460 hectares of crops have been damaged and 37,700 houses collapsed or seriously damaged, causing direct economic losses to the tune of 5.03 billion yuan (USD news agency reported. The largely arid province,

Shanxi, has reported more than five times its usual rainfall since the start of the month. resulting in the destruction of dams and rail lines, reports said. Shanxi, a major coal producer, has also shut 60 coal mines, adding to concerns over supplies of the fuel as China struggles with power cuts. Till Monday, the disaster

had caused the suspension of 530 high-voltage lines of 10 kV and above, and 332,700 households had lost power,

Indian economy to grow at 9.5% this year: IMF

Tndia's economy, which con-Ltracted by 7.3 per cent due to the Covid-19 pandemic, is expected to grow by 9.5 per cent in 2021 and 8.5 per cent in 2022, according to latest projections released by the International Monetary Fund on Tuesday.

India's growth projection released by the latest World Economic Outlook remains unchanged from its previous WEO (World Economic Outlook) update of July this summer but is a three-percentage point in 2021 and 1.6 percentage point drop from its April projections.

WEO update, released ahead of the annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank, the world is expected to grow at 5.9 per cent in 2021 and 4.9 per cent

The United States is projected to grow at six per cent this year and 5.2 per cent the next year. Ćhina, on the other hand,

the IMF said is projected to grow at 8 per cent in 2021 and 5.6 per cent in 2022.

Gita Gopinath, Chief Economist of the IMF, said that compared to their July forecast, the global growth projection for 2021 has been revised down marginally to 5.9 per cent and

cent. However, this modest headline revision masks large downgrades for some coun-

"The outlook for the lowincome developing country group has darkened considerably due to worsening pandemic dynamics.

The downgrade also reflects more difficult nearterm prospects for the advanced economy group, in part due to supply disruptions," she said.

"Partially offsetting these changes, projections for some commodity exporters have been upgraded on the back of rising commodity prices.

IIP grows 11.9 in Aug on low-base effect

Good performance by manufacturing, mining

PTI NEW DELHI

 $I_{11.9}^{
m ndustrial}$ production grew $I_{11.9}^{
m ndust}$ per cent in August mainly due to a low-base effect and good performance by manufacturing, mining and power sectors that surpassed the pre-Covid level.

The manufacturing sector, which constitutes 77.63 per cent of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), grew 9.7 per cent in August, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Tuesday.

The mining sector output rose 23.6 per cent in August, while power generation increased 16 per cent.

In August 2021, the

IIP stood at 131.1 points compared to 117.2 points in the same month last year. The index stood at 126.2 points in August 2019, as per the NSO

The data showed that industrial production recovered and surpassed the prepandemic level of August 2019. The IIP had contracted by 7.1 per cent in August 2020.

Industrial production plunged 18.7 per cent in March last year following the COVID outbreak and remained in the negative zone till August 2020.

With the resumption of economic activities, factory output rose 1 per cent in September 2020 and grew 4.5 per cent in October.

Retail inflation **BRIEFS** eases to 4.35

pc in Sept:

Govt data

 $\begin{array}{c} R \, \text{etail inflation declined to} \\ R4.35 \, \text{per cent in September,} \\ \text{mainly due to lower food} \end{array}$

prices, according to govern-ment data released on Tuesday.

Index-based (CPI) inflation

was at 5.30 per cent in August

and at 7.27 per cent in

As per the data released by the National Statistical Office

(NSO), the inflation in food

basket eased to 0.68 per cent in

September 2021, significantly

down from 3.11 per cent in the

The Consumer Price

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September 2020.

preceding month.

RUPEE DECLINES 16 PAISE TO 75.52 Mumbai: Falling for the third day in a row,

the rupee weakened further by 16 paise to end at 75.52 against the US currency on Tuesday, weighed down by a strong greenback in the overseas market and firm crude oil prices.

GOVT-RUN NESL, LEEGALITY TIE UP FOR DIGITAL DEBT DOCUMENTATION FOR BANKS, NBFCS

New Delhi: Document execution platform 'Leegality' has announced that it has completed its integration with India's first and only information utility National eGovernance Services Limited (NeSL) to provide a unified digital debt documentation stack for lending institutions in India. Through this integration, Leegality will offer banks and NBFCs a "one-stop integration" that gives them access to the entire NeSL Digital Document Execution (DDE) and Information Utility Service Ecosystem. NeSL offers a bouquet of services ranging from a secure information repository for borrower information to India's first 100% digital eStamp service.

WATER ON WHEELS: AN INITIATIVE IN CAPITAL

New Delhi: In keeping with the mission of Aatma Nirbharta and Make in India. Bharat Jal. a water-tech organisation with the mission to make safe water accessible to all at affordable prices, launches a new initiative of installing a wide network of satellite water filtration plants and attaching individual water ATMs on e-Carts. Starting October 2021, these e-carts will be found in over 35 prime locations across

Indices scale new peaks; banking, consumer goods, auto shares rally

PTI MUMBAI

 $R^{\text{ising for the fourth straight}}_{\text{session, equity benchmarks}}$ Sensex and Nifty marked their new closing highs on Tuesday due to participnts' continued buying interest in banking, consumer durables and auto stocks.

After a volatile trading session, the 30-share Sensex ended 148.53 points or 0.25 per cent higher at 60,284.31. Intraday, the index swung between a high of 60,332 and a low of 59,885. Change of Name

General public is informed that have changed my name from Geeta (Old Name) to GEETA BHATT (New Name), In future shall be known by GEETA BHATT W/o Mahadev Prasad Bhatt, R/o 101 Tea State, Gali No. 12 Banjarawala, Dehradun

सार्वजनिक सूचना

हाउसिंग भूखंड संख्या GH-01, सेक्टर–143, नौएडा आवटी संख्या लॉजिक्स इफ्राटेक प्राइवेट लिमिटेड ने उक्त संदर्भित योजना के कमर्शियल ब्लॉक का दिनांक २०.०८.२०१९ को भवन मानचित्रों के अधियोग

|मैसर्स लॉजिक्स इंफ्राटेक प्राइवेट लिमिटेड अपार्टमेंट बुकिंग/आवेदन के समय आवंटियों के साथ निष्पादित अनुबंध में परियोजना तथा अपार्टमेंट में परिवर्तन / परिबर्द्धन के संबंध में उल्लेखित शर्त को आवंटी की सहमति के रूप में प्रस्तुत किया गया हैं आवंटी संस्था द्वारा प्रस्तुत संशोधित योजना पत्र एवं वाणिज्यिक मानचित्रों का परिक्षण सार्वजनिक सूचना जारी होने के 30 दिनों के अंदर किसी भी कार्य दिवस में सुबह 9:30 से 12:30 तक नियोजन विभाग में कियाँ जा सकता है। उक्त संशोधित के क्रम में उत्तर || Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have प्रदेश अपार्टमेंट (निर्माण स्वमित्वा और अनुरक्षण का संवर्धन) नियमावली २०११ अधिनियम २०१० धारा ४ की उपधारा 3 के अनुपालन में अपार्टमेंट स्वामियों | S/o Late Sh. Suresh Chandra, and his तथा उनके संघ से लिखित आपत्तियां निर्धारित अवधि अर्थात सार्वजनिक सूचना प्राप्त होने के 30 दिनों तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। आपत्तिकर्ता/ इच्छकर्ता योजना के फ्लैट आवंटी द्वारा आपत्तियां अपने आवेदन पत्र, नाम, पूर्ण पत्राचार का पता एवं दुरभाष / मोबाईल नंबर के साथ कार्यालय समय व कार्यालय दिवस में नौएडा प्राधिकरण के मुख्य प्रशासनिक कार्यालय सेक्टर-६ में स्थित वास्तुविद नियोजन विभाग के कार्यालय में निर्धारित अवधि में प्राप्त कराई जा सकती है।

यदि निर्धारित अवधि के अंतर्गत कोई भी आपत्ति प्राप्त नहीं होती है तो माना जायेगा कि संदर्भित योजना के वाणिज्यिक / अपार्टमेंट स्वामियों तथा उनके संघ को कोई आपत्ति नहीं है तथा निर्वाचित अवधि के उपरांत प्राप्त आपत्तियों को संज्ञान में नहीं लिया जायेगा। निर्धारित अवधि में प्राप्त आपत्तियों पर ही नियमावली 2010 की धारा 4 की उपधारा 3 के अंतर्गत निहित व्यवस्था अनुसार सुनवाई के उपरांत |गुण दोष के आधार पर सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा निर्णय लेकर निस्तांतरण की कार्यवाही की जाएगी।

मुख्य वास्तुविद नियोजक

In the Court of Sh. Shirish Aggarwal Administrative Civil Judge ARC (Central), Delhi-110054. N.D.O.H. 06.12.2021 Ms. Chaavi Gupta & Anr. Vs State & Ors.

Ms. Chhavi Gupta, D/o Late Sh. Karnesh Gupta D/o Late Sh. Karnesh Gupta R/o 2/41, Block-2, Roop Nagar, Malka Gan Mrs. Shalini Gupta

W/o Late Sh. Kamesh Gupta R/o 2/41, Block-2, Roop Nagar, Malka Ganj, Delhi-110007

FOR SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE UNDER INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT. 1925

Whereas in the above noted petition the application/petitioner has applied for succession Certificate for the Hon'ble Court Under Section-372 of the Indian succession Act, 1925 in respect of the debt and securities amount of **Rs**. <u>xxx</u> As per record to be standing in the name of Late Sh. Kamesh Gupta Whereas the 06.12.2021 at 10'0 clock in the

forenoon has been fixed for hearing or the application notice is hereby given to this Given under my hand and the seal of the

ourt on this 07.10.2021

(Shirish Aggarwal)

ACJ/ARC(Centra): Delhi

Likewise, the Nifty rose 46 points or 0.26 per cent to its fresh closing peak of 17,991.95.

Titan was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying over 5 per cent, followed by Bajaj Auto, Bajaj Finserv, SBI, Nestle India, ITC, Axis Bank and Tata Steel.

On the other hand, HCL Tech Mahindra, UltraTech Cement, TCS and Sun Pharma were among the

In the past four sessions, the Sensex has added about 1,095 points or 1.84 per cent; and the Nifty has gathered 345 points or 1.95 per cent.

Sectorally, BSE consumer durables, FMCG, metal, auto, realty and power indices rose up to 2.78 per cent on Tuesday. While IT, telecom, teck, utilities and healthcare indices GSTN blocks ₹14,000-cr input tax credits of

66,000 taxpayers PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ST Network on Tuesday Said it has blocked ₹14,000 crore worth of input tax credit (ITC) of 66,000 businesses registered under GST.

Responding to social media posts based on an RTI reply about the ₹6.14 lakh crore of ITC blocked under Rule 86A of GST laws, GSTN tweeted that the figure includes erroneous data entries made by

"ITC of approximately ₹14,000 crore involving 66,000 taxpayers stands blocked as on date. This is only 0.38 per cent (approximately) of average ITC utilised by all taxpayers in a financial year," tweeted GSTN, the company that handles the technology backbone for goods and services tax.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the public at large that our client, Sh. Mannhar Lal S/o Late Sn. Naubat Ram R/o House No. 49, Street No. 2, Ranholla Extension, Phasel, Nangioi, Delhi-110041, through this public notice disown & renounce all his relations with his Son Naveen Kumar & Daughter-in-law Laxmi. It is further notified that they shall have no legal right, title, interest, right of inheritance etc on any of the moveable & immovable properties of our client. Our client also serves all social ties with them. He shall not be responsible for any act anglor omission of any nature, whatsoever, committed by them & further he shall have no personal, social or moral relation with them in future. Any person dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own risks, to which, our client shall not be responsible in any manner. Any other person related to them also, shall stand to be disowned by our client from their all moveable and immoveable assets.

Rohit Yadav (Advocate)
For RYT Law Associates (M): 9266130562 Ch.No. 402, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54 LOST AND FOUND I, Raj Kumar Saini C/o M/s Supreme Trading Co. Address 1043, Gali no.9, Shop no.8, GF Co. Áddress 1043, Gali no.9, Shop no.8. GF, Akashdeep Complex, Govindpuri, Kalkaji, Delhi have actually lost ORIGINALC FORMS (TOTAL 4 C FORMS) ISSUEDBYM's. S.A.N. IN TERNATIO NALTOM // S. SUPREMETRADINGCO.(TIN No.: 07160231826). DETAILS AS FOLLOWS: 1STOTR., 2014-15 OF RS. 24,18,910/-,2NDOTR., 2014-15 OF RS. 35,05,777.50 ANDATHOTR., 2014-15 OF RS. 20,88,223.16 WERE LOST IN THEWAYAT THE TIMEGOINGTO SHOP (GOVINDPURI, KALKAJI) FROMHOMEON 29,09.2021. LR No. 789270/721

I Alka W/o Late Sh. Suresh Chandra Resident of AG 629, Near All Heaven severed all kind of relations and have debarred her son Mr. Anirudh Khanna wife Mrs. Neha Chhabra D/o Sh. Mahendra Chhabra, R/o AG 629, Near All Heaven, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 from my all kind of moveable and immovable properties If any person deals with Mr. Anirudh Khanna and his wife Mrs. Neha Chhabra he/she will be doing so at

Mr. Parveen Kumar Narula Contact No:- 9811039231

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lt. Mahesh Narayan Shvastava 1000000, R/o. 1603, Tower-L, Logix Blossom Greens, Plot-GH01, Sector 143, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P, have deserted her only sor Peevush Srivastay due to his disrespectful and hostile behaviour. My client is not staying with him since Jan 2017 and staying with her sole daughter Maneesha Karn, W/o Ajeet Karn at aforesaid address since then. My client had allowed her son & his immediate family to reside in property no. AK-4/157/409, Ground Floor Media Times Apartment, Abhay Khand-4 Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, which is her 'self acquired property', till she permits.

Anybody dealing with this property shall do so at his own cost & risk. My client was, is and will not be responsible for his any act deed or liability accrued after 31.12.2016 Advocate Kundan Kumar Lal, Chamber No. K-99, Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi - 110054

Sale Notice The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of due

as per court orders, in the following cases: Case Details **Asset Details** Price Vehicle No-UP14ET0642 Make and Model-TATA ICICI Bank Limited Vs Rahul Yadav, Case No-40,000/-4,000 CM (M) 222/2020 ACE, Manu Yr-2014 Auction Date and time: 28.10.2021; from 11 am to 2 pm

Venue: AN Motors,14 Km Mile Stone, Agra- Mathura Road Ranukta. Agra (UP)- 282007 Contact Person- Vijay Sharma (9372730494)/ Jitendra Kumar 7304914763)

EMD: DD/PO of EMD amount to be made in favour of ICICI Bank Limited, payable at Delhi. Case Details Asset Details

Reserve EMD Price Vehicle No-UP16AH0220, Make and Model-Ford ICICI Bank Vs 90.000/- 9.000 CM (M) 229/2020 Endeavour XLT, Manu Yr-2011 Auction Date and time: 28.10.2021; from 11 am to 2 pm

Venue: JCS Financial Services & Parking Security, Plot No 112, Old Raipur Road, Pakri, Near Kisan Nagar, Kanpur-209304 Contact Person- Avinash Kumar (8953652366)/Jitendra Kumar (7304914763) EMD: DD/PO of EMD amount to be made in favour of ICICI Bank

Case Details	Asset Details	Reserve Price	EMD
Naushad & Anr, Case No-	Vehicle No-UP14HT8453,	Rs.	Rs.
	Make and Model-TATA	13,00,	1,30,
	1512, Manu Yr-2019	000/-	000/-

Venue: Mohd Nasir Khan Parking Yard, Chinhat, Lucknow- 226028 Contact Person- Avinash Kumar (8953652366)/ Jitendra Kumar EMD: DD/PO of EMD amount to be made in favour of ICICI Bank

Terms of Sale

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come at site with original DD/PO of EMD amount along with original KYC proofs to participate in the auction. Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount) within 5 days from the auction date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if you fail to make the remaining sale amount within 5 days, your EMD amount will be forfeited.

The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower Community Center, Plot no-7, Rohini Sector-8, New Delhi-110085 for etails of the said hypothecated vehicles.

India calls for IPR waiver in WTO **DISMANTLING TRADE BARRIERS IN GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST PANDEMIC**

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ommerce and Industry MInister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday called for waiver of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in World Trade Organisation (WTO) and dismantling new trade barriers in the global fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. In October 2020, India

and South Africa had submitted the first proposal, suggesting a waiver for all WTO members on the implementa-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Amendments have been effected in

the Partnership Firm M/s Narula

Exports at 2nd Floor, Building

No.2, Central Market, Punjab

Bagh (West), New Delhi-110026

registered vide Registration No

FIRM/WEST/2017/1428 dated

22.08.2017 with Registrar (Firms 8

Societies), District (West) Govt. of

NCT of Delhi, Old Middle School

Building, Rampura, Delhi-110035

Mr. Rudraksh Narula has joined the Firm w.e.f 07.08.2021, and Shr

Subhash Kumar Narula has retired

from the Firm w.e.f 12.08.2021, it

anyone is having any query o

objection of any kind, with regards to

the amendments in the Firm, may

(Partner)

M/s Narula Exports

please contact the undersigned.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pipetel Communication Pvt. Limited

Block No.5A-6, 5th Floor, East India House

20B, Abdul Hamid Street, Kolkata -700069

Sub: Deed of Sub-Lease dated 10.09.2018

1,Old Court House Corner,Kolkata-700001

Under instructions from and on behalf of

my client above named I address as follows: My client states that my client had let out the office space No. 5A-6 measuring about 1036 SFT on the 5th floor of the

building at premises no. 20B, Abdul Hamid Street, Kolkata-700069, in terms of the aforesaid Sub-lease deed for a period of

three years commencing from 1st November 2018 and ended on 31st August 2021 at a monthly rent of Rs. 60,088/- plus

GST as applicable. In addition to the

aforesaid rent, you were also liable to pay the Occupier's share of Municipal rates and taxes and electricity charges for the Units consumed in respect of the said

office space during the said lease period.
My client states that you have defaulted in
payment of rent, occupier share of
Municipal rates and taxes and electricity

charges in respect of the said office space since September 2019, My client states that in the terms said Deed of Sub-lease,

that in the terms said Deed of Sub-lease, you are liable to pay interest. Sometime in the month of March 2020, you have sent part of the dues, on account, which was received by my client, under protest. My client states that after adjusting the said part dues, a sum of Rs.17,01,696/- on account of occupier's share of Municipal Tax and Ps.106.991/ for least interest.

Rs.1,96,881/- for electricity charges My client states you are also liable to pay

interest on the said arrear amount being a sum of Rs. 4,87,289/- till 31.08.2021. Thus

a total sum of Rs. 28,83,405/-, is due and payable by you in respect of the office space No. 5A-6 as on 31.08.2021. My

client states that since the lease term expired on 31.08.2021 but you have failed

and neglected to vacate the said office space on expiry of 31st August 2021 and put the said office space on expiry of 31st August 2021 and put the said office space under lock and key, you are liable to pay a sum of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) per

possession of the said office space, till the date you would hand over possession of

the same by removing your articles therefrom. In the view of above, I, on behalf of my client above named, call upon you to quit and vacate the said office space No. 5A-6 and deliver peaceful

vacant and khas possession of the same to my client immediately. You are also called upon to pay aforesaid dues

including the unauthorized occupation charges within 7 days from the receipt of this receipt of this notice. Should you fail to

comply as aforesaid my client shall be

constrained to take appropriate steps against you for recovery of khas possession of the said office space and

realization of the aforesaid dues after

adjusting the security deposit of Rs. 1,25,396/- lying with my client,as my client may be advised, without any further

reference to you and you will be solely responsible for all costs and consequences

Pawan Kumar Jajodia

Advocate

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day on account of unauthorizedly kee

My client: EIC Holdings Private Ltd. of

New Delhi-110061 And also at

Re.: Notice to quit

tion of certain provisions of the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs) Agreement in relation to the prevention, containment or treatment of Covid-19.

proposal was submitted by 62 co-sponsors, including India, South Africa, and Indonesia. The agreement on TRIP

came into effect in January

Kanjhawala, Delhi.

Kanjhawala, Delhi.

to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in

Case Details

ICICI Bank Ltd Vs

Case No. CS

Ashutosh Vashishth

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nypothecated vehicles.

(COMM) NO.: 613/19 1.1, Manu Yr- 2017

or before October 27, 2021 before 03:00 PM

Fax: 011-24368639

Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

protection of undisclosed information or trade

"Our response to the pandemic needs to ensure equitable access to vaccines and other Covid-19 related health products by ensuring quick resolution of the supply side constraints. One of the ways to demonstrate this is by accepting the TRIPS waiver proposal," Goval said, in his address to the G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting in Naples,

RBI bans Srei Infra auditor Haribhakti & Co for two years seded by the RBI and insol-

Tn an unprecedented move, the Reserve Bank of India on Tuesday banned one of the country's top chartered accountant firms Haribhakti & Co LLP from undertaking any type of audit assignments for regulated entities for a period of two years starting April 1, 2022. Haribhakti & Co LLP was the auditor of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL), whose board was super-

vency proceedings were initiated last week. The term of the firm

expired with the conclusion of

the 35th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on September 19, 2020. The banking sector regulator has taken this action against the firm for failure to comply with a specific direction issued by the RBI

with respect to its statutory audit of a Systemically

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CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com **Tender Notice**

Office of Executive Engineer (E&M), Dakpathar Barrage, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below. Tender No: 05/EE(E&M)/DKP BRG/2021-22

Name of work: Annual Up keeping & Maintenance of Inspection House Dakpatha Estimated cost (In Lakh):₹11.82 (GST extra) respectively. Date of availability of bid Document on website: 12.10.2021, 10:00 hrs Last date for submission of tender: 01.11.2021, 18:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender document can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com".

Executive Engineer(E&M) "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Imperia Wishfield Pvt. Ltd. (the Developer), under the Migration Policy dated 18.02.2016 and amendment dated 24.01.2018 of Town & Country Planning Department, has proposed to migrate 2.825 acres part out of 4 acres under commercial colony License No. 51 of 2012 dated 17 05 2012 by Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Haryana (hereinafter known as DTCP) for setting up of Plotted Commercial Colony on 2.825 acres in Sector-37C,

Whereas, DTCP has granted Letter of Intent on the above land measuring 2.825 acres land for developing Plotted Commercial Colony, and, Whereas the developer has not created any third party rights on the said 2.825 acres applied land proposed for migration to Plotted commercial colony License. Now, vide this public notice, objections are hereby invited on the proposed migration from allotees of the commercial colony under License No. 51 of 2012.

Objections, if any, to the above proposed migration of part license may be filed in the office of District Town Planner (Planning), Sector-14, Gurugram (Haryana), within 30 days of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the migration of 2.825 acres part of the above license to plotted commercial colony

Place: Gurugram Date: 13.10.2021

For Imperia Wishfield Pvt. Ltd

IMPERIA WISHFIELD PVT. LTD. A-25, Mohan Cooperative Industrial Estate, New Delhi 110044, Ph-011 46469999

WESTERN RAILWAY E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

No.S/36/2021 Date 11.10.2021 S.N. Short Description of item T.O.D. Quantity 27 10 2021

904	Lead Acid Battery	23 Set	27.10.2021
905	Pantry Equipmemt	25 Set	27.10.2021
906	High Reach Pantograph	10 Nos	27.10.2021
907	Linagliptin 5 mg Tab	158400 Nos	27.10.2021
908	Teneligliptin 40 mg Tab	3080500 Nos	27.10.2021
909	Teneligliptin 20 mg Tab	2142070 Nos	29.10.2021
910	3 Phase Measuring And Monitoring Relay	456 Nos	01.11.2021
911	Brake Control System	1 Set	02.11.2021
912	Rubber Sandwich Unit	222 Set	03.11.2021
913	IOH Kit for Pantograph Type AM-12/ Equivalent	55 Set	03.11.2021
914	Insulin Glargine 100iu per 3ml Catridge	23780 Nos	04.11.2021
915	Liquefied Petroleum Gas.	48936 Kg	05.11.2021
916	Coupling socket assembly	190 Nos	05.11.2021
917	Sacubitril 24 mg plus Valsartan 26 mg Tab	71400 Nos	05.11.2021
918	Dropper Clip	6292 Nos	06.11.2021
919	Crash Worthy Fan Guard Assly.	2964 Nos	08.11.2021
920	Amoxycilline 500mg and Clavulanic Acid 1Amoxycilline 500mg and Clavulanic Acid 125mg Tab	783402 Nos	08.11.2021
921	Dasatinib 50 mg Tab	1940 Nos	08.11.2021
922	Paper Computer	2400 in Thoud. Nos	12.11.2021

Corrigendum:- Corrigendum issued to tender at Sr.No.892 of Tender Notice No. S/34/2021 dt. 16.09.2021 for postpondment of due date from 08.10.2021 to 20.10.2021.

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in. and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in.

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Executive Engineer
P. H. Mech. Store Division
Guj. W. S. & S. Board,
Gandhinagar.

GUJARAT WATER SUPLT AND SEVELING TENDER NOTICE NO SK/ RC/ 01 of 2021-22

GUJARAT WATER SUPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

Supply of Three Phase Horizontal Mono Submersible	
Pump Sets, (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	486003
Supply of Three Phase Submersible Pump Sets, (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	486023
Supply of Single Phase Submersible Pump Sets (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	485915
Supply of 3 Core Flat PVC Copper Cable for Submersible Pumps (only Indian Manufacturer)	485913
ISI Marked different size of U.P.V.C casing Pipe (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only).	486004
ISI Marked different size heavy duty G.I.Column Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer)	485912
ISI Marked different size H.D.P.E. Pipes (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only	485914
ISI Marked 32mm dia Medium Duty G.I. Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer)	485918
ISI Marked 200mm & 250 mm dia M.S. ERW Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer)	485911
Various Size of Cubical Control Panel Board (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	485916
Cage Type Trapezoidal Shape "V" Wire Wound Low Carbon Galvanized / Stainless Steel - 304 Screen Pipes. (only Indian Manufacturer)	485917
Spares for Deepwell Hand pumps - Standard and Extra Deep and Tool Kits, (only Indian Manufacturers)	485985
ISI Marked Deepwell Handpump with Normal & Telescopic stand assembly and Extra Deep Deepwell Handpump with Telescopic stand assembly (Indian Manufacturers)	485960
	GWSSB Approved Vendors only) Supply of Single Phase Submersible Pump Sets (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only) Supply of 3 Core Flat PVC Copper Cable for Submersible Pumps (only Indian Manufacturer) ISI Marked different size of U.P.V.C casing Pipe (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only). ISI Marked different size heavy duty G.I.Column Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer) ISI Marked different size H.D.P.E. Pipes (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only) ISI Marked 32mm dia Medium Duty G.I. Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer) ISI Marked 20mm & 250 mm dia M.S. ERW Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer) Various Size of Cubical Control Panel Board (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only) Cage Type Trapezoidal Shape "V" Wire Wound Low Carbon Galvanized / Stainless Steel - 304 Screen Pipes, (only Indian Manufacturer) Spares for Deepwell Hand pumps - Standard and Extra Deep and Tool Kits, (only Indian Manufacturers) ISI Marked Deepwell Handpump with Normal & Telescopic stand assembly and Extra Deep Deepwell Handpump with Telescopic stand

Bid Opening Date: 10 / 11 / 2021 at 15.00 Hrs
Contact Office: Executive Engineer, Public Health Mechanical Store Division, "A"
Block, Patnagar Yojana Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Near GH-4, Sector-16, Gandhinagar382 016, Gujarat state. Tel/tax. No. (079) 23222844,9978406605.
The detailed tender notice and tender documents are available on web site:

www.gwssb.org and www.nprocure.com
For Village Level Drinking water Complaint Please Contact our Toll Free No

Room No 65, 1st Floor, 6, Old Post No/INF/VPN/2021-22/G/1278

In May this year, a revised

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

In this regard a DD No. 6A, dated 05.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out

Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform

Sale Notice

The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues

Asset Details

Vehicle No. UP14DH3223.

Motors Ltd.- i10 Magna

Auction Date: October 28, 2021 from 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Place of auction: https://bidkaro.net/ EMD: DD/PO of EMD amount to be made in favour of ICICI Bank

Manager: Mr. Avinash Srivastava (8953652366)/ Mr. Jitendra. Kumar (7304914763)

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the

said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in

their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to submit original DD/PO of EMD amount

along with self-attested KYC proofs to participate in the online auction or

The intending bidders may call us for details and inspection of the said

information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far.

General public is here by informed that this girl

Namely: Shivani, D/o: Shri Kanwar Singh, R/o:

H. No. 174, Dhobi Wali Gali, Poli wala Pana, VPO,

Ladpur, Delhi-81, Age: 24 years, Height: 5 feet,

Complexion: Shallow, Buit: Thin, Face: Round,

Wearing: Pink Colour Suit, Green Colour Salwar,

Duptta and Sandals in feet a, has been Missing

since 04.10.2021 from the area of P.S.

P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi

Price

2,34,000/- 23.400/

DP/1118/RD/2021

EMD

Ph. 011-25951485, 8750870324

1995. It is a multilateral agreement on intellectual property (IP) rights such as copyright, industrial designs, patents and Italy.

The young need to be agile as well as empathetic towards each other. With leadership skills we can create a stream of influential. purposeful beings who will be self-aware of themselves, says

ANIRUDH KHAITAN

he nature of education is rapidly changing due to emerging creative, technical and scientific preferences. The exact effect of these and other changes remain unknown, but one thing seems certain: The skills that today's World values and rely upon are shifting. In turn, a skills gap is in sight where children struggle to choose the right armour that pre-pares them for the impending

COVID shook up our ingrained ways of education and has pushed educators and students to their limits. It opened up new possibilities and revealed deep inequities. Now it's time to get back on track. But which track?

The global shock of the pandemic turned the education world upside down and then unleashed a succession of school disruptions.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres, in August 2020, predicted that the effects of the pandemic were destined to become a "generational catastrophe" in education. Since then, the full extent of the learning slide affecting all students, and particularly the most disadvantaged, became more visible.

Research and surveys testify to the combined academic and psycho-social impacts on children and families. A generational catastrophe that could waste untold human

inequalities."

The Brief calls for national authorities and the international community to come together to place education at the forefront of recovery agendas and protect invest-ment in education. UNESCO will convene a special session of the

Global Education Meeting before the end of the year.

Going back on finding the track where we need to build a bridge to overcome this darkness technology in today's time can play a vital role. in today's time can play a vital role, technology encourages students to collaborate more and provides them with better opportunities to communicate. Furthermore, technology also allows students to work on team projects and share their strengths. When students work together, they learn to share, learn how to listen, and work well with

Well, believe it or not technical skills are important they can help you work more efficiently, boost your confidence and make you a more valuable candidate for future career choices. The biggest example of which is that according to the New Education Policy that has been approved by the Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, students will be taught Coding as a subject from as early as class 6th.

School Education secretary potential, undermine decades of progress, and exacerbate entrenched 6 and onwards will be taught cod-



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empowered to learn

ing in schools as a part of 21st-cen-

However, with technology in today's ever-changing world there are a few things to keep in mind that our children need to learn as well are Leadership, cultural Intelligence and the art of Leading beyond authority which in turn amazingly becomes an amalgamation of mul-tiple skills needed in this transi-tional world. These skills will not turn our children into magicians overnight but will surely save them from The Silo Mentality that is seen in today's struggling generation of people, at work, in home, in our

We live in a world full of complex problems, these problems cross boundaries yet most leaders do not. We need to develop leaders who can cross boundaries. Schools must break down Silos to remove barriers to equity, access to quality education and the opportunity to develop skills and competencies is vital in preparing youth for the future. An investment in their human capital is an investment in the socio-economic future of our societies.

The four C's that create a huge impact in the 21st century education - Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Collaboration. It lets students lead the learning. Learning takes place best in environments where stu-dents feel empowered to learn. Our

schools need to create an Inquiry-Based Classroom Environment, this would encourage collaboration and creativity and develop critical

thinking skills.

Bridging the skill gap refers to the knowledge, life skills, career skills, habits, and traits that are critically important to student success in today's world, particularly as students move on to college, the workforce, and adult life. Benefits of spanning these gaps will prepare kids for change, they would be able to navigate and find information their curious minds are looking for. Children need the right tools for real world problem solving that builds up character with learning.

The future of our human race wants their young to be agile as well as empathetic towards each other. With leadership skills we would be creating a stream of influential, purposeful beings who would be self-aware of themselves.

So, when we talk about kids being independent and learning on their own it all comes from these skills. Education is changing the way teachers teach and students learn. It offers a chance to get out of boring mug-up classes and offers real life learning opportunities and diminishes the gap between what is taught in the classrooms and the real-life workplace requirements.

The writer is Vice Chairman, Khaitan Public School

When we study together, we learn together, we work together and we prosper together.

— Barack Obama

DIPLOMA, UG AND PG COURSES AT SANSKRITI UNIVERSITY, MATHURA

Sanskriti University, Mathura is inviting online applications for Admission to Diploma, Under Graduate, and Post Graduate Programmes in Engineering, Management & Commerce, Education, Special Education, Humanities & Social Sciences, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Fashion Designing, Law and Legal Studies, Yoga and Naturopathy, Tourism & Hotel Management, Medical & Allied Sciences, Basic & Allied Sciences, Basic & Allied Sciences, Basic & Applied Sciences, Ayurveda, Unani, and Nursing courses.

Apply: Applicants seeking admission are required to fill online application form available on www.sanskriti.edu.in. The submission of the application form can be done online or in-person at the University by depositing Rs.1000/-. For online submission, use the link https://www.sanskriti.edu.in/re gister. The admission prerequisites will be in accordance with the various regulatory bodies as amended from time

to time.

Dedaline: October 31,



MSC SUPPLY CHAIN & SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT

The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow is invit-ing applications for the MSc Supply Chain & Sustainability Management course starting at an additional entry point in January 2022.

The course has been designed to cover the latest industrial environmental issues, for example: the philosophy of design, manufacturing, and engineering management for the circular econ-

Eligibility: Normally a first-class or second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in a relevant engineering, technology, science or business-related discipline.

Scholarships: https://www.strath.ac.uk/engineering/studywithus/scholarships/internationalscholarships

Five programmes at SRMIST get NBA Accreditation

PNS KATTANKULATHUR

 $F_{ ext{grammes}}^{ ext{ive undergraduate programmes}}$ at the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur received accreditation by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA). The programmes in Biotech and Mechanical have been given accreditation for six years. Civil, EEE and ECE have been given three years of accreditation.

SRMIST has been rated by QS with 5 Stars for Online Teaching. QS has also been awarded 4 Star Rating for the Institution and Five Star Rating for Teaching, Employability, Innovation and Social

Responsibility.

Vice Chancellor, Dr C Muthamizhchelvan said, "This is a significant achievement in continuation of providing quality education to students. Our academic excellence, research and innovation, internships and placements have enabled us to get the NBA accreditation."

He has also urged students and faculty to continue to excel in all areas, with more focus on research on energy, water, environment and health care.

SRMIST expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders - students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, employers and industry partners for these recognitions.

Woman empowerment through employment | Strengthening research and study ties

ebrated on March 8th to stand together as a united force and to advance gender equality around the world. However, gender inequality and biases still remain a global challenge. To fill the gap there is a need to empower women through employment. Following this has myriad advantages. Let us discuss the benefits in detail.

Employing women can make them independent

There should be more work openings accessible to women that are not just exclusively open to the females who live in metropolitan cities but also to the individuals who live in tier II, III cities and villages. According to the International Finance Corporation study, incorporating more females to work makes them independent but at the same time, it is also good for business growth. When a woman is independent she can stand against any physical and emotional abuses. Women strengthen team

dynamics Women have the skill to unite people and draw together opinions and proposals, this is the reason a woman should be given a chance to work in the organisation. Overall this favours the creation of teams, furthers participation and optimizes the decision-making process. Organizations should be committed to build policies focussed on encouraging women to take leadership roles and try every way to fight back gender inequality.

Improved productivity and



Diversity is key to the company's growth where women should be employed equally with the number of male employees in any organisation. There is evidence highlighting that the co-existence of men and women in the same organisation delivers better and enhanced pro-These are the reasons why

women should be empowered. To achieve this, proper skilling of women is of utmost importance. It is important to skill women so that they can sustain competition and stay relevant. However, it is also essential to connect with mentors and peers who can support and enable growth. However, companies have started realising that empowering a woman is equal to empowering the entire society. While there have been trailblazers like Rebecca Parsons, Indra Nooyi and Gita Gopinath, recently people are realizing that business benefits through diverse leadership. For example, SEBI regulations from 2014 made it

mandatory to have at least one woman on a company's board. The step was initiated to increase the diversity in the boardroom from just 6% in March 2014 to 17% in 2020.

Companies like Nestle are internally building a more diverse company through its Gender Accéleration Plan to raise the proportion of women in its top 200 senior executive positions to 30% by 2022. Many organizations today have robust Diversity & Inclusion

But there are still some areas inequality appears entrenched in many organizations. In the public sectors of India the benefits and compensation are equal regardless of gender, but the private sector still has a long way to fill the gender gap. Companies still showcase a certain level of hesitation in the matter like maternity leave, during probation periods and when it is the hiring of female personnel right after maternity leave.

Reducing limitations and ensur-

for females requires focused and targeted action by the private sector as well as from the Government side, even though the Indian Government has taken certain steps in this direction.

The Government's role is also pivotal in empowering women. To encourage the women owners of MSME, the government offers them certain schemes with lucrative offers. Some of the schemes like Bharatiya Mahila Bank Business Loan, Mudra Yojana Scheme, etc. are few of the Government's initiative that aims to improve the status of women by making them financially independent and self-reliant.

Our Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi in his Mann ki Baat radio program asserted, "Our dream of New India is India where women are empowered, strengthened where they become equal partners in the all-round development of the country." The Prime Minister quote highlights that the Modi Government is very much serious about women orientation.

It can be concluded that empowering women is essential. No country can gain its actual potential if half of its human capital is not contributing to its growth. However, Indian society will have to dampen gender inequality in all forms. With the hybrid working model gaining prominence, it is hoped to bring more women back into the workforce post COVID-19.

The writer is Manan Sharma Vashisht, Founder and Director, ReBrand Gurus

↑ s the beginning of a new acad- Lancaster this kind of in-depth col- research endeavour, ensuring we Aemic year approaches, across the world students are preparing once

more to travel to study at leading universities. For many of those young people, their ambitions will take them for the first time to another country. And for many of those hopeful Indian students, their study destination of choice in the

According to the Higher Education Statistics Agency, British Universities received 9,930 applications from students from India in 2021, a 30 percent increase on the previous year. During the academic year 2019/20, the UK universities were home to a total of 55,465 Indian students. These students come to Britain in search of a highly regarded education and the opportunity to live, study and now also work in a country that has a longstanding educational relationship with India.

British universities understand that India is a nation of remarkable talent and our desire to collaborate and learn together runs deep. What makes this even more important is the nature of the problems we now face which cannot be contained or resolved by any single nation alone. Whether it is the development and production of vaccines to tackle a global pandemic, or addressing sustainable development goals from child health to food security and clean energy, we recognise the best solutions will be found together. U.K. and India - Working

together for good

In my own university of

laboration is found across many subjects. Dr Jasmine Fledderjigann for example has a longstanding partnership with her colleague Dr Sukumat Vellakkal at IIT Kanpur on food insecurity and child and adolescent health. Their work together is informing policy at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, World Food Programme, WaterAid India, Jharkhand State Food Commission, Kerala Planning Board, and National Foundation of

Indian graduates of U.K. universities - a positive force for global change

The graduates of my own university are no different - Indian alumni from Lancaster are CEOs of companies and work in tech, but they are certainly not limited to those more traditional graduate routes. The poet Debjani Chatterjee is a Lancaster graduate as was the international badminton player Rohit Murthy. What they all have in common with Indian alumni of U.K. institutions is the pride and affection they share when they recall their time as Indian students in the

But it isn't just British universities that change the life of Indian students and graduates. These talented people change us for the better. Our British universities are places of global connection, and rightly so. We draw strength from our gĺobal outlook, welcoming the brightest and the best students and staff from around the world. Our international connections drive forward our

remain at the forefront of progress. A more welcoming policy to Indian students

Since the election of British Prime-Minister Boris Johnson, the U.K. has introduced a number of measures to support Indian students who choose to study in Britain, including:

♦Post-study work visas - The UK government's graduate route allows eligible Indian students to seek work at any skill level for two years after graduation.

♦ Access to Covid vaccines free from the U.K. National Health Service - Anybody aged 18 or over in the UK is eligible for the Covid-19 vaccination for free, regardless of their nationality or immigration

status. Removal of India from the 'red list' for Covid travel restrictions -There is now no quarantine requirement for Indian students travelling to the UK if fully vaccinated with Covishield or another UK-approved

U.K. International Education Strategy

vaccine

U.K. International Education Strategy is a new initiative to bring together all parts of government, universities and students to help ensure Britain remains an attractive destination for international students. This work is led by Sir Steve Smith, a former university leader now serving as the U.K.'s first dedicated International Education Champion.

The writer is Professor Andy Schofield, Theoretical Physicist, Vice-Chancellor, Lancaster University

Integrated Programme in Management at IIM Bodh Gaya Dr Randeep Guleria for Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award

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Integrated Programme in Management (IPM) at Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya was inaugurated by Dr Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State for Education, Government of India on October 5, 2021. Being from East India himself, he mentioned how this programme is the first of its kind in eastern India and highlighted how it can be a boon for students belonging to diverse backgrounds. Day one of the three-day orientation programme for the

2021-26 batch saw a number of eminent personalities who graced the event with their wise words.

The five-year programme aims to prepare students from a foundation level for taking up leadership positions and grow the students' mindset to have a global perspective towards management practice. The programme is the first of its kind in eastern India and has a rigorous curriculum that offers experiential learning, international immersion, and a focus on a student's holistic development, aiming

to deliver ethical and socially-conscious

Dr Sandip Ghose, Ex-Director NISM, BOG member IIM Bodh Gaya, said how IPM is a blessing for students to become whatever they want. He added, "Learning is a constant process" and asked the students to make every effort to acquire new skills and deliver to the expectations of the people. Dr Sarkar concluded his thoughts by saying, "The quality of the future depends on the quality of education we provide to the youth."

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r Randeep Guleria, Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences has been chosen for the 22nd Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence, 202. The award was given by the Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu on October 11, 2021 in New

The Award honours each year a distinguished Indian residing either in India or abroad for his/her



sustained individual contributions

and outstanding achievements of high professional order and excel-

lence in the field of management,

public administration, public affairs, education or Institution building, art & culture and sports. The honour carries a cash award of rupees five lakh plus a citation and a plaque. The awardee's name is inscribed on the honours roll of LBSIM and he/she is designated as Lal Bahadur



Time to upgrade with new techno-friendly environment as it opens doors to lucrative options in tech world, says DR KK SHARMA

igh advanced technologies are acceptable and are acceptable and demanding in every industry, upgrading oneself with the new techno-friendly environment would be appreciable. It is opening a new path for technology career seekers in the Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning perspective corner.

WHAT IS AI AND ML
AI stands for Artificial
Intelligence which is the development of a computer system that is capable of performing human tasks, more about processing and super power thinking. The demand for AI increases as it enhances the work credibility for humans, it is not intended for replacing humans which is vulnerable for business assets. The ML is an application of AI that facilitates the computer system to automatically learn and improve from experience, responsible for the development of computer programmes accessing the data and using it for learning themselves. In other words, machine learning is a form of AI which is an upgraded form of data science that is more effective than traditional AI.

The doubts arise between AI and ML as they both are interconnected, but the specialisation is different for both specified terms. ML is the form of AI but not all AI comprises machine learning. The career perspective and jobs in both the fields are enormous and greater to make higher income with opportunities for increasing experience and knowledge.

Every corner of business is trying to use AI in their process and products, opening a new path of opportunities for anyone. Therefore learning the new combination of AI and ML can lead you to great career aspects. A few ourses and certifications in AI:

■ Machine Learning

Learning Specialisation

■IBM AI Engineering Learn with Google AI ■AI: Reinforcement Learning

AI For Everyone by Andrew

■AI Programming with Python Nanodegree

Software engineering: The computer science field uses Artificial Intelligence tools to develop programmes which are a core part of software engineers.

The University of Liverpool

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dents can apply. Minimum degree

qualification of 2.1 or equivalent

in physics, chemistry or engi-

neering discipline, with experi-

ence or interest in simulation or

Supporting documents:

certificates; University transcripts;

Degree certificates; English lan-

guage certificates (International

applicants only); Personal state-

ment; Two references signed and

on letterheaded paper (these

should be academic references if

you have been in full-time edu-

cation in the last three years);

Research proposal (may be test

ed for plagiarism, collusion and

International students must have

an internationally-recognized

English language qualification

are required to apply to their pre-

ferred course of study through the

last date to apply is December 31,

university's online platform.

Language requirement:

How to apply: The students

Application deadline: The

other irregularities).

for the opportunity.

School or college transcripts/

numerical modelling.

Eligibility: International stu-

2022-2023

ML is an application of Al that facilitates the system to automatically learn and improve from experience, responsible for the development of computer programmes accessing the data and using it for learning

themselves

They are responsible for designing and developing the digital programmes or systems, designing the products through the technical function of machine learning for performing a different task. There are many software developers every year joining some new company if a person specified in AI will be eligible for a good salary

package.

AI research: This job is more about researching and discovering new ways towards the advancement of technology like someone developing a faster machine. The roles and responsibilities depend on the specialisation in their area of interest as some may be looking for advancing the data system while some might be working for the development of new software. Whatever research they are responsible for, every individual has the role to implement changes in existing tools and focus on

advancing the technology.

ML engineer: It involves the design and development of ML systems and applications through algorithms and tools. The skills required for this job profession are strong foundational knowledge of Mathematics, Statistics, and other programming languages.

The various ML experiments are successfully conducted through programming languages like Java, C++, Python and Scala.

Natural language process-ing: The most trending applications in the market where several applications require natural lan-guage processing, the responsibility of the experts is the role of understanding the language and technology to make a system successfully communicate with a human in their language. The virtual assistant present in the smartphone, chatbots are the example, this is the replication of human speech in a variety of forms. This greater field and newly grown area gives opportunity to earn a good salary as the demand is increasing in the market.

Data analytics: Data analyst is given the name as the person should be capable of understanding the data as it is the main core of AI and machine learning. In other words, if someone knows how to play with data i.e manage, analyzing will have greater opportunities in future. The main role of data analysts comprise managing, analyzing, and storing the data as well as reporting to other people.

The writer is Associate Professor, Sanskriti University

'Indian start-up ecosystem is bullish'

Use and adaptation of technology and increase in internet subscribers have drawn investors in the country's start-up, says PRABHAT SINHA

owadays, global investors are increasingly interested in Indian start-ups. By the end of this year, start-ups will have invested more than \$16.5 billion. Investors are bullish on the start-up ecosystem. With significant investment, the number of new start-up unicorns is also increasing day by day.

During the epidemic, entrepreneurs from many new sectors like e-commerce, logistics and food technology, emerged strongly .Start-ups in these sectors received good profits and invest-ments and also offered different avenues of investment for interested investors. As a result, global investors have started considering our economy as a mature and robust economy.

Indian tech companies have also contributed immensely to the favorable startup environment. Éveryone is aware of the world-class capabilities of our tech companies. The use and adoption of technology during the preent pandemic became inevitable, promoting our country's startup ecosystem. All the recently funded companies have used technology at an optimum level to enrich the lives of humans. Our startups are trying to solve global problems using innovative technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Blockchain and Robotics Process Automation.

The increasing number of Internet subscribers in our country is also a significant reason for the interest of investors. The easy availability of the Internet has also created new business avenues. Can we think of enjoying the services of Zomato, Amazon, Netflix, or Flipkart without the Internet? As a result, now, technology-enabled startups get a huge market and consumer base even if they are operating in India alone. The recent Zomato and Nazara

IPO are prominent examples of the maturity of the start-up ecosystem. Early investors of these companies have gained massive ROI after the launch of IPOs. In India's open economy, start-ups get a suitable environment to grow and

Our country has a plethora of global talent readily available compared to their US and Europe equivalents. Most successful startup founders have excel-



IT Expert & Author of Innovate & Seize Your Success

lent experience in their domain.For example, Zomato founder Deepinder Goel worked for management consulting company Bain & Co. before establishing Zomato. Meesho founder ViditAatreya worked for successful organisations like ITC and InMobi before founding Meesho. Working expe-rience in top-class global organisations increases the ability to find alternative solutions in risk management, apart from knowing the global scenario. Moreover, there is an increase incoordination which is highly beneficial for the new entrepreneurs. Many successful startups support new entrepreneurs with capital and experience, which increases the productivity of the entire startup ecosystem.

With the Government's Digital India initiative, availability of the Internet at a competitive price, innovative thinking, and the potential of Indian entrepreneurs, start-up companies are touching new dimensions of success today. Investment in start-ups is likely to increase steadily in the future. Investing in startups will create diverse opportunities for enterprise and employment in our country and strengthen economy. Growing investment in start-ups will

help realising the dream of a self-reliant

ndustry visits have become an essential part of students pursuing a professional degree or course. The Indian education system has witnessed immense

transformation over the last few years, with more importance being given to hands-on training. The approach for delivering quality education has changed with time for the Indian universities, and Industry Visits have become a part of the course curriculum for many courses.

A number of institutions now give grades and attendance on Industry visits to students. The reason behind the popularity of industry visits is due to

the fact that it exposes students to gain the practical knowledge on their subject which even their textbooks can't provide. There are several other advantages attached to such

These visits give students an insight regarding the internal working of companies. Just having a theoretical knowledge about a subject is not enough for making a good professional career. With an aim to go beyond academics, the visits provide students with a practical perspective on the internal working in a company. The students are provided with the opportunities to gain an in-depth knowledge of the procedures

and techniques followed throughout in the company. The students attain an understanding of the work culture of the with an opportunity to analyse the management essentials.

◆The detailed information on the functioning of industries can only be experienced after visiting one. The visits are extremely helpful for students to embed hands-on understanding of the effective functioning of an organisation.

opportunity to students to engage in a conversation with the professionals. This, in turn, helps students improve their communication and interpersonal skills. Also, the students get a chance to establish a connection with experts, which could be helpful in placements.

There are certain myths which have been prevalent for years, in terms of management and other aspects based on the entire functionality of the industries. Industry visits provide an opportunity for students to gain insight into actual practices in a work-place. The students get an enhanced outlook on the practices followed by the companies to ensure effective operations and how they manage their workforces.

◆ The industry visits are not limited to the attainment of practical knowledge, but, it also plays an essential role in identifying an interest area for the students. During the

visit, they go through different departments and thus, they get an idea about different roles and what they entail. Students can get clarity of what exactly what job functions are required with respect to the kind of job

Industry visits are becoming mandatory in leading institutes. Students actively participate in industry visits. The industry visits and the chance to interact with industry leaders can help students gain knowledge and also help them choose the right career path!

The writer is Dr Kulneet Suri, Senior Director at Institute of Management Studies, Noida



The Ashoka University invites applications for its Young India Fellowship (YIF) — a residential one-year multidisciplinary postgraduate

diploma in liberal studies. Course offerings include leadership, group dynamics, communication, public policy, artificial intelligence, art appreciation, gender and media studies, business, international relations literature and political science.

Other programme components include the Critical Writing Programme and an Experiential Learning Module, which are supplemented by a range of guest lectures, workshops and peer learning sessions spread over the year.

Eligibility: Candidates who have a recognised undergraduate degree in any discipline (can be final-year student at the time of application), and are no more than 28 years of age on August 1, 2022 are eligible to apply. Working professionals, entrepreneurs, postgraduates and those taking a gap year, are all encouraged to apply.

How to apply: All interested individuals are required to complete an online application (free). Applications are holistically evaluated and shortlisted for an online writing test and a personal interview. The entire admission process will be conducted online for safety reasons.

For more information about

EFFECTS AT GREEN RAIN STUDIOS Location: Work From Home

Stipend: ₹8,000-₹12,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/5b79ed Deadline: October 31, 2021

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Location: Work From Home Stipend: ₹8,000-₹10,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/1c0d2e Deadline: October 21, 2021

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Stipend: ₹5,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/ac4dd9 Deadline: October 21, 2021

DIGITAL MARKETING AT ENTERNO DIGITAL SOLUTIONS Location: Ranchi

Stipend: ₹3,000-₹5,000 per month Link: internshala.com/i/c08694 Deadline: October 19, 2021

APP TO HELP FAST-TRACK FOREIGN EDUCATION

new app and service has been launched by IDP Education. It helps students in India to receive in-principle offers for their dream course right from their smartphone or in an IDP office, alongside one of IDP's expert counsellors.

Students are invited to share their study goals and current qualifications. Upon

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completing their academic profile, they are matched to courses they are eligible to apply for. If

they want to proceed, students can receive an inprinciple offer from their chosen institution within 30

minutes of submission

This means the student can choose to only apply to courses where they know they meet the entry criteria, greatly reducing the number of applications they submit, whilst institutions receive higher-quality applications, more quickly.

Piyush Kumar, Regional Director (South Asia), IDP Education said: "The last 18 months have reminded us that technology is great, but its real purpose is to empower us. When making decisions as big as studying overseas, you need to know you have someone in your corner. The IDP Live streamlines the paperwork so students can spend more time having real conversations about their future and their goals.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP BY IIT MADRAS

Institute of Technology Madras in association with the US Consulate General, Chennai, is going to host a virtual workshop **Destination South** India — to help build capacity of south Indian

institutions to host US students. It will be held from November 15-18, 2021 with the **US-India Educational**

HASSLE-FREE SOLUTION FOR EDUCATORS

he Wheebox has launched a hassle-free solution for all modern educators who are adapting to the online methods of cheat-proof testing - a Low-Code/No-Code (LCNC) AI-Driven Proctoring Solution for all Learning Management Solution Companies. The application can be integrated into any existing

Learning Management System with single touch The plug-and-play

extension-based integration offers an all-in-one proctoring solution that is safe, secure and fortified with Microsoft Cognitive Services; bundled with features like Face Tracking, Live Stream, and Face Recognition.

LINK BETWEEN COVID-19, DIABETES AND AGEING

he Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) **Bhopal Scientists have** recently published a review of the biomolecular relationships among COVID-19, ageing, and Diabetes

Dr Amjad Husain, Principal Scientist, and Chief Executive Officer, Innovation and Incubation Center for Entrepreneurship (IICE), IISER Bhopal, along with researchers from

University of Arizona, US, presented that existing drugs used to treat Diabetes, obesity and ageing can potentially be used to treat COVID-19.

Their review, co-

authored by Dr Udeep Chawla, Dr Manoj Kumar Kashyap and Dr Amjad Husain. Dr Husain said: "With COVID-19 pandemic continuing to ravage the world, we are beginning to slowly understand the virus and its functioning.

It is now known that effects of viral infection is severe on aging population and people with existing Diabetes. There are studies being conducted worldwide on the effects of aging and diabetes on the short- and long-term outcomes of the

The published review shows that at the molecular level, there are intersecting pathways that are common to Diabetes, aging, and COVID-19.

COVID-19 infection.

STUDENT PLACEMENT AT NIIT

he NIIT Limited has achieved 100% student placement for its fresh batch of full stack product engineering programme. The programme is delivered via virtual live classes and is specifically designed with a methodology that accelerates learning and hones learners into becoming Day 1 project-ready full stack product engineers with deep skills.

The second phase of the programme (Enterprise Laver) involves releasing and demonstrating an interactive product. solving a real-world problem. The NIIT has successfully transitioned its customers to its digital platform and through this. learners are able to access their learning plans and all associated content and services digitally

6-MONTH PROGRAMME IN WEALTH MANAGEMENT final year students,

he OAWA Investment Education has launched a new OAWA-NSE Academy co-certified sixmonth programme in Wealth Management.

This first-of-its-kind programme has been designed to provide students with a unique combination of financial knowledge, practical application, as well as soft skills to assist customers.

The course is open to

Graduates, Post Graduates across all streams, and industry professionals seeking to upskill. It is also apt for those looking for a career shift. It has three modules

— Foundation, Soft Skills and the Advanced Module. It will provide students with in-depth knowledge in subjects like Science of Wealth, Business Maths, Macros, and Risk Portrait amongst

Module and lessons like Mutual Funds, Risk Capital, Bullion, Insurance Industry, Personal Taxation and Offshore Investments in the advanced module Virtual classes will be

others in the Foundation

conducted by acclaimed academicians and renowned industry professionals throughout the course. The cost of the programme is ₹1,58,238, inclusive of GST.

DC FACE LITMUS TEST **AGAINST RECHARGED KKR**

ROAD TO QUALIFIER 2

HEAD TO HEAD: Matches

Kolkata Knight Riders won: 15 Delhi Capitals won:

◆Delhi Capitals beat Kolkata Knight Riders in Super Over after match ended in a tie

THIS SEASON'S MATCHES: Delhi Capitals defeated Kolkata Knight Riders by 7 wickets at

Ahmedabad ♦Kolkata Knight Riders beat Delhi Capitals by 3 wickets at

FOR THE RECORD:

Varun Chakravarthy with 16 wickets in 15 matches is the leading wicket taker for Kolkata Knight Riders this season.

Shikhar Dhawan with 198 sixes in 299 innings of 3, needed just two more sixes to become the ninth Indian and 63rd batsman overall to complete a double century of sixes in Ywenty-20

Delhi Capitals have won three, lost two in the last five matches played against Kolkata Knight Riders.

yeing a maiden IPL title, the fancied Delhi

Capitals will face anoth-

✓ er litmus test in the form

of a Kolkata Knight Riders unit

brimming with optimism when

the two sides lock horns in the

second qualifier here on

first big test when they lost to

Chennai Super Kings in the first

Delhi Capitals failed in their

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DELHI CAPITALS:

◆Beat Chennau Super Kings by 7 wickets at Mumbai

♦Lost to Rajasthan Royals by 3

wickets at Mumbai ◆Beat Punjab Kings by 6 wickets

at Mumbai

◆Beat Mumbai Indian by 6 wickets at Chennai

Bangalore by 1 run at

◆Tied with Sunrisers Hyderabad at Chennai (won in Super Over) ♦ Lost to Royal Challengers

Ahmedabad Beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 7

wickets at Ahmedabad ◆Beat Punjab Kings by 7 wickets

at Ahmedabad ◆Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by

8 wickets at Dubai ♦Beat Rajasthan Royals by 33 runs at Abu Dhabi

♦Lost to Kolkata Knight Riders by 3 wickets at Sharjah ◆Beat Mumbai Indians by 4

wickets at Sharjah ◆Beat Chennai Super Kings by 3

wickets at Dubai ♦ Lost to Royal Challengers

Bangalore by 7 wickets at Dubai ♦Lost to Chennai Super Kings by

er Rishabh Pant.

4 wickets at Dubai (first qualifier)

qualifier and another defeat will

mean there will be no more

examination for the strong

squad, led by India wicketkeep-

will no doubt take confidence

from their victory against Royal

Challengers Bangalore in

Monday's eliminator that dashed

Virat Kohli's hopes of winning

an IPL title with his longstand-

ing franchise. If the emphasis is

on momentum and peaking at

Two-time winners KKR

◆Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by

KOLKATA KINGHT RIDERS:

10 runs at Chennai ♦Lost to Mumbai Indians by 10 runs at Chennai

◆Lost to Royal Challengers Bangalore by 38 runs at Chennai Lost to Chennai Super Kings by 18 runs at Mumbai ♦Lost to Rajasthan Royals by 6

wickets at Mumbai ◆Beat Punjab Kings by 5 wickets at Ahmedabad ◆Lost to Delhi Capitals by 7

wickets at Ahmedabad ◆Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 9 wickets at Abu ◆Beat Mumbai Indians by 7

wickets at Abu Dhabi ♦Lost to Chennai Super Kings by 2 wickets at Abu Dhabi

Beat Delhi Capitals by 3 wickets at Shariah ♦Lost to Punjab Kings by 5 wickets at Dubai

◆Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 6 wickets at Dubai ◆Beat Rajasthan Royals by 86 runs at Sharjah Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 4 wickets at Sharjah

(Eliminator)

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the right time then KKR will definitely fancy their chances in their next outing, notwithstanding their opponents' resources and depth in lineup.

 $D\bar{C}$, who topped the league stage with as many as 10 wins for a total of 20 points, are well aware of the task that awaits them. Since Australian great Ricky Ponting took over as their coach, Delhi Capitals have grown from strength to strength as they finished second runners

up in the 2019 edition before reaching the summit clash last

This year there aim is to do one better and win the title.

They are one of the most balanced sides in the tournament with a formidable batting line-up and a potent pace attack that is aided by seasoned spinners including Ravichandran Ashwin.

In Shikhar Dhawan, Prithvi Shaw and Shreyas Iyer, Delhi boast of a solid top order. Pant, along with Shimron Hetmyer, look after the middle order, even as they missed the injured Marcus Stoinis' prowess

Dhawan (618) was the second highest run-scorer in 2020 and has already raked up 551 this season. His opening partner Shaw is also coming off a good game against CSK.

On the bowling front, the South African pace duo of Kagiso Rabada (2020 purple cap winner) and Anrich Nortje ing scalped 52 wickets together in 2020. Then there is speedster

Avesh Khan, who has taken 23 wickets so far in this season of the tournament, and he will back himself to add to his tally against

DC have posted five wins in the UAE leg of the tournament but one of their defeats here has come against KKR, and what better opportunity for them to exact revenge than in the IPL

It is easier said than done though, with Eoin Morgan's side enjoying a massive reversal of fortunes in the Gulf after enduring a disastrous first half in India earlier this year.

'Thank you'; Kohli pens heartfelt post as RCB bow out of IPL 2021

fter Royal Challengers ABangalore's IPL 2021 campaign came to an end following a loss to Kolkata Knight Riders in the Eliminator at Sharjah, outgoing captain, Virat Kohli on Tuesday posted an emotional message

for the RCB fans. Kohli had announced before the start of the UAE leg of the league that this will be his last season as leader of the franchise. "Not the

result we wanted but I am so proud of the character shown by the boys throughout the tournament. A disappointing end but we can hold our heads high. Thank you to all the fans, management & the support staff for your constant support," Kohli wrote on Twitter.

Despite stepping down as RCB captain, Kohli reiterated that he will continue playing for the franchise as long

as he plays in the IPL.
On Monday,
Royal Challengers failed to defend the 138 runs their batsmen managed, which extended their long wait to lift an IPL trophy.

The closest they came to winning the

Kohli has given RCB a profile that very few can give their franchise: Gavaskar

Virat Kohli has given Royal Challengers Bangalore the kind of profile that very few cricketers can give even though he couldn't end his leadership stint the way he would have liked, feels the legendary Sunil Gavaskar.

Kohli's dream of winning an IPL title with RCB ended in heartbreak after Kolkata Knight Riders beat them by four wickets in the eliminator on Monday. Gavaskar said not all scripts are

written in the manner players want them to. Kohli had announced that he would step down as RCB skipper after the end of the 14th edition of the lucrative league. "He has given RCB that kind of

profile, that brand recognition that very (few) cricketers have given to their franchise," Gavaskar told 'Star Sports'. The former India captain com-

pared Kohli's last match as RCB skipper with Donald Bradman and Sachin Tendulkar farewells. "Everybody wants to finish on a high. But these things never always happen according to your or fans' wishes. Look at what happened to Sir Don Bradman. Just four runs were needed in his last innings and he gets out

"Sachin Tendulkar would have wanted to finish with a hundred, he got 79 (Tendulkar scored 74) in

2016 when they lost to Sunrisers es in the last 11 years. He won 66 of Hyderabad in the title decider. those games and lost 70 as skipper Overall, Kohli led RCB in 140 match- of the franchise.

Mumbai, his 200th Test match. 79 is not bad but somebody who is used to making hundreds would have wanted to get those extra 21 runs and then end his Test career there," Gavaskar added.

Sharing his thoughts on Kohli's failure to lift an IPL trophy, Gavaskar said Kohli had an ever-lasting impact on the team and mentioned the 2016 season when he amassed close to 1000 runs in a single edition. "The script is not always written that way. Not everybody has this great fortune of going on a high. But can one ever dispute what he has done for RCB? He has done magnificently.

"There was one year when he got 973 runs, 27 runs short of 1000 runs. Nobody has done it, nobody looks like ever getting to 1000 runs.

Since taking over as RCB's captain in 2013, Köhli has led the team to the play-offs four times, including the last two seasons, and the final in 2016.Kohli led RCB in 140 matches, winning 66 and losing 70. Four games did not produce any results.

Dhoni won't charge any fee for being mentor of Indian team: Ganguly

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni will not charge any fee for mentoring the Indian cricket team during this month's T20 World Cup in the UAE and Oman, BCCI President Sourav Ganguly told PTI on Tuesday.

The iconic former captain was brought in as mentor by the BCCI last month when it announced the squad for the mega-event, scheduled to start October 17. "Dhoni will not charge anything to mentor the Indian team," retired from international cricket last year, his last India game being the 2019 World Cup semi-final, which the team



It is believed that Dhoni was brought in for his experience in devising near-perfect white ball strategies. He led his franchise Chennai Super Kings into the IPL finals on Sunday.

One of the most successful captains in the history of Indian cricket, the enigmatic wicketkeeper-batter led India to two world titles -- the 2007 T20 World Cup in South Africa and the 2011 ODI World Cup in India. The reticent player's retirement,

announced by him through an instataken the cricket world by surprise and he has not spoken even once about it

Avesh Khan set to join Team India as net bowler



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Dbeen asked by the BCCI to stay back in the UAE after the IPL to join India's T20 World Cup squad as a net bowler.

The 24-year-old is the second fast bowler, after Kashmiri pace sensation Umran Malik, who has been asked to join the team and if BCCI sources are to be believed, the lanky fast bowler could well make it to the standby list by the time World Cup starts on Sunday. India will open their campaign on October 24 against Pakistan. "The national selectors have decided to also include Avesh in the mix. As of now, he will be a net bowler but if the team management feels, he can be upgraded," a BCCI source close to the selection committee told PTI on Tuesday.

this edition of the IPL, he has picked 23 wickets for the Capitals with DC still alive

INDIA FACE MALDIVES IN SAFF'SHIPS MATCH

Male: Unbeaten still but hugely disappointing so far, a beleaguered India face hosts Maldives in their last round-robin league match of the SAFF Championships here on Wednesday, knowing well that nothing less than a win will save them from elimination. A draw or a loss will send India out of reckoning for the final of the regional tournament and that will be the worst result for India in recent memory, which could also raise questions about head coach Igor Stimac's continuation at the helm of affairs. The worst performance for seven-time champions India before this edition was the thirdplace finish in 2003 and the country has either won or finished runners-up in 11 previous editions.

INDIA QUALIFIED FOR UBER QUATERFINALS

Aarhus (Denmark): Indian women team progressed to the quarterfinals of the Uber Cup shuttlers Aditi Bhatt and Tasnim Mir registered confident singles wins, here on Tuesday. India are now sitting second in Group B with two wins from as many matches. The Indian team had beaten Spain 3-2 on Sunday when top player Saina Nehwal was forced retire from her match due to a groin issue. Taking the court first, Malvika Bansod lost to Kirsty Gilmour 13-21 9-21 before Aditi got the better of Rachel Sugden 21-14 21-8 to level the

THAKUR PARTICIPATES IN CLEAN INDIA DRIVE New Delhi: Sports Minister Anurag Thakur

participated in the Clean India drive at the premises of the Humayun's Tomb along with volunteers here on Tuesday morning.Organised as part of the pan-India month-long cleanliness campaign by the sports ministry to collect and remove garbage (mainly plastics), the drive has been initiated to mark 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Speaking on the occasion, Thakur said through this campaign "we are not only organising clean India drive but also generating awareness about clean and healthy surroundings.

AMANDEEP LEADS STRONG FIELD Chandigarh: Amandeep Drall leads a strong field

of Indians who are fresh from their European sojourn as they tee off in the 10th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Chandigarh Golf Club here on Wednesday. Amandeep, who has had a good season on the Ladies European Tour Access Series with a few Top-10 finishes, will be joined by Vani Kapoor, who had a modest season. Gaurika Bishnoi had some very good finishes too, while Pranavi Urs and rookie Durga Nittur are also back after playing in Europe..

KHALIN JOSHI LEADS AT JAIPUR OPEN Jaipur: Khalin Joshi sank an eagle and nine birdies

to fire a scorching nine-under 61 for the first round lead at the Jaipur Open, here on Tuesday. The Bengaluru golfer had two bogeys. Rookie Kartik Sharma of Gurugram and M Dharma, another Bengaluru-based pro, struck error-free rounds of eight-under 62 consisting of an eagle and six birdies each to hold joint second position. Joshi sank some tough par putts at the start which enabled him to judge the speed of the greens. He got going with consecutive birdies on the 12th, 13th and 14th before recovering from the bunker for a birdie on the 17th followed by another birdie on the par-5 18th. After making the turn at an impressive four-under, Joshi pushed ahead with a birdie from close range on the second. His bogey on the third was negated by birdies on the fifth, sixth and seventh, all converted from a range of eight to 15 feet. The icing on the cake in his extraordinary round was the eagle on the par-5 eighth hole where he drained a 10-footer.

static at 3rd in ICC T20 batters rankings

Indian opener Shafali Verma dropped a place to be second among batters while her compatriot Smriti Mandhana is static at the third position in the ICC Women's T20 rankings released on Tuesday.

Verma has 726 rating points in her kitty while Mandhana has 709 points.

Australia's Beth Mooney climbed a spot to top the chart with 754 points. The Australians dominate

the ranking chart as besides

Mooney, two other from the

country -- skipper Meg Lanning and Alyssa Healy (6th) -- feature in the top 10. New Zealand's Sophie Devine and Suzie Bates are fifth

and seventh respectively.

After the first T20I against India was washed out, Mooney returned with scores of 34 and 61 as Australia emerged victorious in the multi-format series.

as a replacement for Rachael Haynes, who had to bow out owing to an injury.

Mooney's teammate Sophie Molineux too made signifi-Mooney was originally not cant gains in the latest rankings for bowlers after climbing 12 spots to be placed at No. 9. Molineux scalped three

wickets in the series at an economy of 5.60 that helped restrict India to below-par scores in the last two games.

Among other Indians, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, who ended up as the leading wicket-taker of the series with five wickets in two innings, rose to the 12th spot. Ashleigh Gardner broke into the top 10 to occupy the 10th spot in the all-rounders' list, thanks to her fine display with the ball that saw her finish the series as Australia's leading wicket-taker.

Georgia Wareham, who finished with three wickets and 23 runs in the three games, jumped 14 spots to a career-

Dhoni Cricket Academy launched in Bengaluru



PTI ■ BENGALURU

Sports companies GamePlay and Aarka Sports on Tuesday announced the launch of the M S Dhoni Cricket Academy (MSDCA) in Bengaluru.

The academy, which has been set up in Kada Agrahara in Bidarahalli will commence operations from November 7 and registrations are currently open, officials of the companies said at a press con-

ference. Deepak S Bhatnagar, owner of GamePlay, said, "With the launch of the M S Dhoni Cricket Academy in Bengaluru, children who aspire to make it big in cricket will have the best of the infrastructure and worldclass coaching facilities to pursue their dreams. With this alliance, children in

the region will get an opportunity to learn modern coaching methodology from MSDCA and their accredited BCCI coaches, Bhatnagar said. Mihir Diwakar of Aarka Sports

said the MSDCA was formed with the sole objective to provide platform to aspiring cricketers in the country through a structured programme that equips our players with the skills they need to succeed in cricket and in life.

"Our unique and ground breaking coaching programme is built around the core values of integrity, teamwork, enjoyment, professionalism and adaptability,"

Ayush Dabas, Rupal Chaudhary emerge fastest quarter-milers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ayush Dabas of Haryana and 16-year-old Rupal Chaudhary of Uttar Pradesh emerged as the fastest male and female quarter-milers in the third National Open 400m Championships here on Tuesday.

Dabas ran his second sub-47 second one-lapper in a fortnight, backing up his 46.58 second effort in National U-23 Championships here on September 28 with a victory in 46.86 seconds in the men's final on Tuesday. He was pushed by Tamil Nadu's

Surendar Selvamani who was the only

other sprinter to stop the clock below

48 seconds. Yet, it was 16-year-old Rupal who was the cynosure of all eyes, with her girls U-18 triumph coming in a personal best time of 53.73 seconds. She bettered her previous best of 55.37 seconds, clocked during the National Junior Athletics Championships in Guntur in 2019.

part of the squad but came in update, breaking into the top 10

There was also an emotional win for Jammu and Kashmir's Abrar Choudhary in the boys U-20 final. With a determined effort, he turned the tables on Pankaj (Rajasthan), who was the fastest in the heats. There was some consolation for Rajasthan as Rahul Kumar Githala claimed the boys U-18 crown in 48.33 seconds.

Top-seeded Pliskova upset in 2 sets at Indian Wells AP INDIAN WELLS held and then broke Pliskova

Top-seeded Karolina Plisova was upset by Beatriz Haddad Maia 6-3 7-5 at the BNP Paribas Open. Haddad Maia got into

the main draw as a lucky loser. She lost in the final round of qualifying and got in when No 29 seed Nadia Podoroska withdrew with a thigh injury. Haddad Maia inherited Podoroska's firstround bye and then beat Mayir Sherif in the second

Ranked 115th, the Brazilian reached the round of 16 at a WTA 1000 event



for the first time. On a windy day at the

Indian Wells Tennis Gardne, Pliskova held serve to tie the

On the men's side, No 6 Casper Ruud outlasted Lloyd Harris 6-7 (4) 6-4, 6-4 and No 10 Diego Schwartzman

23rd-ranked Dimitrov 6-3 6-4.

No 10 Angelique Kerber defeated 20th-seeded Daria Kasatkina 6-2 1-6 6-4. No 16 seed Bianca Andreescu, the 2019 cham-

in the final game to wrap up the win in just over two

pion, lost to 18th-seeded Anett Kontaveit 7-6 (5) 6-3.

beat Daniel Evans 5-7 6-4 6-0. No 16 Reilly Opelka lost to

Verma drops a spot to 2nd, Mandhana