

**OPINION 6**  
MILITARY LEADERSHIP:  
IN THE EYE OF STORM

**WORLD 8**  
PAK RELEASES 350 ACTIVISTS  
OF BANNED ISLAMIST GROUP

**MONEY 9**  
ECONOMY LIKELY TO REGISTER 9.5%  
GROWTH THIS FISCAL: REPORT

**Established 1864**  
Published From  
DELHI LUCKNOW BHOPAL BHUBANESWAR  
RANCHI RAIPUR CHANDIGARH  
DEHRADUN HYDERABAD VIJAYWADA  
Late City Vol.31 Issue 297  
\*Air Surcharge Extra if Applicable

NEW DELHI, TUESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2021; PAGES 12 ₹3



# the pioneer

www.dailypioneer.com



QUESTION  
ON ROHIT  
STUNS VIRAT  
12 SPORT

## Centre will talk to J&K youths, not Pak: Shah

HM asks security to remove bulletproof shield during public gathering for 'close contact' with people

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Sending out a stern message to the Kashmiri politicians for repeatedly demanding dialogue with Pakistan, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday hit out at National Conference president Farooq Abdullah saying the Government would rather talk to the youth of Jammu & Kashmir for making it the most developed in the country.

Before addressing a public gathering at the SKICC lawns, Shah, clad in a traditional "Pheran" (a Kashmiri form of the cloak), directed the security personnel to remove the bulletproof shield in front of the podium. "I was taunted, condemned... Today I want to speak to you frankly, which is why there is neither bulletproof shield nor security here. I'm standing before you like this," he said.

"Farooq (Abdullah) Sahab suggested we should speak to



Union Home Minister Amit Shah being greeted by supporters on his arrival for a public meeting in Srinagar on Monday PTI

Pakistan but I want to make it clear to Farooq Sahab and to you — I will speak to the youth and the people of the Valley".

Shah said, "The repealing of Article 370 had only one intention — to put Kashmir, Jammu and newly-created Ladakh (Union Territory) on the path of development. You

will see the fruits of our efforts by 2024".

During his three-day-long stay in Jammu & Kashmir, the Union Home Minister interacted with different stakeholders and gathered first-hand feedback than meeting mainstream politicians.

Late in the evening, Shah

paid glowing tributes to 40 CRPF personnel, martyred in a ghastly terror attack on February 14, 2019, at a CRPF camp in Lethpora, Pulwama. He also remembered the supreme sacrifices made by the security personnel to restore peace in J&K.

*Continued on Page 2*

## NCB orders probe into pay-off charge by Aryan case witness

**Sameer Wankhede fails to get court relief on allegation affidavit, lands in NCB HQ in Capital**

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a major fallout of serious allegations of an extortion attempt made against its Mumbai Zonal chief Sameer Wankhede by a "panch witness" Prabhakar R Sail in the mid-sea drug bust case, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Monday ordered a vigilance enquiry against Wankhede, even as a Special NDPS court rejected the latter's plea not to take cognisance of Sails charges against him.

Meanwhile, Wankhede arrived in Delhi on Monday night.

The NCB appointed its deputy director general (DDG) of northern region Gyaneshwar Singh to conduct the enquiry. Confirming that he would conduct the enquiry, Singh said, "We are a professional organisation and we are open for enquiry against any allegation against our staffers. The enquiry will be transparent and fair".

Singh said that as part of the enquiry, the statements of



Wankhede, Sail and others would be recorded, while the evidence given by the "panch witness" will be analysed" and the report would be submitted to the NCB.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil said that Sail — who had on Sunday said that he faced threat to his life — had been provided security cover by the Mumbai Police. Walse-Patil's announcement came after Sail went to the Mumbai Police Headquarters and met Jt Police Commissioner (Crime) Milind Bharambe seeking security for

himself and his family.

Sail's sensational affidavit dated October 23 had caused considerable embarrassment to the anti-drug agency, prompting NCB Deputy Director-General, South West Region, Mutha Ashok Jain to issue a statement saying among other things, "...As some of the contents of the affidavit relate to the vigilance matters, I am hereby forwarding the affidavit to the Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau and requesting for further action".

Mutha Jain had also said that Wankhede had categorically denied the allegations against him.

ally denied the allegations against him.

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

Meanwhile, in twin set-backs for Sameer Wankhede, a Special NDPS court on Monday rejected his plea urging it not to take cognisance of the allegations made by a "panch witness" regarding his alleged extortion attempt in the case. Sail had made a sensational claim about an alleged ₹8 crore pay-off attempt against Wankhede.

The Special Judge said he could not pass 'blanket orders' restraining the courts from taking cognisance of Sail's affidavit in which he has indirectly alleged about an pay-off attempt made on behalf of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan to release the latter's son Aryan.

*Continued on Page 2*

## Centre rushes team as Kanpur reports nation's 3rd Zika case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry has rushed a high-level multi-disciplinary team to Kanpur, where a 57-year-old man had tested positive for deadly Zika virus on October 22. This is the third reported case in the country; earlier one case each was reported from Kerala and Maharashtra.

The multi-disciplinary team comprising an entomologist, public health specialists and gynaecologist from National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, National Center for Disease Control and RML Hospital, New Delhi, have been deployed by the Ministry to assist the UP health authorities for control and containment measures.

The team shall work closely with the State health department to take stock of the situation and monitor whether the action plan for Zika management is being implemented. The team will also recom-

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ZIKA VIRUS MOST COMMONLY INCLUDE:

- Mild fever
- Rash
- Joint pain, particularly in the hands or feet
- Red eyes (conjunctivitis)



OTHER SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS MAY INCLUDE:

- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Eye pain
- Fatigue or a general feeling of discomfort
- Abdominal pain

mend necessary public health interventions for the management of Zika in the State.

An official said that the Pune laboratory late on Saturday had confirmed the Kanpur case, said an official from the Air Force Station.

At least 200 more samples of those in contact with the patient and those with similar symptoms have been sent to the Pune lab, and they been isolated in their homes. The first Zika infection was confirmed in Kerala on July 8. As per a WHO report, the Zika viral RNA was detected through RTPCR testing at the National

Institute of Virology, Pune, in a blood sample collected from a 24-year-old pregnant woman in Thiruvananthapuram. On July 31, Maharashtra too reported its first Zika case from Belsar village in Pune district when a 50-year-old woman tested positive.

Protection against mosquito bites during the day and early evening is key to preventing the spread of infection. Aedes mosquitoes breed in small collections of water around homes, schools, and workplaces and it's important to eliminate these sites by appropriate methods.



Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu presents Dadasaheb Phalke Award to film actor Rajinikanth at the 67th National Film Awards presentation ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Monday Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

## Pilot may be back in Gehlot Cabinet with a larger say

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/JAIPUR

Former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot may return in the Ashok Gehlot Cabinet with a larger say of his 'men' in the Government, the Congress sources said.

After Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot paid a courtesy call on Governor Kalraj Mishra on Monday, speculation is rife about a Cabinet reshuffle ahead of Diwali. Pilot and his team may find a place in the Government ending over one and a half years of political turmoil in the Gehlot-led establishment.

The Congress is facing intra-party fights in Punjab, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh where it has a comfortable majority to rule. The leadership is now serious about sorting out the mess one by one.



According to Rajasthan Congress sources, Gehlot is yet to take a final decision on how to accommodate Pilot, the Central party leaders say they have conveyed the CM to not only amicably solve the crisis but also provide "greater comfort" to his supporters.

Congress leaders belonging to the Sachin Pilot faction had been hoping for inclusion in the Government through Cabinet expansion.

*Continued on Page 2*

## CAPSULE

### PLEA AGAINST RAMDEV CAN'T BE THROWN OUT: HC

**New Delhi:** The Delhi High Court on Monday said prima facie, a suit filed by several doctors' associations against Yoga guru Ramdev for allegedly spreading misinformation against allopathy amid the Covid-19 pandemic deserves consideration and cannot be "thrown out" at the first stage.

### AFFLUENT COLONIES CAN'T BE REGULARISED: HC

**New Delhi:** The Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed a petition seeking regularisation of unauthorised colonies left out by the authorities, saying legalisation of such colonies was meant for the poor and downtrodden and not for the rich class.



Vehicles covered in snow following a fresh spell of snowfall at Koksar in Lahual Spiti on Monday PTI

## Punjab united against extension of BSF jurisdiction, to move SC

**Sidhu calls Centre's decision politically motivated to create 'State within State'**

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Divided on political lines but united on protesting the extension of BSF's jurisdiction to cover almost the entire area of six border districts of Punjab, the political parties on Monday came together to form a united front against the Centre. Punjab's all major political parties, sans the BJP, unanimously resolved to press upon the Centre to withdraw its notification to increase the Border Security Force's jurisdiction from 15 to 50 kms in Punjab.

All major political parties also decided to convene Punjab Vidhan Sabha's session in case the Centre sticks to its decision.



The BJP had already announced to boycott the all-party meeting convened by Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi to discuss the contentious issues of extension of BSF's jurisdiction and Centre's three farm laws stating that there was no conflict between the BSF and the State police.

The Punjab Chief Minister also hinted at knocking at the doors of the Supreme Court, if

needed, to force the Centre to withdraw the decision to extend BSF's jurisdiction in Punjab, besides launching a joint protest against the Centre.

*Continued on Page 2*

## Won't tolerate bids by Bars to put pressure on judges: SC

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday observed that lawyers' association and advocates cannot put pressure a Chief Justice to change the roster of a judge.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and AS Bopanna, taking strong objection to the boycott call made by the Jaipur Bar Association, said the top court will not tolerate attempts of Bar associations to pressurise judges.

The top court's bench asked the Rajasthan High Court Registrar General to submit a report to the apex court on the incident that took place on September 27, along with resolution of the Bar Association abstaining from work on the same day.

*Continued on Page 2*

## PM opens Swasth Bharat, says UP will be India's medical hub

Launching scheme, Modi says previous Govts didn't work for poor in country

RAMESH K SINGH ■ VARANASI

In a "Deepawali gift" that could help millions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was on a visit to his Parliamentary constituency on Monday, launched the ambitious health infrastructure scheme — Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PMASBY) — worth ₹64,180 crore and inaugurated 28 development projects worth ₹5,189 crore.

While launching the largest pan-India scheme for strengthening healthcare infrastructure, the PM said, "Uttar Pradesh will soon become a medical hub of India, ensuring a robust public health infra-



structure in both urban and remote areas, capable of tackling health emergencies or disease outbreak on an immediate basis".

Highlighting the employment opportunity, the PM said that "Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, along

with health, is also a medium of "Atmanirbharta". Our Government at the Centre and in the States is working day and night to improve health facilities in the country".

Launching a scathing attack on the previous Governments, the PM said, "No Government during its regimes worked towards the development of the poor, downtrodden, oppressed, backward and middle class. Healthcare for them has been only a means of earning money to them," adding, "The work done in Varanasi in the last seven years was not done in the last several decades".

Post-independence in the country, health infrastructure did not have as much attention as needed, which led citizens to run from pillar to post for proper treatment, leading to worsening of the condition and financial strain, he said.

*Continued on Page 2*

BAJRANG DAL VANDALISES WEB SERIES SET

Attack on freedom of expression: CPM

**Bhopal:** The Communist Party of India (Marxist) on Monday said the ransacking of the set of web series 'Ashram' in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh by Bajrang Dal activists was not only an attack on the freedom of expression but on the Constitution as well.

MP CPI(M) general secretary Jaswinder Singh, in a statement, said "unfortunately, the Government which had taken oath to protect the Constitution was ripping it to pieces".

"The criminal and objectionable activities of the Sangh Parivar under the patronage of the BJP government were on the rise in Madhya Pradesh. The incident was not just condemnable but worrisome as well," he said, adding that MP Home Minister Narottam Mishra's statement protecting the attack and attackers was supplying fuel to the fire.

Earlier in the day, Mishra had said

he supported the Bajrang Dal's demand that the name of the web series be changed from 'Ashram' to something else as it hurt Hindu sentiments, though he added that "we consider the ransacking as wrong".

Singh said Mishra had thrown a challenge to the Censor Board (Censor Board of Film Certificate) by saying producers and directors will have to inform authorities about objectionable content or scenes in their stories before seeking permission for shooting in the state.

"We are going to issue a permanent guideline following the dispute over the shooting of Ashram-3. Now, (the producer-director) will need to show the script of the story to the administration before seeking permission, if they are going to shoot objectionable scenes which hurt the sentiments of any religion," Mishra had said.



Students attend a class at a government primary school as the authorities allowed the schools to re-open for class 1st to 5th, in Bengaluru on Monday

BJP senses defeat so laying foundation stones, launching projects before polls: Akhilesh

**Lucknow:** Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav Monday alleged the BJP Government was laying the foundation stone of several projects and inaugurating several others as it senses a defeat in the upcoming elections in Uttar Pradesh.

His statement came after Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated nine medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh virtually and lashed out at the previous government in the state for "ignoring" basic medical needs of the people of the Purvanchal region while "filling the coffers" of their families.

"Now as elections are near and people are going to defeat them (the BJP), they are doing such events," Yadav said when asked about the inauguration of medical colleges. He asked

why existing medical colleges "were not getting" funds and a medical university in the name of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was still not fully functional.

The university in the name of Atal Bihar Vajpayee functions from the ninth floor of Ram Manohar Lohia Institute, which is also not getting due budget, he claimed. "Why medical colleges in Saharanpur, Budaun, Agra, Kanpur, Jaunpur, Firozabad, Jhansi, Banda, Azamgarh and even King George Medical University Lucknow are not getting funds.

"Where was the government when it had to ensure the availability of oxygen, beds, medicines and treatment to people during the second wave of coronavirus? It left people orphaned," he said.

Drop Anti-Conversion Bill, Archbishop of Bengaluru appeals to CM Bommai

**Bengaluru:** Archbishop of Bengaluru Peter Machado on Monday appealed to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to drop the proposal to introduce 'Anti-Conversion' Bill, expressing fear that it would become a tool for the fringe elements to take law into their own hands and vitiate the atmosphere in the State.

Also, claiming that the Backward Class and Minority Welfare Department has directed administration and Police Intelligence to conduct a survey of religious personnel and places of worship, institutions and establishments only of the Christian Community, he requested that the alleged orders be withdrawn.

SC asks Centre to file affidavit on change in land use in Vista projects

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to file an affidavit on the issue of proposed change in land use of a plot where the new official residences of the Vice-President and the Prime Minister are stipulated as part of the ambitious Central Vista project in Lutyens' Delhi.

The Central Vista revamp, announced in September 2019 envisages a new triangular Parliament building, with a seating capacity for 900 to 1,200 MPs, that is to be constructed by August, 2022 when the country will celebrate its 75th Independence Day.

The common Central Secretariat is likely to be built by 2024 under the project that covers a 3-km stretch from

Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate in the national capital.

The apex court was hearing a petition challenging the change in land use of plot number one from recreational area to residential.

The matter came up for hearing before a bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and C T Ravikumar which asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was representing the Centre, to file a short affidavit on the issue.

The counsel appearing for the petitioner said the authorities have not demonstrated any public interest as far as the change in land use from recreational to residential for the plot is concerned.

Mehta told the bench that official residences for the Vice-President and the Prime

Minister are stipulated on the plot.

"So, the public recreation area is not available now," the bench asked Mehta, adding, "Is the public recreational area going to be transposed to some other place or transferred to some other plot?"

Mehta said the recreational area could be shifted but he also cited security concerns considering that Parliament would come up there.

"What is your stand, we would like to know about it," the bench said. "I will have to take instructions," Mehta said, adding, "Considering that Parliament and other things would be coming up nearby, from a security point of view it would not be possible to have a recreational area in the vicinity".

Uttarakhand Govt hikes amount of assistance given to disaster-affected people

PTI ■ DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Monday increased the amount of assistance given under different heads to disaster-affected people.

Ordering the hikes at a meeting to review the relief-and-rescue efforts in the rain-ravaged areas of the state, Dhami said if the payment of the increased amount is not possible under disaster norms, it can be paid from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

The amount given as assistance for loss of clothes, utensils and household goods was increased from ₹3,800 to ₹ 5,000, whereas the amount given for each completely damaged house was hiked to ₹1.5 lakh, according to an official release.

Won't tolerate bids...


From Page 1

Counsel representing the Jaipur High Court Bar Association submitted before the bench that there was no strike on September 27, instead there was some disagreement between the sitting judge and the lawyers, in connection with refusal on an urgent listing of a petition seeking protection for a lawyer. Insisting that there was no strike that day, the counsel added an application was made to the single judge, in connection with petition wherein threat to lawyer's life was cited, to list the matter. He added the judge didn't agree leading to some disagreement. The counsel further contended that the Chief Justice took up the matter, and added that the media misreported the events.

At this, Justice Shah orally remarked: "How can advocates request for changing the roster of single judge. No Bar association can pressurise the

Chief Justice to change the roster." The bench added that the Chief Justice is the master of the roster.

The top court was hearing a petition wherein it had issued contempt notice to the office bearers of the Bar Association of the Rajasthan High Court Jaipur Bench for boycotting high court's single judge bench, as a part of the strike. The association demanded change in roster of the single judge concerned -- removal of criminal matters. The bench told the association's counsel that advocates, and the Bar association cannot compel the Chief Justice to change the roster. The Bar association counsel sought time to file a reply to bring on record facts in the matter. The top court has scheduled the matter for further hearing on November 16. Before adjourning the matter, the bench asked Bar Council of India Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra, to ensure that the incident is not repeated in the future.

**Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**  
Branch Office: H-1 & 2, 3rd Floor, Padam plaza, Plot No.5, Sec 16 B, Awasthika, Sakandira Yojna, Agra 282002.

**DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002**

You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagee is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there on within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrower /s	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding	Description of the property / Secured Asset
Loan Account Nos. X0HEAHE00001958026, X0HEAHE00002510381 and HED02AHE00000004730. 1. ALI HUSSAIN 2. SARIFAN BEGUM Both residence at: 11/11N/P-50 ISLAM NAGAR TEDI BAHAGIA, AGRA-UP - 282006 3. M/S A.S ENTERPRISES Through its Authorized Representative/Proprietors Islam Nagar Gali No-3 Near Dusi Masjid Tedi Bahigya, Agra-UP - 282006	Rs. 41,72,903/- Rs. 20,00,000/- Rs. 10,73,300/- totaling to Rs. 72,46,203/-	22-09-2021 & Rs. 67,65,534.45 as on 21-09-2021 together with interest thereafter	All that piece and parcel of land and building being a Residential Property Nagari Nigam No. 111/11N/P-50, situated at Islam Nagar, Mauza Narachi Tehsil Etamadpur District Agra (Measuring area 250.8 Sq. Mtrs.) Uttar Pradesh Boundaries:- East-Road 20 wide West-Plot of Munna & Sakur North-Plot of Khudabaks South-House of Ansari
Loan Account Nos. X0HEAHE00002263182, X0HEAHE00001871991 and HED02AHE00000005795. 1. NITESH SHARMA, 2. TAPESH SHARMA 3. VIDHYA SHANKER SHARMA 4. SHUSHILA SHARMA All residence at: 47/151 A Garhi Bhadouria, AGRA-UP - 282002 5. Shri Chadambalal Sharma Sewa Sansthan Through its Authorized Representative Lokendrapuri Garhi Bhadouria, AGRA-UP-282002	Rs. 11,50,000/- Rs. 45,00,000/- Rs. 30,09,500/- totaling to Rs. 86,59,500/-	27-09-2021 & Rs. 85,28,855.92 as on 24-09-2021 together with interest thereafter	All that piece and parcel of land and building property House No.47/137/10-A measuring area 167.22 sq.mtrs situated at Garhi Bahadouria, Mauza-Gopalpura, Loha Mandi Ward, AGRA Uttar Pradesh which is bounded as under:- East- Rasta 6 mtr wide West- Property of Sushil Kumar Sharma North- House of Indira Devi South- Property of Khushi Ram
Loan Account Nos. X0HEAHE00001662328, X0HEAHE00003010562 and HED02AHE00000003586 1. NRAPENDRA SINGH, 2. NIRMALA DEVI 6. SURYA PRATAP SINGH All residence at: 35 M K PURAM SIKANDRA, AGRA-UP - 282007. 3. VIRENDRA SINGH, 4. MEERA DEVI, 5. DIVIJAY SINGH TOMAR, 7. PRADIP TOMAR All residence at: 179 Bhadrail, BAH - 283113. 8. RADHA KRISHAN FILLING STATION 35 M K PURAM SIKANDRA, AGRA-UP - 282007. Also at:- RADHA KRISHAN FILLING STATION Through its Authorized Representative/ Partners 179 BHADRAIL, BAH - 283113.	Rs. 99,48,475.80/- Rs. 36,63,078/- Rs. 23,43,396/- totaling to Rs. 1,59,54,949.80/-	23-09-2021 & Rs. 1,40,60,303.79/- as on 23-09-2021 together with interest thereafter	Residential House on Plot No. 35 situated in M.K Puram, Mauza Sikandra Bahistabad, Tehsil and District Agra measuring area 167.07 Sq.Mtrs which is bounded as under:- East- Plot No. 34 West- House on Plot No.36 North Road 9.14 Mtrs wide & Exit South- Other Property

Date : 26.10.2021  
Place : Agra

**AUTHORISED OFFICER**  
Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited

Punjab united against...

From Page 1

He categorically said that the notification was timed with the coming State Assembly elections and it was "politically motivated".

Sidhu said that as the BJP had been outrightly rejected by people in Punjab, the saffron party was misusing its powers to "create trouble" in the State. He said that the Centre had not taken the State into confidence while issuing the notification.

"All parties unanimously passed a resolution that this notification be rolled back by the Central Government. If the Government does not do it, parties have decided that a session of Vidhan Sabha be called over the issue," said Chief Minister Chhanni after the all-party meeting.

Chhanni, accompanied by his Cabinet colleagues and Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu, said: "As this is a matter related to Punjab and Punjabis, and because law and order is a State subject and it's like a raid on our rights in the federal structure, all political parties in Punjab will come together in the fight to make Centre withdraw the notification."

The Chief Minister maintained that the Punjab Assembly session would be convened in the next 10 or 15 days in which a resolution under the notification would be passed. A resolution against the three contentious farm laws would also be passed during the session, he added. "Political parties will hold agitations against the extension of BSF jurisdiction in Punjab. We will also approach the Supreme Court seeking justice in this matter," he added.

Notably, Punjab has 425 kilometres of international border with Pakistan, and more than 80 percent of the total area of the six border districts - Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Fazilka, and all the major towns and cities including all the district headquarters of these border districts of Punjab fall within 50 kilometres area from the Indo-Pak international border. All major political parties, except BJP, have all along been opposing the Centre's move to extend BSF's jurisdiction.

The Special Court also noted the matter was sub-judice before the Bombay High Court and said that NCB was free to move the appropriate forum for remedies.

"Considering the relief claimed in the application, no such blanket orders can be passed. It is for the concerned court or authority to pass appropriate orders at the relevant stage. Moreover, matter is sub-judice before HC in bail applications in the same CR. Therefore no orders can be passed as prayed. Hence application is filed and disposed off, accordingly", the Special Judge stated in his order.

Maharashtra NCP Minister Nawab Malik alleged that Wankhede had submitted a fake caste certificate to get a Government job. In his plea, Wankhede had, among other things, stated that Sail's affidavit was an attempt to undermine the ongoing probe into the case.

In a related development, NCP leader Nawab Malik sought to corner Wankhede once again by alleging that the latter had submitted a "fake" caste certificate to get a government job. Tweeting Wankhede's purported birth certificate and marriage photo, Malik wrote: 'Yahanse shuru hua farziwada' (the fraud started here) and 'Pehchan Kaun' (guess who).

The birth certificate shows the NCB chief's name as 'Sameer Dawood Wankhede', while the picture is from his (Wankhede) first wedding with one Dr. Shabana Qureshi, and he later divorced her to get married with Marathi actress Kranti Redkar. Malik claimed that as per the birth certificate, Wankhede was a born Muslim but allegedly appeared for the civic services (UPSC) exams through a reserved category and became an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer. "He has forged the documents to get reservations in the (civil services) examinations and job," Malik alleged.

Meanwhile, Sameer's wife Kranti Redkar - who describes herself Maker of Kaakan, actor-entrepreneur. cinema and food lover on her twitter page -

defended her husband by tweeting: "Me n my Husband Sameer r born Hindus.We hv never converted to any other religion. V respect all religions.Sameer's father too is hindu married to my Muslim Mom in law who is no more.Sameer's ex-marriage ws under special marriage act,divorced in 2016.Ours in hindu marriage act 2017"

Threatening to reveal more "evidence" against Wankhede, the NCP Minister reiterated that the entire cruiser party raid was "fake" and said that everything was being done to "malign" the Maharashtra government and "terrorise" Bollywood.

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

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

Gosavi is one of the nine independent witnesses in the mid-sea drug bust case in which SRK's eldest son Aryan Khan and seven others were detained on October 2 and formally arrested on October 3. Gosavi is an "absconding accused" booked for allegedly duping a Pune-based man on the pretext of offering a job in Malaysia.

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

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

A suicide bomber had targeted a convoy of CRPF personnel along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway by ramming an explosives-laden car to trigger a blast.

Top brass of the security grid including Home Ministry officials accompanied Shah to the CRPF camp. Addressing a "Sainik Sammelan" at the CRPF campus, Shah said jawans of the paramilitary forces would be provided with twin cards to take benefits of 'Ayushman bharat yojna'. He also interacted with the CRPF jawans during the dinner meet at the venue. He was scheduled to spend the night in the camp before returning to New Delhi after winding his three-day-long visit to the Union Territory. Before visiting the CRPF camp in Lethpora, Shah inaugurated the "Houseboat Festival" organised by the J&K Tourism on the banks of Dal Lake. "It was a mesmerising experience to watch the musical fountain and laser show at Srinagar's iconic Dal Lake", Shah said in a tweet. Earlier in the day, Shah visited Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district along with LG Manoj Sinha.

The temple visit was not part of the Home Minister's original itinerary. He reached Ganderbal via chopper and drove to the temple shrine. Shah offered prayers at the temple shrine and also met visiting families of Kashmiri pandits on the temple premises.

Pilot may be back in...


From Page 1

Pilot was sidelined after his unceremonious removal from the post of the Deputy Chief Minister and the Pradesh Congress Committee chief last year after he along with 18 other party MLAs rebelled against the leadership of the Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

However, Pilot decided to fall in line after Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi personally intervened in the feud and assured him that his grievances could be addressed at an appropriate time. Since then Pilot and his loyal MLAs have been cooling their heels on the sidelines waiting for cabinet expansion and for political appointments in the state. While Pilot has remained mostly silent all these days, his supporters.

achieved a major milestone of administering over 100 crore vaccine doses. With the blessings of Baba Vishwanath, Ma Ganga and the trust of the people of Kashi, the campaign of 'Sabko vaccine, Muft vaccine' is going ahead successfully, said PM Modi while addressing the public.

Earlier, he addressed a public meeting in Sidhartha Nagar after inaugurating nine medical colleges. He said earlier Purvanchal was maligned for meningitis and now it is emerging as a healing center. When the Government is sensitive, there is a sense of compassion in the mind to understand the pain of the poor, then such accomplishments happen, said the PM.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Goyal Trading Co, Deepak Goyal, Seema Goyal, 72 A, Gadodia Market, Khari Baoli Delhi. A/C No:- 113805000571 & 113855000030	70, First Floor, Gadodia Market, Khari Baoli Delhi- 110006	21/09/2021 Rs.51,18,640.98/- & Rs.10,42,456/-	30/06/2021
2.	Softwilt Intech Private Limited, Tarun Vashisht (Director), Rohin Bhatia (Director), C 7/282 A FF Keshav Puram, Delhi. A/C No:- 0830050001256 & 083055000002	Entire Ground Floor Without Roof Rights of Property No.109, Block-D, Situated at Colony Known As, LIC Colony Jeevan Niketan Paschim Vihar, Delhi, 110087	01/10/2021 Rs.80,49,671.05/- & Rs.390/-	30/06/2021
3.	Vashisht Road Carriers Private Limited, Sunil Sharma, Sangeeta Devi, F- 35, G/F Gali No 12, Laxmi Nagar Delhi. A/C No:-695605000151	House No- 259 Sector- 23 Sonapat Haryana	07/10/2021, Rs.16,29,684.1/-	28/05/2021

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : October 26, 2021  
Place: Delhi/ NCR

**Authorized Officer**  
ICICI Bank Limited

REGULARISING AFFLUENT UNAUTHORISED COLONIES

Legalisation for the poor only, says HC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed a petition seeking regularisation of unauthorised colonies left out by the authorities, saying legalisation of such colonies was meant for the poor and down-trodden and not for the rich class.

A Bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh termed the petition as a motivated litigation filed at the behest of residents of affluent unauthorised colonies.

The court asked whether the affluent owners of properties were illiterate, poor or a downtrodden class as they sought to regularise unauthorised colonies like Sainik Farms, Mahendru Enclave and Anant Ram Dairy Colony here.

"It appears this is a motivated litigation at the behest of affluent unauthorised colony house owners," the Bench said while dismissing the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by an advocate.

The court said as and when residents of the left out unau-



thorised colonies will approach the court, a decision will be taken in accordance with rules and law.

The court passed the order while dismissing the petition which sought conversion of unauthorised colonies to legal or regularised colonies.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Centre, submitted that the regulations and the statute has been enacted with the objective to comprehensively address the issues of lower income groups of the society in unauthorised colonies.

"The primary purpose of these regulations and enactment is to grant relief to the lower income group of the society, which constitute the majority of the inhabitants of

the unauthorised colonies, and not affluent sections of the society. The law can make and set apart the classes according to the needs and exigencies of the society," the Centre said in its affidavit, filed through advocate Nidhi Banga.

It added that people living in unauthorised affluent colonies cannot seek parity with those belonging to the lower income group living in unauthorised colonies.

The petitioner advocate submitted that the authorised have deliberately excluded people of unauthorised colonies created by affluent people.

The plea sought to direct the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to accept the registration for regularisation of all the 1,797 unauthorised colonies instead of 1,731 on its portal in view of a gazette published by the Centre.

It said the authorised have carved out the list of 66 unauthorised colonies from the list of 1,797 unauthorised colonies on the ground that the residents of these 66 colonies are "affluent" people.

‘Patake Nahi, Diye Jalao’ campaign from tomorrow

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to curb pollution ahead of the festival of lights, Delhi's Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Monday chaired a meeting between police officials and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC).

To ensure less pollution due to crackers, the city Government is also launching a campaign titled - 'Patake Nahi, Diye Jalao' on October 27 and encouraging the masses to celebrate Dipawali with 'Diya'.

There will be 15 central teams in all 15 districts of the police administration. In these teams, 157 members will take the initiative to the ground. Along with the police, teams have been formed under the leadership of 33 SDMs, who will take action under this campaign in different parts of Delhi.

"Brands publishing ads around Diwali should symbolise the festival with Diyas and not crackers in their visuals," said Rai. "We have to make people recognise that Diwali is associated with celebration, not pollution," the Minister asserted.

The Delhi Government



has taken several initiatives to curb pollution.

It has launched initiatives like 'Yudh Pradushan Ke Viruddh', 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' to reduce vehicular pollution, anti-dust campaign to lessen pollution from construction sites and it is encouraging farmers to use Pusa-made bio-decomposer to achieve the target to deal with pollution generated by stubble burning and so on.

Rai said, "We have decided that we will initiate the 'Patake Nahi, Diye Jalao' Campaign on October 27."

Explaining the plan of action, he said this campaign has two pillars: "One, preventing people from bursting

crackers; two, for the police and SDMs to collaborate with RWAs to encourage people to celebrate Diwali by lighting lamps instead.

We also decided today that a central team of 5-7 members will be appointed at the district level throughout Delhi - 15 teams for 15 districts - to lead the operation at their level. Additionally, a dedicated team of two people per police station will be appointed at all 157 stations to monitor at their levels. The district and police station teams will collectively target areas and markets where licenced crackers were earlier sold for patrolling and generating awareness."

Jhuggi Samman Yatra reaches Tughlaqabad Assembly area

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi BJP's "Jhuggi Samman Yatra" on Monday reached at Tughlaqabad Assembly area where party president Adesh Gupta reached out to jhuggi dwellers of 15 JJ Camps including Sanjay Colony, Bengal Camp, Sonia Camp and VP Singh Camp and briefed them about various social welfare schemes of the central government.

The campaign launched by the Delhi BJP ahead of municipal corporations polls early next year will cover 33 assembly segments till November 29 with an aim to reach out to residents of slum clusters in Delhi.

The yatra has been organized in a bid to reach out to residents of such clusters in Delhi. It started from Sanjay

Colony in Okhla Phase 2 where BJP's National General Secretary Dilip Saikia addressed jhuggi dwellers in presence of local MP Ramesh Bidhuri. BJP leaders also garlanded the statues of Sant Ravi Das and Baba Saheb Ambedkar at Sanjay Colony. Addressing the gathering, Saikia said that Arvind Kejriwal has backstabbed the poor by not implementing several poor friendly schemes of PM Narendra Modi.

BJP Delhi unit president Adesh Gupta said "I have talked to jhuggi dwellers in over 60 clusters and found that they are all suffering at the hands of water and power mafias. I have understood that the biggest reason for slum dwellers' problems is inactivity and corruption in Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB)."



37 teams of Crime Branch conduct raids

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The 37 teams of Delhi Police's Crime Branch on Monday conducted raids at various premises in Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan including the residences of Unitech's founder Ramesh Chandra and it's imprisoned ex-promoters Ajay Chandra and Sanjay Chandra.

These searches and seizure operations were carried out by thirty seven teams at 37 different locations in Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan.

According to Chinmoy Biswal, the spokesperson of Delhi Police, Crime Branch teams conducted searches and seizure operations at Unitech Ltd owners -Ramesh Chandra, ex-promoters Ajay Chandra and Sanjay Chandra and their employees.

Searches and seizures have also been conducted at the residences of former Superintendent of Tihar Jail No. 7, former Deputy Superintendent, Assistant

Superintendents, Head Warders, Warders and Contractual Staff of Tihar Jail, said the spokesperson.

"The crime branch team probing the case had collected evidence in the form of mobile phones and have also seized essential documents. Further investigation is in progress," he said

Later on Supreme Court's direction, the Delhi Prisons Department had suspended 28 jail officials after they were found to be complicit with Unitech's imprisoned ex-promoters Ajay Chandra and Sanjay Chandra.

According to jail administration, 28 officials of Tihar Jail number 7 had been suspended while the services of two contractual employees were terminated. Two other officials were also suspended by the Delhi government.

The Delhi Police Crime Branch had on October 12 registered a case after 32 officials of Tihar Jail were found to be complicit with the duo.

Cong on 'Pol Khol Yatra' to expose Centre, Delhi Govt

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Congress on Monday started the 'Pol Khol Yatra' to expose the "empty promises" of the BJP Government at the Centre and the Delhi Government.

Congress Delhi unit president Anil Kumar along with other Congress workers took to the streets to begin the yatra. The Congress president announced that the Delhi Congress will organise a 'Pol Khol Yatra' in all 70 Assembly constituencies and all 272 wards in the next 70 days.

"The aim of this yatra is to expose the empty promises made by the Modi Government at the Centre, the AAP Government in Delhi and the BJP in the MCD," he said.

Kumar added that the party will expose Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's promise of making the Capital the most beautiful city in the world.

"This claim becomes base-



less when Delhi stands at the top of the list of the most polluted cities.

We will also expose that Delhi has the most unemployed people in the country."

"The falling standard of school education in Delhi was evident from the fact that out of the 1.60 lakh students, who took the 12th Board exams this year, there were around 25000 Dalit students, but only 22 Dalit students could score 90 per cent marks," he said.

Kumar further said that in the past seven years, the Arvind Government failed nearly five lakh students in the 9th and 11th classes to display better results in the Board exams. He said that most of the students who failed dropped out from school. The pathetic condition of school education in Delhi can be gauged from the fact that 45 per cent of teachers' posts are vacant, and 750 posts of principals have also not been filled.

Kejriwal performs 'aarti' on bank of Saryu in Ayodhya

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday performed an 'aarti' on the banks of the Saryu river amid the chanting of hymns in poll-bound Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya.

Kejriwal shared a video of the 'aarti' on Twitter."(I) had the good fortune of taking part in the 'aarti' of mother Saryu in Ayodhya," he said in a tweet in Hindi.

Kejriwal, who is also the national convener of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), was given a yellow robe by seers after the 'aarti' was over. The AAP had announced last year that it would contest the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. The party formally kicked off its poll campaign in September this year with its senior leaders Manish Sisodia and Sanjay Singh offering prayers at the Ram Janmabhoomi and Hanumangarhi shrine in the temple town of Ayodhya.



The party had also taken out a 'Tiranga Yatra' in Ayodhya from the 18th-century mausoleum of Nawab Shujaudaulah to the Gandhi Park.

Kejriwal sought blessings of Lord Rama and Maa Sarayu in Uttar Pradesh and said, "If the 130-core people of India work together like a family by demolishing all the walls of differences and discrimination, then no one can stop India from becoming the biggest power in the world."

"I extend my deepest grat-

itude to the saints and sages of the holy city of Ayodhya for the way in they worshipped Mata Sarayu during the Aarti. It honestly left me spellbound.

Today, I feel elated to be on the holy land which Lord Shri Ram himself had blessed. It is an honour for me to be standing on the banks of one of the holiest rivers of the country. I pray to Maa Sarayu for the prosperity of Delhi as well as the state of UP along with the entire country," Kejriwal said after his visit to Saratu ghaat.

One killed, three injured as speeding SUV hits tempo

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a tragic incident, a tempo driver was killed while three others, including a minor boy, were severely injured after a speeding SUV hit their vehicle in southeast Delhi's Kalkaji.

Police said that the accident took place on the stretch between Nehru Place to Okhla carriageway on the intervening night of Sunday-Monday.

Police said that the tempo driver identified as Radhey Shyam received serious head injuries and was shifted to trauma centre where he was declared brought dead.

The accused driver, Aaditya Khurana (25), of the offending vehicle was found to be under the influence of alcohol during the time of the accident. He was later arrested.

According to Esha Pandey, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Southeast district, an information was received at 1.52 AM on

Monday regarding the accident of a SUV and tempo at Outer Ring Road.

"The impact was so high that cabin of the champion detached from its chassis. Two persons were sitting in the driver cabin of champion and two were in rear side of the tempo. All the four received serious injuries and admitted to AIIMS Trauma Centre by PCR vans and ambulance," said the DCP.

"The driver of the champion, Radhey Shyam received serious head injuries and he was shifted to Trauma Centre in serious Condition, where he was declared brought dead," she said.

"The driver of the SUV, Aaditya Khurana was under the influence of alcohol and he was apprehended at spot. A case under sections 279, 337 and 304 A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) has been registered," said the DCP adding that further investigation is going on.



BJP targets AAP over spiked dengue cases

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Amid the spikes in Dengue cases in the national Capital, the opposition leaders in Delhi Monday hit hard at ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) stating the diseases would not be overcome by publishing advertisements.

Delhi BJP President Adesh Gupta said the corporations have been working continuously to control and contain the water-borne diseases like dengue, chikangunya, etc. in Delhi but it is worth mentioning here some people are creating all sorts of doubts on this situation just for their narrow political gains. But the fact is corporations have been suc-

cessful in preventing and containing these diseases.

At a joint press conference along with three mayors of the corporations at party office at Pandit Pant Marg, Gupta said if the years 2015 and 2021 are compared, in 2015 there were 11886 cases of dengue and that number kept decreasing due to hard work of corporations' officials and workers and at present there are only 1006 such cases so far.

Taking a jibe, Gupta said, "it sounds good when Kejriwal gives advertisements like 10 weeks, 10 a.m. and ten minutes every Sunday for containing and controlling dengue or changing water in plants at home, but this does not help

4 of Cheeta Gang arrested for firing outside property dealer's office

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested four members of a "Cheeta Gang" after they allegedly fired outside the office of a property dealer in outer Delhi's Mundka to extort money. Police said that these gang members had taken up this modus operandi to make money and settle the loan of approximately ₹3 lakh taken by one of the accused.

The accused have been identified as Sahil (21), Lalit Mehra (22), Bharat (24) and Manoj (20), who were nabbed on October 23, almost a week after the incident. One of the accused had taken a loan of



approximately ₹3 lakh from a person who was pressurising him to return the amount. To repay the amount, the accused took to crime, the police said.

According to the police, the firing incident took place on October 16 outside the office of a property dealer who along with brother and a staff were sitting inside. At around 3 pm, two bike-borne men, who had their faces covered, arrived at

PICTALK



Students Federation of India activists stage a protest demanding the withdrawal of the National Education Policy, at Delhi University in New Delhi on Monday

3 Tihar jail inmates injured by fellow prisoners

NEW DELHI:Three inmates were injured during an altercation with their fellow prisoners at Delhi's Tihar central jail on Saturday.

"Police received information and reached DDU hospital where they received the medico legal cases (MLCs) of Pinku (24), Sunil Sherawat (32) and Sunny (32).

They received injuries from a sharp object," said a senior police official. "Sunil and Pinku were referred to Safdarjung Hospital while Sunny's statement was recorded. A complaint from Deputy Superintendent of Central Jail number-1 was received regarding the incident.

Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta Institute of Technology & Management (Formerly Northern India Engineering College(NIEC)) Approved by AICTE & Affiliated to GGSIPU, Delhi FC-26, Shastri Park, New Delhi - 110053. Website: www.adgimdelhi.ac.in

**ADMISSION NOTICE UNDER MANAGEMENT QUOTA for Academic Year 2021-2022**

B.Tech. 1st & 2nd Shift (F/T) - 4 Yrs., MBA (F/T) - 2 Yrs., BBA (F/T) - 3 Yrs., B.Tech. (2nd Yr. - EE - F/T)

Applications from Qualified candidates fulfilling the Educational Qualifications and eligibility criteria laid down in the Admission Brochure Part A for the Academic Session 2021-22 issued by Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), Delhi for Management Quota and respective guidelines of DTTE/DHE (For BBA Only). Govt. of NCT of Delhi are invited for Admission under Management Quota under various categories of seats in the following Courses as prescribed by GGSIPU.

**B.Tech. (1st Shift)(Code-131):** Computer Science & Engineering, Information Technology, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

**B.Tech. (2nd Shift)(Code-131):** Computer Science & Engineering, Information Technology, Electronics & Communication Engineering

**B.Tech. (Lateral Entry)(Code-128 & 129):** Computer Science & Engineering, Information Technology, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical & Automation Engineering

**Management Programmes:** • MBA - 2 Yrs. Programme (F/T) (Code -101) • BBA - 3 Yrs. Programme (F/T) (Code -129)

Application Forms (hard-copy only) can be collected from & submitted to the Admission Cell of the Institute during the working hours as notified by GGSIPU. The last date to fill up the management quota seats will be nine calendar days after the last date for regular admissions in the University of the concerned course announced by the GGSIPU for above programmes respectively. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Admissions shall be on the basis of Merit. The Merit list of the Applicants will be displayed on the Website and Notice Board of the Institute within 3 days of closing date for submission of the application forms. Accordingly the 1st Round of Admission Counselling at the Institute's Campus will be held within 3 days of drawing up of the Merit List of qualified management quota applicants. The Candidates thus selected shall be required to complete all the Admission Formalities as per the provisions laid down by GGSIPU in its Admission Brochure 2021-22. The 2nd Round of Counselling shall commence any other 15 days after admission through 1st round of counselling.

Candidates must ensure to follow the latest COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Affairs, Govt of India during Counselling & Reporting at the Institute.

DIRECTOR

# Def exports grew by 334% in last 5 years: Rajnath



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the Indian defence industry is rapidly moving towards self-reliance, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said here on Monday the next edition of the international exhibition DefExpo in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, will showcase the capabilities of the local manufacturers.

Making this point in an address at an ambassadors' roundtable on the upcoming expo, he also said India's defence exports have grown by 334 per cent in the last five years and now India is exporting military equipment to more than 75 countries. India will host the 12th edition of India's defence exhibition from March 11-13 next year.

The Round Table was aimed to brief the Ambassadors of foreign missions about the planning, arrangements and other details of DefExpo 2022.

More than 200 delegates, including Ambassadors, Heads

of Missions and Defence Attaches attended the Round Table, reflecting the growing global interest in the Indian Defence space.

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, IAF chief V R Chaudhari, Secretary (Defence Production) Raj Kumar and other senior officials of Ministry of Defence and the Gujarat government were also present.

Rajnath said he was sanguine that the exhibition will bring all the latest technologies under one roof and provide a myriad of opportunities to the stakeholders in the aerospace and defence industry.

The Defence Expo-2022 is going to provide an overview of what India has been able to achieve in terms of defence research and development and production, application of modern technologies, liberalized collaborative policies introduced in a short period of 5-7 years, he said.

He told the envoys that the

participation of their respective countries at the expo will lead to the development of "mutually advantageous relationships" in the defence sector.

The focus of the exhibition will be to showcase India as an emerging hub for the manufacturing of military hardware. "The defence ministry will remain available and proactively engage through the next four-plus months to develop and build DefExpo-2022 as one of the marquee events as India celebrates its 75 years of independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," Rajnath said.

Major global and domestic military firms are expected to participate in the biennial edition of the DefExpo with their latest weaponry and platforms.

The 11th edition of DefExpo was held in Lucknow last year. The theme of the upcoming DefExpo will be "India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub", officials said.

In August last year, Rajnath announced that India will stop



## Minister makes surprise inspection of dept offices

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday made a surprise inspection of the offices of his Ministry at the South Block in the Raisina Hills area to check the work environment. He went around various office blocks and inspected cleanliness, work atmosphere and interacted with the employees, officials said. The Minister passed necessary instructions wherever the need for improvement was identified. He was accompanied by Secretary, Department of Defence Production Rajkumar and other officials of the ministry during the surprise inspection, the officials said.

the import of 101 weapons and military platforms like transport aircraft, light combat helicopters, conventional submarines, cruise missiles and sonar systems by 2024.

A second negative list, putting import restrictions on 108 military weapons and systems such as next-generation corvettes, airborne early warning systems, tank engines and radars, was issued recently.

In May last year, the government announced increasing the FDI limit from 49 per cent to 74 per cent under the automatic route in the defence sector.

# World 'way off track' on target to curb rising greenhouse gasses: UN report

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The UN weather agency on Monday warned that the world is 'way off the track' on reaching targets to curb rising temperatures as greenhouse gas concentrations had hit a new record high in 2020 and increased at a faster rate than the annual average for the last decade. This means a temporary reduction during Covid-19 pandemic-related lockdowns during last year had no impact in curbing the emissions.

In its annual report on heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) also pointed to signs of a worrying new development: Parts of the Amazon rainforest have gone from being a carbon 'sink' that sucks carbon dioxide from the air to a source of CO2 due to deforestation and reduced humidity in the region, it said.

The findings come as WMO, in its annual report on heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, said concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide were all above levels in the pre-industrial era before 1750, when human activities 'started disrupting Earth's natural equilibrium.'

The report came days before the start of a UN climate change conference in Glasgow, Scotland. Many environmental activists, policymakers and scientists say the October 31-November 12 event, known as COP26 for short, marks an important and even crucial opportunity for concrete commitments to the targets set out in the 2015 Paris climate accord.

"The Greenhouse Gas Bulletin contains a stark, scientific message for climate change negotiators at COP26," World Meteorological Organization Secretary-General Petteri Taalas said of his agency's report. "At the current rate of increase in greenhouse gas concentrations, we will see a temperature increase by the end of this century far in excess of the Paris agreement targets of 1.5 to 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels."

"We are way off track," Taalas said.

The report draws on information collected by a network that monitors the amount of greenhouse gases that remain in the atmosphere after some quantities are absorbed by oceans and the biosphere.

"One of the striking messages from our report is that the Amazonian region, which used to be a sink of carbon, has become a source of carbon dioxide," Taalas said. "And that's because of deforestation. It's because of changes of the global local climate, especially. We have less humidity and less rainfall."

Oksana Tarasova, chief of WMO's atmospheric and environment research division, said the results showing the Amazon going from sink to source were



a first, but he noted they were from a specific southeastern portion of the Amazon, not the entire rainforest.

The global average of carbon dioxide concentrations hit a new high of 413.2 parts per million last year, according to the WMO report. The 2020 increase was higher than the annual average over the last decade despite a 5.6% drop in carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels due to COVID-19 restrictions, WMO said.

Taalas said a level above 400 parts per million – which was breached in 2015 – "has major negative repercussions for our daily lives and well-being, for the state of our planet and for the future of our children and grandchildren."

Human-incurred carbon dioxide emissions, which result mostly from burning fossil fuels like oil and gas or from cement production, amount to about two-thirds of the warming effect on the climate.

WMO said overall, an economic retreat last year because of the pandemic "did not have any discernible impact on the atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases and their growth rates, although there was a temporary decline in new emissions."

# Southwest monsoon records 7th most delayed retreat since 1975

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The southwest monsoon withdrew from the entire country on Monday, making it the seventh-most delayed retreat since 1975.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the southwest monsoon retreated on or after October 25 five times between 2010 and 2021.

Meanwhile, early snowfall and unseasonal heavy rainfall in north and north west India has caused massive damage to apple trees and standing paddy crops ready to harvest. The unseasonal rain will delay the paddy harvesting. Rain also brought misery for farmers who brought harvested paddy to grain markets for procurement by government agencies.

In a statement, the IMD said, "In view of a significant reduction in rainfall activity over most parts of the country, the southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the entire country today (October 25, 2021)." "Simultaneously, with the setting in of northeasterly winds in the lower tropospheric levels, the northeast monsoon rain has commenced over extreme south peninsular India on October 25. The withdrawal of the southwest monsoon 2021 from the entire country is the seventh-most delayed withdrawal (on or after October 25) during 1975-2021," it said.

The southwest monsoon started receding from west Rajasthan and adjoining Gujarat on October 6, making it the second-most delayed withdrawal since 1975. The withdrawal of the southwest monsoon from northwest India usually begins from September 17. The monsoon withdrawal started on September 28 last year, October 9 in 2019, September 29 in 2018, September 27 in 2017 and September 15 in 2016, according to IMD data.

The country received "normal" rainfall during the four-month southwest monsoon season from June to September. All-India monsoon rainfall during June 1 to September 30 was 87 cm against the Long Period Average (LPA) of 88 cm of 1961-2010 (99 per cent of its LPA). This is for the third consecutive year that the country recorded rainfall in the normal or above normal category. Rainfall was above normal in 2019 and 2020.

The rainfall over the country as a whole was 110 per cent in June, 93 and 76 per cent in July and August, respectively – the months that bring the maximum rains. However, the shortfall of July and August was compensated in September which recorded rainfall 135 per cent of the LPA.

The southwest monsoon made its onset over Kerala on June 3, after a delay of two days. It rapidly covered central, west, east, northeast and south India by June 15. It also covered many parts of north India, even Barmer and Jaisalmer—its last outposts—but the monsoon winds failed to reach Delhi, parts of Haryana and west Uttar Pradesh.

It then witnessed a lull. It finally covered Delhi, parts of Haryana and west Uttar Pradesh, on July 13, five days after its normal onset date, belying IMD's forecasts.

# Safe maritime connectivity must for development, prosperity of BIMSTEC region, says Shringla

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ensuring safe maritime connectivity besides peace and security is a must for development and prosperity of the BIMSTEC region, Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla said on Monday. He also underlined the need for seamless transportation.

The expanded form of BIMSTEC is Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation comprising Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand. It brings together 1.5 billion people – 21% of the world population, and a combined GDP of over US\$ 2.5 trillion.

Addressing an interna-



tional symposium on "BIMSTEC: A vehicle for Growth and Development" organized by the ISCS, Shringla said development and prosperity can only be achieved where there is peace and security.

"We all know that security both within the borders and in the littoral region is crucial for our well-being. The relevance of maritime connectivity and security in BIMSTEC is doubly emphasised. Our cooperation in the security sector therefore has a special significance," he observed.

The National Security

Advisors of the BIMSTEC have met thrice since 2017 and working closely in several aspects of security cooperation including counter terrorism, intelligence sharing, cyber security and coastal security in a tangible manner, Shringla said.

He said robust connectivity is an essential prerequisite for economic integration of the region with smooth cross-border movement of people and goods. The BIMSTEC Master Plan for Transport Connectivity, finalised under India's chairmanship of the expert group last year, envisages a seamless multimodal transport system across the region with efficient transit facilities to enhance the mobility of goods and people.

This will stimulate intra-regional trade and investment in the region. It identifies 264 projects requiring an investment of USD 126 billion over a ten year horizon from 2018–2028. Projects worth USD 55.2 billion are already at different stages of implementation, he said.

Stressing the need to collectively develop a strategy for financing and implementing the Transport Connectivity Master Plan, the Foreign Secretary said work in this direction has already begun with the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

# ED seizes ₹6.85 crore illegal assets of ADM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth about ₹6.85 crore of Jayshree Thakur, the then Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Bhagalpur, and her family members under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act in a Disproportionate Assets Case.

"The attached assets are in the form of 15 plots and one flat having total consideration value of Rs 1,53,90,727, bank balance of Rs 5,05,02,511 lying in 42 bank accounts and surrender value of 12 different insurance policies to the tune of Rs 26,00,123.39 of Jayshree Thakur and her family members," the ED said in a statement.

The agency had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR No. 29/13 dated July 11, 2013 and chargesheet filed on September 12, 2017 filed by Economic Offence Unit, Patna Police under relevant section of Prevention of Corruption Act and various sections of the IPC including criminal conspiracy and abetment of offence against Thakur and her family members for acquiring disproportionate assets amounting to Rs 13,98,38,213 through corrupt and illegal means, by abusing her position as a public servant, it said.

# Biological E's Corbevax to be available in India by November-end

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Currently in the third phase of clinical trials, Covid-19 vaccine Corbevax from the Hyderabad-based vaccine maker, Biological E is expected to be available for inoculation by November-end. The company is looking to supply nearly 10 crore doses on the day of its launch.

The company's Managing Director, Mahima Datla on Monday said Corbevax is currently in Phase-3 trials.

"We are likely to complete all these trials by the end of November which is when we expect the license. The license for children should follow one month later but children studies are underway as well," she added.

She said the Phase-3 trials for the Corbevax vaccine for adults are a comparative study in comparison with an already licensed vaccine.

She clarified that the study was not for Corbevax as a booster. "The study is for primary immunization. It's a head-to-head study. We have a controlled group with a comparative and our group with our vaccine," she added.

Mahima was talking to the

media after signing a USD50 million financing agreement with the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) Chief Operating Officer, David Marchick. DFC is providing the finance to the company to support the capacity for production of more than one billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines by the end of 2022 for India and developing countries around the world.

She said the company has already begun manufacturing Corbevax and submitting doses to Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL), Kasauli, for release.

"It's our vision that on the day of the launch we supply close to 10 crore doses," she added.

Corbevax is manufactured by Biological E jointly with Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, and Dynavax, California. The Union Health Ministry had announced in June that Biological E will supply 30 crore doses of Corbevax to the Central government by December. Replying to a query, Mahima said Biological E currently has a capacity to manufacture nearly a billion doses of Corbevax and about 600 million doses of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine.

# Flight lands at wrong end of runway

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A SpiceJet Hyderabad-Belgaum flight landed at the wrong end of the runway at Karnataka's Belgaum airport on Sunday following which the pilots have been de-rostered. The incident took place on Sunday and the aircraft landed safely.

An airline spokesperson said in a statement that, "On October 24, SpiceJet DASH8 Q400 aircraft operated from Hyderabad to Belgaum. ATC had cleared the aircraft to land on RWY26 (runway 26) at Belgaum. The aircraft, however, landed on RWY08 (runway 8)".

This means that the plane touched down at the other end of the runway (termed RWY08) at the Belgaum airport instead of the designated end (RWY26) of the same runway. The SpiceJet spokesperson said the aircraft landed safely and the airline acted "immediately and proactively" on receiving the information and informed DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) and AAI (Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau) about it and immediately off rostered both pilots pending an investigation. Belgaum-Hyderabad journey time is 1 hour and 40 minutes.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is here by informed that this girl **Name:** Hina, **D/o** Sheikh Ansar, **R/o** C-378, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 4 feet 7 inch, **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Red Colour Suit and Brown Colour Legging and Slippers in Feet, has been missing since 30.09.2021 from the area of P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. In this regard a FIR No. 858/21 dated 04.10.2021, has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

**E-Mail:** [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) **SHO**  
**Website:** <http://cbi.nic.in> **P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi**  
**Fax:** 011-24368639 **Ph.** 011-27636000, 8750870288  
**Ph:** 011-24368638, 24368641 **DP/1026/NW/2021**

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Namely:** Ameren, **D/o:** Nafis, **R/o:** H.No. RZG-149, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi, **Age:** 26 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Orange Kurti-Green lagging and Whitish Sandal in feet has been missing/kidnapped since 04.09.2021 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 148-A, Dated 04.09.2021**, has been registered at **P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped lady please inform the undersigned.

**Web-site:** <http://cbi.nic.in> **SHO**  
**E-Mail ID:** [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) **P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**  
**Fax:** 011-23011334 **Ph.:** 011-25946700, 25946710  
**DP/1239/OD/2021**

**noida**

**NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar, (U.P)  
Website : [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com)

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

S. N.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
1.	09/CGM/ Sr.M.(E/M)-II/ET/2021-22	Internal Electrification of Convenient Shopping Centre at sector-105 Noida.	44.51
2.	20/CGM/ Sr.M.(E/M)-II/2021-22/ET	Strengthening & Electrical Maintenance of Government Primary School and Junior High School in various Villages and sectors in Noida. (E&M-II Area)	48.44

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated **08.11.2021** upto **5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **09.11.2021** at **11.00 AM**.

**Dy. General Manager**  
**Noida**

**CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA**

# Cong says FB 'influencing polls', demands JPC probe

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday accused Facebook of "influencing" India's elections and "undermining" democracy and demanded a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe into it.

"Facebook has reduced itself to a Fakebook", Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said at a Press conference while raising the purported leaked internal reports of the social media giant on not initiating action against hate speech posts on its platform in India.

Congress also alleged that Facebook was acting as an ally of the ruling BJP and pushing its agenda. Khera referred to

research documents by whistleblower Frances Haugen, who has worked at Facebook, and alleged that it took no decisive action against the perpetrators of such hate posts in Hindi and Bengali.

He alleged that Facebook's internal reports have identified fake accounts with over a million impressions, yet it did nothing about it.

"We demand a JPC probe to look into the role of Facebook in influencing our elections", Khera said at the media briefing. He alleged that Facebook was trying to "compromise and undermine our democracy in trying to shape through fake posts the opinions of people".

He alleged that BJP work-

ers and those of its affiliates have infiltrated into the structure and functioning of Facebook.

"What right does Facebook have to push a particular ideology through fake posts, pictures and a narrative. It is shocking how only 0.2 per cent of hate speech is removed by Facebook, which despite making the most money from India, does not have the mechanism to filter posts in Hindi or Bengali," he said.

Khera said just nine per cent of users in India are in English and yet they do not have systems to filter the posts of regional languages.

Alleging that the role of Facebook during Delhi riots and West Bengal elections has



been under suspicion, the Congress spokesperson said "The role of Facebook can no longer be dismissed as an error of omission as they are knowingly furthering the agenda of the ruling party and its ideology which is hate-filled, bigotry and dividing society."

"Why should we not accuse Facebook of interfering in our elections by influencing the voting behaviour of its consumers. This is serious election fraud and this is serious interference in our elections by a foreign company," he alleged.

# CPM's intellectual face to join Cong in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The CPI(M) in Kerala suffered a setback on Monday as Cherian Philip, whom the party has recognised as its intellectual face, made it known that he would soon return to his parent organisation, the Indian National Congress.

In a function held at Thiruvananthapuram on Monday, Oommen Chandi, former Chief Minister and Congress strongman in the State, declared for the first time that Philip did not get justice from the Congress. "I failed to get Cherian Philip either an assembly or parliamentary seat despite the great service he had done for the party. I accept the responsibility for the failure. This led him to leave the party," said Chandy who turned emotional while presenting Philip with the Avukkadarkutty Naha Award for the best intellectual in the State.

Cherian Philip was the ideological face of the Congress party and was a close associate of Chandi and A K Antony. For more than two decades Philip had served the Congress, justifying the party in public forums as its main thinktank.

He had left the party in early 2000 and joined the CPI(M) bandwagon following the failure of the Congress to accommodate him even as a candidate in the assembly election.

Though he was fielded by the CPI(M) as its candidate against Oommen Chandi, he failed to make any impact. He bite the dust in all the polls he contested because he was never a person who could fill the shoes of a conventional politician.

The CPI(M) had made him the chairman of the public sector Kerala State Tourism Development Corporation that offered six-figure salary and perks.

As a gratitude, Philip wrote that the ISRO spy case of 1991 was a cock and bull story manufactured at the instance of Chandi to dethrone K Karunakaran, the then Chief Minister and get A K Antony appointed in that place.

"It is the coming together of two intellectuals on a same platform after a gap of two decades," said Philip while replying to the felicitations. Though the CPI(M) had offered him the post of deputy chairman of Khadi Board, Philip declined to take it up and said that he was busy with writing books.

According to political grapevine, Philip got upset with the CPI(M) following the party's failure to nominate him as a Rajya Sabha member.

The nomination of a party sponsored journalist as the member of the upper house upset Philip and is seen as the reason behind his decision to rejoin the GOP.

# Mamata questions efficacy of Covid vax

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Corona continued to become a weapon of attack for the Trinamool Congress in its battle against the BJP with Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee roundly questioning the efficacy of corona vaccine during an administrative meeting at in North Bengal.

The Chief Minister while speaking in an administrative meeting held at Uttarkanya (the second secretariat building) in Siliguri wondered why after six months the efficacy of the corona vaccine was diminishing causing many people with two jabs getting reinfected by the disease.

Banerjee was on a four-day administrative visit of North Bengal.

"It is strange that more and more number people who have already received their second jab are getting infected by corona ... why should it happen like this ... why the immunity acquired by the vaccine is diminishing beyond six months," Banerjee who had in January this year expressed doubts over the Indian vaccines

said. She had then said that she would take vaccine only after its efficacy was proved.

On Monday the Chief Minister said "I will write to the Centre asking the reason why many people who have taken two doses are being infected again or for that matter why the immunity provided by this vaccine is diminishing after six months."

The Chief Minister had on Sunday attacked the Prime Minister for not telling the truth while claiming that 100 crore people of the country had been vaccinated. She said only 29.51 crore had received full doses and remaining people had reived only first dose whereas the Prime Minister was patting his back for completing the 100 crore mark.

While Banerjee circuitously questioned the efficacy the vaccine her nephew and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee attacked the BJP comparing it with corona vaccine saying only her aunt could get rid of that disease.

The junior Banerjee who was addressing a by-election

rally at Dinhata in Cooch Behar district of North Bengal said "BJP is a virus ... it is like the real corona virus which is eating into the vitals of the country ... and the only person who can save India from this virus is Mamata Banerjee ... she is the only vaccine against the BJP virus."

Dinhata goes to by-polls on October 30 as the elected BJP candidate and Union Minister Nisith Pramanik had resigned his post soon after the elections.

Earlier at Goasaba in Sunderbans which also goes to by-elections on the same day the junior Banerjee attacked Home Minister Amit Shah questioning why the senior BJP leader who had promised ₹2 lakh crore for the development of the Ganges delta area besides carving out a separate Sunderbans district was not coming with the fund.

"The former BJP national president and current Home Minister had promised to dole out ₹2 lakh crore for the development of Sunderbans and carve out a separate district, during his campaigns for assembly polls some months

ago ... They are still ruling Delhi but have they come back with same proposal after Bengal Assembly elections," Banerjee said adding the people of the State should try to distinguish between the lies

peddled by the BJP leaders and the true promises made by Mamata Banerjee who had given Bengal schemes like Krishakbandhu, Swastha Sathi, Kanyashree and Lakshmir Bhandar.

## Bengal schools to open from Nov 15

**Kolkata:** The Bengal Government has decided to open the schools from November 15. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday instructed the State Chief Secretary to take measures so that schools could open after the Chhath festival.

Banerjee who was currently in an administrative visit of North Bengal said that the schools would open in conformity to the corona protocols. Government sources said that a circular to this effect was likely to be out by Monday evening

"For the present only classes IX to XII would open," the Chief Minister was quoted as saying. The management of the schools would decide as to how the schools would operate. "The schools will decide regard-

ing the attendance of the students ... they will have to follow the corona protocols ... and may allow students to come to schools in parts," sources said.

The move has received mixed response with most educationist welcoming the decision but a large number of guradains wondering whether such a move would be reasonable at a time when the corona was once again on the rise and when the children below 18 years of age had not yet started getting vaccinated.

The State Government's decisions come in the midst of a rise in the corona cases with the number of cases going up from around 1.75 percent before the Puja seasons to about 3 percent in the past one week.

# Kumaraswamy turns emotional, says never indulged in money politics

**Tumakuru (Karnataka):** JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy on Monday turned emotional as he recalled efforts behind building a regional party, and asserted that he has never indulged in money politics.

"Building a regional party is not that easy, we don't have contact with big and rich people while going for every election. Our contact is with you- innocent village people, we have grown from you," an emotional Kumaraswamy said.

Addressing a gathering at a party event at Gubbi near here, he said, "In our family, we have never done politics with money. We have worked with the support of lakhs of workers like you, and with your blessings." "...Some great people are talking about me asking for a suitcase (containing money), if god is there, he will take care of them," he added.

The former Chief Minister was referring to allegations levelled against him during a campaign for Sindagi and Hangal by-

polls by his former confidant and now Congress MLA B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan of indulging in "suitcase politics."

Stating that he has gone through lot of pain and has put in all efforts to build the party despite ill-health, Kumaraswamy said, "I would have died during my Israel visit (2017), but I survived because of the good deeds of my parents...After going through heart surgery for second time, within one month I travelled across the State to build the party."

Questioning as to which leader has travelled with him across the State to build the party other than party supremo H D Deve Gowda despite his old age, he said, "In this part (old Mysuru region) you show affection to me as people belonging to my community are there, but I will have to go to north Karnataka and build the party. I will go there as well. Despite all these efforts, today we are in a position to win 28-40 seats." **PTI**

# Guj ATS arrests BSF man from Bhuj headquarters for spying for Pakistan

PTI ■ BHUJ

A Border Security Force (BSF) personnel deployed in Gujarat's Bhuj battalion was arrested by the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) for allegedly working as a spy for Pakistan and passing on secret and sensitive information to the neighbouring country over WhatsApp, the ATS said on Monday.

The arrested BSF man, identified as Mohammad Sajjad, is a native of Sarola village in the Rajauri district of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, who was deployed in the 74 BSF Battalion at Bhuj in July 2021, the ATS said in a release. Sajjad was arrested at the BSF headquarters in Bhuj.

Sajjad had joined the BSF as a constable in 2012. He was getting money for providing the information which was getting deposited in the accounts of his brother Wajid and colleague Iqbal Rashid, the

ATS added.

Sajjad had got his passport issued from the Regional Passport Office at Jammu. On the same passport he travelled to Pakistan for 46 days between December 1, 2011, and January 16, 2012, the ATS said, adding he had boarded Samjhauta Express from Attari railway station to visit Pakistan.

According to the ATS, Sajjad used two phone On one of his phones, he had last activated a SIM card on January 14-15, 2021. When the CDR (Call Data Record) of that number was examined, it was found that the SIM card, belonging to one Satyagopal Ghosh from Tripura, was first activated on November 7, 2020, and he (Sajjad) received two calls on that number.

The number remained active till November 9 before being deactivated till December 25, 2020. It was reactivated on December 26, 2020, the ATS said.

"On January 15, 2021,

when the number was activated, an SMS was received at 12:38:51 hours. An SMS was received on the same number at around 12:38 pm, which seemed to be an OTP for WhatsApp. The number was deactivated thereafter," it said.

The accused received the OTP on this number and sent the same to Pakistan where he got the WhatsApp activated which he used to send secret information, the ATS said.

WhatsApp was still active and used by some person in Pakistan who was in touch with Sajjad, said the ATS.

ATS officials said Sajjad had misled the BSF by providing the wrong birth date. As per his Aadhaar card, he was born on January 1, 1992, but his passport details showed his date of birth as January 30, 1985. "Two mobile phones along with their SIM cards, two additional SIM cards were seized from Sajjad's possession. Further investigation is underway," the ATS said.



A vendor arranges earthen lamps at her shop ahead of Diwali festival in Ahmedabad on Monday

PTI

# Party brass will decide on Sasikala's return, says AIADMK top leader OPS

**Madurai/Chennai:** AIADMK top leader O Panneerselvam on Monday said the party leadership would hold discussions and take a decision on re-admitting V K Sasikala, confidante of late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa, in the party.

While Sasikala, declaring herself as AIADMK general secretary, is taking several steps to regain control of the party, the remark of OPS assumes significance especially when his colleague and party co-coordinator K Palaniswami had days ago firmly ruled out scope for her return.

Panneerselvam, when asked about Sasikala's political moves, told reporters at Madurai that anyone may join politics but to accept them or not is in the hands of the people.

To a pointed question on whether the AIADMK would accept her back into the party, he said it would be discussed.

OPS, who is also the party coordinator, said the AIADMK is a cadre-based party since the days of party founder M G Ramachandran and the party is being run now based on an organisational structure comprising a coordinator and co-coordinator.

As regards inducting Sasikala again into the party, the AIADMK brass and the top level office-bearers would deliberate on the matter and take a decision, he said.

AIADMK senior leader D Jayakumar told reporters in Chennai that it was Panneerselvam who had launched a 'Dharma Yudham' against Sasikala and her clan in 2017.

Severing ties with Sasikala was a precondition put forth by Panneerselvam for unification of camps led by him and former Chief Minister Palaniswami, he said.

To a question on vigilance searches by the DMK regime and connected matters, Panneerselvam hit out at the ruling party.

Panneerselvam said expression of political views should be dignified, in sync with political decorum and in keeping with the 'Duty, dignity and discipline' dictum of Dravidian ideologue C N Annadurai, adding this was among the AIADMK's core values.

"On that basis, be it a party worker or one holding a lofty position, however high it may be, one should speak in a dignified manner and with political decency," he said, without naming anyone. **PTI**

# Bihar bypolls: Nitish hits campaign trail

**Patna:** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday hit the campaign trail for by-elections to Tarapur and Kusheshwar Asthan assembly seats which his JD(U) must retain convincingly to arrest its further erosion.

The by-elections to both seats have been necessitated by the deaths of respective JD(U) MLAs.

Tarapur MLA Mewa Lal Chaudhary died in the second wave of Covid- 19 while Shashi Bhushan Hazari, who represented reserved Kusheshwar Asthan breathed his last at a Delhi hospital where he was undergoing treatment for Hepatitis.

After the assembly elections last year, Kumar retained the Chief Minister's post, though his party suffered a major slump and

its tally dipped to under 45 seats in the 243-strong assembly.

It also lost the edge to the BJP, its junior ally for many years, which returned with a tally of more than 70, finishing second in terms of the number of seats after RJD.

A major factor that seems to be going in favour of Kumar is that the NDA, of which he is a part, has presented a picture of cohesion, unlike the opposition which seems to be in a divided mess.

The old Congress-RJD alliance is now over and both parties are fighting it out in the by-elections.

Queering the pitch further, Chirag Paswan's faction of the LJP has fielded its candidates in both seats. **PTI**

# Dr CP Mathew, sage among Kerala doctors, bids au revoir

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

If you feel that the picture of the duo carried with this news is that of two Brahmin priests, you are way off the mark. The person on the right side is Jayasooryan Bhattathiri, the young Vedic scholar of the famous Soorya Kaladi Mana while the other person (with Rudrakshas and sacred thread) is Dr C P Mathew, Kerala's first ever oncologist. The doctor, born in a conservative Christian family, lived throughout his life as a follower of Sanatana Dharma.

Residents of Thuruthy village near Changanassery are yet to recover from the bereavement caused by the demise of Dr



Mathew (92) last week. In a career spanning more than five decades, Dr Mathew has saved more than 40,000 cancer patients including a former chief minister of the State who were "written off" by the medical fraternity.

His patients include those from India and abroad. "Physicians like Dr Mathew live and die as unsung heroes. Modern society would not recognise their talents as the medical world is ruled by pharma giants whose profits stand

to suffer if physicians like Dr Mathew have their way," said Prof B M Hegde, eminent cardiologist, one of the very few medical doctors in the country who recognises the talents of Dr Mathew.

Dr Mathew, who retired from Kerala Government service in 1986 as the senior cancer specialist, took up Ayurveda, Sidha and Homeopathy seriously and developed his own integrated treatment protocol. "He was known for his love and affection towards the patients and he was always caring them instead of treating the disease," said Prof Hegde, who is one of the few medical doctors in the country following the holistic treatment protocol.

# Mumbai suburban services to resume with full capacity from Oct 28

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a huge relief to Mumbaikars, the Central and Western Railways on Monday announced that they would resume 100 per cent suburban services operations from October 28 for nearly 80 lakh commuters based in Mumbai and neighbouring districts of Thane, Palghar and Raigad.

In a formal announcement made nearly 20 months after unprecedented stoppage of suburban trains owing to the Covid-19 triggered lockdown, both the Railways said that keeping in consideration the increased flow of commuters in local trains, they had decided to restore fully the suburban services in the Mumbai division of Central and Western Railways to the pre-Covid 19 level on October 28.

It may be recalled that owing to Covid-19 induced lockdown from March 22, 2020, suburban train services came to be stopped completely. Later from June 15, 2021, the Railways began suburban services for essential service categories as identified by the State Government and approved by the Ministry of Railways.

The categories of commuters who were

allowed by the State Government and approved by the Ministry of Railways were subsequently enlarged in August 2021 and in recent weeks to travel in suburban trains.

Currently, the Central and Western Railways are running 1702 and 1304 suburban services on the Mumbai division of CR and WR respectively, which is 95.70% of its total suburban services.

"From 28.10.2021, Central and Western Railways will run suburban services to Pre-covid level on Mumbai division of CR and WR i.e. 100% services viz. 1774 on Central Railway and 1367 on Western Railway," the official announcement said.

The Railways, however, said that only categories identified by the State Government and also as per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) released by it are permitted to travel.

On August 10, 2021, the Maharashtra Government announced that the fully vaccinated people could travel by suburban local trains in Mumbai from August 15. Two days later, the state government launched an online facility to enable the fully vaccinated citizens to obtain an e-pass for travelling in suburban trains in Mumbai.

# Kerala CM inaugurates distribution of homeo medicine against Covid

**Thiruvananthapuram:** Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday inaugurated the distribution of homeopathic medicine against Covid-19 among children ahead of school reopening on November 1.

Vijayan said the initiative of distributing Arsenicum Album 30 was as per the direction of the Union government's AYUSH department. "Now that students have started going to schools, they need to develop immunity. The vaccine for children is not yet ready for distribution. The effective immunity measures available in homeo medicine should be used to develop immunity among children," Vijayan said while inaugurating the distribution in an online function.

The preventive tablets will be handed out through over 100 special kiosks. Vijayan said a special helpline has also been opened for all queries and district medical officers (Homeopathic) can also be contacted for clearing doubts regarding the medicine. The Department of Homeopathy will distribute its medicine among students from October 25 to 27 through special kiosks. The medicine in strips of three tablets will be free for students aged between five and 17 years and there will be no compulsion on consumption of the homeo pills. **PTI**



Beneficiaries show their Aadhaar cards as they wait in a queue to receive the Covid-19 vaccine dose in Nadia district on Monday

PTI

## Worrisome

### Another COVID-19 wave looms but India is yet to put the scare of the second one behind

Forget about a third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic for the time being. India is unable to get to the end of the second wave even months after it subsided, thanks to general carelessness. Despite repeated warnings, crowds gathered in public places, ignoring safety protocols, in the Dussehra period. And the results are showing. The decline in fresh cases in this period has slowed down to one per cent. India recorded over 1.08 lakh fresh cases during October 18-24. There was a drop of just 1,200 cases over the week before. In the six weeks preceding this period, cases had reduced by over 27 per cent. A week after Dussehra, cases are rising in many States, led by West Bengal. It reported 5,925 fresh cases in the week. The death toll also rose by 60 per cent; 2,419 fatalities in the week as against 1,515 in the previous one. Overall, West Bengal saw a 41 per cent spike in cases over the preceding week. In Assam, it was 42 per cent and Himachal Pradesh 25 per cent. The spike is the lowest in the southern States, with Kerala registering 2.5 per cent rise in fresh cases. The States where the percentage is just under 10 include Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir and Bihar. What is worrisome about the post-festive rise in the number of cases is the growing number of fully vaccinated people getting infected. In Kolkata, for example, 150 such cases were reported while another 200 patients turned out to be asymptomatic.

Given the spike, the State Governments should reopen the COVID-19 wards in hospitals. It is time to reopen quarantine centres in areas reporting the maximum cases. The Governments face the paradox of opening up the economy on the one hand and revisiting COVID-19 prevention and control strategies, on the other. However, that cannot be helped. The complete unlock situation will also add to the post-festive cases. A general lockdown is out of the question. So, localised restrictions, like opening micro-containment zones, are the best solution along with intensified testing and tracing, quarantine and isolation operations. The Union Government will have to take a call on cases imported from abroad as well as inter-State travel. Epidemiologists are of the view that low cases, as witnessed in the pre-festive season, are not proof of endemicity. The country is on the way to endemicity but not there yet. The fact that the mortality rate is a steady 1.2 per cent, the post-festive surge in some States notwithstanding, suggests the vaccine coverage has to increase rapidly. The Government has also to consider the discovery of a new mutation of the Coronavirus in India. The Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium has found a new infectious mutant called AY.4.2 in the country. Research into the mutant, which is causing panic in Europe, is still in the initial stages but it is said to be more transmissible than the Delta variant. What it augurs for India is a separate story.



People gather at the Dobhi block during the counting of votes for panchayat election, in Gaya district

PTI

## Not over yet

### After the defeat at the hands of its archrival, India must spring back like it did earlier in the year

The tables have turned after what seemed, perhaps, Pakistan's most ruthless dominance over Team India in the limited-overs cricket history. So much so that Pakistan's Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed said the nation's win against India was a "victory for Islam" and that Sunday's match was the "final for Pakistan". Former captain and the current Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan said the win was the first one and the most magnificent one. The thumping 10-wicket victory in Dubai was indeed very convincing and the players deserve all hail. And with that, Pakistan finally registered a win in a World Cup match against India and it cannot be reversed, is what's hard to swallow for many Indian fans. India has so far registered 12 wins in the World Cup — seven in ODIs and five in T20s — against Pakistan and, with Sunday's emphatic win, Pakistan got off the mark and registered its first victory over India. But records are made only to be broken in this glorious game of uncertainty and what should not break is the cricketing spirit.

The young Team India made cricketing history's one of the most defiant comebacks in 2021 — first against Australia where it went from 36 all-out in the first innings to a 2-1 series win and then in the series against England. Though there is a stark difference in the two cricketing formats, fighting spirit is what keeps the wheel running. Having said that, all eyes are on the Indian side that will go head-to-head against the Black Caps on October 31, their first outing after the humiliation at the hands of Pakistan. The hopes are high and the pressure is higher; therefore, the team must learn the right lessons and move on. Meanwhile, in what seemed a rare sight in an Indo-Pak match, India captain Virat Kohli showed exemplary sportsmanship as he hugged Pakistan openers Mohammad Rizwan and Babar Azam for their impressive innings after the game. The gesture was certainly the most beautiful moment of the match and the skipper was highly praised on social media. Meanwhile, former Indian cricketer and BJP leader Gautam Gambhir said that celebrating Pakistan's victory is shameful. However, what's wrong in celebrating sportsmanship, that too, after a defeat like this? Cricket, or any sport for that matter, can bring peoples together. It is not war, nor should it lead to one.

# Military leadership: In the eye of storm

### Politicians are trying hard to keep behind curtains the true state of affairs along the Line of Actual Control but it's only adding to credibility deficit

The acrimonious exchanges between both sides on the heels of the 13th Corps Commander-level talks in Ladakh, an exercise in futility and procrastination, have drawn adverse attention to the manner in which the Union Government has kept its own citizens in the dark as to the true state of affairs along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh and elsewhere. Equivocation has its costs, and the recently released videos and photographs of our personnel taken prisoners at Galwan have left us embarrassed and angered, mainly at the folly and shortsightedness of our leadership for not coming clean on the issue in the first place. All that its rather inept attempts to keep the genie in the bottle have achieved is to play into the hands of the excellent Information Warfare capabilities the Chinese possess, allowing them to shape the narrative to their advantage.

The timing of the release, though, suggests that dissimulation is aimed domestically to counter reports of some PLA soldiers having been temporarily taken captive recently in Arunachal. Of course, it could also be an attempt to embarrass the Modi Government with the Uttar Pradesh elections looming large. Whatever the motive, the truth is that these videos take nothing away from the manner in which Colonel Babu and his men fought like lions after being ambushed by a numerically superior, ruthless and deceitful enemy that had no intention of keeping its word in the first place.

While External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's contention that the India-China talks on disengagement are "confidential and a work in progress" has merit, it must be weighed against the citizens' right to know. That is what differentiates a thriving democracy from the likes of China. Unfortunately, the motive here appears to have been aimed at avoiding accountability, which is not an unexpected phenomenon of politicians, universally. However, on the downside, the misrepresentation of facts makes it that much more difficult to hold to account those responsible for having got us into this mess,



thereby only adding to the Government's credibility deficit.

Be that as it may, what is truly worrisome is the manner in which the military leadership has behaved over this issue, especially its pathetic attempts to hide behind the *dhotis* of the political establishment. As Manoj Joshi has so succinctly observed, the Chinese, our Government and our troops on the ground know exactly what has transpired and no amount of prevarication can change that. While lies may help in maintaining morale in the short term, the long-term impact is far more damaging on both morale and credibility. Given the fragile state of our senior military hierarchy, already caught in the midst of a debilitating fratricidal war over the establishment of Theatre Commands and the like, this can hardly help.

In the eyes of the average citizen, what distinguishes the military from other institutions is the way it comes across as honest, direct and straightforward, putting national interest above all else. That cannot be said for the manner in which Lt Gen YK Joshi, the Northern Army Commander, claimed that the situation in Depsang, where

WHAT IS TRULY WORRISOME IS THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP HAS BEHAVED OVER THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY ITS PATHETIC ATTEMPTS TO HIDE BEHIND THE DHOTIS OF THE POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT

we face the maximum threat, was a "legacy issue", implying it had unfolded before the 2020 events. An assertion quickly debunked by former Corps Commanders of the Leh Corps, suggesting the statement was motivated by political considerations.

It must be added that the phenomenon of hiding behind politicians' skirts is not new. During the Kargil conflict, for example, the top military and civilian leadership first blithely ignored warnings of imminent conflict and subsequently allowed army generals to get away by scapegoating mid-level commanders to hide their own failures. As Praveen Swamy wrote on October 15, 2019, "There are skeletons in the Generals' cupboards. And until the country gives them a proper cremation, they will continue to haunt the military."

The military leadership is well cognisant of the fact that the constitutionally mandated primary mission of the Armed Forces is "to ensure the defence of India and every part thereof" on behalf of the Government. They are also aware that Nehruvian times are long gone and the blame for any military debacle or loss of territory will be squarely placed at their door, more so now that the Department of

Military Affairs within the MoD, headed by the Chief of Defence Staff, controls their functioning.

It goes without saying that we are facing an extremely uncertain and tenuous security environment along our northern borders, thanks to the China-Pakistan nexus acting in tandem. After all, it is no coincidence that we find ourselves being subjected to the twin pincers of targeted killings of minorities and attacks against the Army by Pakistan-based terrorist entities on one hand, whilst also facing increasingly threatening rhetoric and posturing by the PLA on the other.

Given the deeply fractured nature of our polity, it is difficult to believe that our politicians will work together for the common good. It therefore falls on our military leadership to once again pull us out of the hole that we find ourselves in. Something feasible only if they stop playing to the gallery and insist on fulfilling their constitutional mandate without fear or favour.

(The writer is a military veteran, who is a Visiting Fellow with the Observer Research Foundation and Senior Visiting Fellow with The Peninsula Foundation, Chennai. The views expressed are personal.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MAKING A MOCKERY OF THE DISABLED

Sir — How the disabled are being harassed at airports has been brought to notice by actor and dancer Sudhaa Chandran, who was asked to remove her artificial limb every time she went through a "security grill" at the airport. The actor has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to issue special cards for certifiably identifying disabled people — something on the lines of the cards issued to senior citizens — which would save them from such harassment, stating that it "hurts". Another class of disabled persons, suffering from multiple sclerosis who are 100 per cent wheelchair-bound, are also mentally harassed at three stages while traveling by air. Firstly, while entering the airport, it is very difficult to find a wheelchair and a wheelchair puller and, if at all it is available, heavy charges are taken though there are instructions not to charge any money from the disabled. Second, in the name of security, the disabled people are harassed to an extent that they are compelled to think whether they are living in a democratic country. Third, when it's finally time for a disabled person to board the plane, he/she is the last one to enter and has to wait for a long time as if a teacher has given some sort of a punishment to an errant student.

Yash Pal Ralhan | Jalandhar

### DOORDARSHAN'S FADING GLORY

Sir — In this time and age, we have hundreds of channels to toggle through but back in the early 2000s, we had only 'Doordarshan' which used to be our down-time companion. Doordarshan used to telecast a plethora of programmes, ranging from animated series like the *Bongo and Meena* to famous sitcoms like *Hari Mirch Lal Mirch* and *Soni Mahiwal* and children and teen series like *Galli Galli Sim Sim* and *Shaktimaan*. Counting in film-based programmes like *Chitrahaar* and the weekly movies' shows, it used to have programmes for all age groups, which made Doordarshan everyone's favourite.

It is not that Doordarshan was a lone

## Things went horribly wrong



Indian cricket fans would definitely like to forget Sunday's T20 match played against archrival Pakistan as unexpected things happened. It certainly did not go as must have been expected by the Indian fans. The confidence of winning the tournament's first game against Pakistan could have boosted the morale of the team. However, the early fall of wickets showed them the mirror and by the time the batters woke up, the situation had slipped out of hand. The team that played better, finally won. The Indian crick-

eters not even once showed the fighting spirit. Their body language exposed their apprehension and confusion; revealing that they were uncertain and unsettled.

Aren't we, too, their diehard fans, responsible for such a debacle? Instead of taking the game just like any other game, a hype and hoopla was created. An unwanted hoo-ha and an unnecessary hullabaloo was simply made just because it was a game against archrival Pakistan. Along with these debates, talks and mathematical calculations of historic records and data were made as if it were the last and final match to be played between the two teams. Overexpectation, misconception and miscalculation all together led the Indian team to lose the game. Let us hope that they learn the right lessons and spring back into action, better their performance and win the remaining matches.

M Pradyu | Kannur

rider. It did have competition but cable television was still in the budding stage at that time and, therefore, it wasn't really a match for the then-mighty Doordarshan. However, after the popularity and dominance of cable and dish TV began to increase, Doordarshan looked like a rudderless boat and did nothing better to survive. It is sad to see your once-favourite channel suffering. I urge the Ministry of Information and Technology to take steps to revive Doordarshan's former glory. Doordarshan is in dire need of a makeover and it should be relaunched with exciting shows having a modern feel. If given a chance, Doordarshan can give all the other channels a run for their money and also in turn bring in revenue for the Government.

Noopur Baruah | Tezpur

### PREPPING FOR THE LATER YEARS

Sir — Overlooked for employment, restricted from social services and stereotyped in the media, ageism marginalises and excludes older people in

their communities, at the very time of life where enjoyment should be paramount. The friendship paves way for a long relationship at old age and provides you with the best companion, when needed. People, as they grow older, acquire more wisdom. In fact, old people will always have more wisdom than the young.

Life does not end when we retire; it actually begins if we retire healthy and on a positive note. Old people are not a burden on our children. They should not be viewed as liabilities because they devote all their love and care on their children. Therefore, we must develop and practise good habits that keep us healthy and self-reliant in the long run. Indulging in recreational activities, good sleep, healthy diet and regular devotional activities all add to your life span. Further, a healthy lifestyle gives you that extra energy to sustain the pressures of life in the later age.

Krishnan Subbu Ramani | Ponnagar

Send your feedback to: [letterstopioneer@gmail.com](mailto:letterstopioneer@gmail.com)

## SOUND BITE

No one will be allowed to kill civilians and we assure you that peace will remain intact in J&K.



Union Home Minister — Amit Shah

We are currently exiting from the Delta wave and more outbreaks are expected in Israel.



Israel Prime Minister — Naftali Bennett

There's a spring in my step because I am finally getting to play women I know, I have met.



Actor — Esha Gupta

Brilliant bowling in the first six overs by Pakistan did not allow us to get those extra 20, 25 runs.



India skipper — Virat Kohli


The coalition between the Congress and the RJD has broken down. The Congress will now fight the election on all 40 seats.



Congress leader — Bhakta Charan Das

FIRST COLUMN

WHAT DO A BILLION DOSES MEAN FOR INDIA?



DR NK ARORA

Administering 100 crore vaccine doses in less than 10 months is a remarkable achievement for a country as vast and diverse as ours. At this pace, the country can fully vaccinate all the eligible 94 crores, adults, by the end of this year. The country has taken crucial steps to strengthen the basic science research infrastructure which helped us ramp up the facilities for the development of vaccines during the pandemic. In March 2020, India invested heavily to create a conducive ecosystem. It encouraged scientists and entrepreneurs to collaborate to develop vaccines in a short time. Today, we have four vaccines manufactured in India — Bharat biotech's Covaxin, Serum Institute's Covishield, Cadila Zydus ZycovD and Russian Sputnik V — and have a robust pipeline of made-in-India Covid vaccines, which have been developed using different technologies. The country will soon have its own sub-unit vaccines and RNA vaccine. Since the vaccines were developed in a short time and were given Emergency Use Authorisation, initially, people were concerned about their safety and efficacy. By September-October, India had set up a panel of physicians, pulmonologists, cardiologists, neurologists, hepatologists and adult specialists to manage the Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI). By December, most of them were trained to identify and address common adverse events as well as possible conditions that could theoretically have occurred with any new vaccine. Any clinical event or disease that occurs within 28 days of administering a dose of the vaccine is to be reported as AEFI for further investigation. Currently, the system is able to capture events occurring in the first 3-5 days after a vaccine dose. At every vaccination centre, a waiting area was set up where people can be observed for 30 minutes post-vaccination. The objective was to manage any severe reaction such as anaphylaxis promptly and then refer them to the nearest health facility. Equally important is to highlight the role IT has played. CoWIN is considered one of the world's best IT platforms for keeping a count of the doses administered, tracking vaccine recipients and also the vaccine supply line till the last vaccination centre. For the first time, social media scanning is being done in a systematic manner so that rumours and misinformation are very closely watched, followed, analysed, and countered in a methodical manner. While all-out efforts were made to develop indigenous vaccines and also manufacture locally under international license, attempts were also made to make advance arrangements with international vaccine manufacturers towards the end of 2020.

The lesson further reinforced India's resolve to locally manufacture vaccines. The first milestone was achieved when India delivered 50 crore doses in July end of this year. The highlight of the whole campaign has been continuous mid-course corrections as we moved to achieve different milestones. This involved improvements and flexibility built into the CoWIN platform, delivery for rural areas, and near home COVID vaccine delivery to name a few. I feel that one billion doses is an important milestone but the fact is that there is still a long road to effectively control Coronavirus. A substantial number of adults and all children are yet to be reached. Last-mile could be a difficult road as we may come across pockets of hesitant people, but concerted efforts to address contextual factors will help the country to achieve full immunisation. Immunisation will go a long way in protecting our population from developing severe disease and mortality due to COVID-19. Equally important will be people's compliance to COVID-appropriate behaviour. Besides, keeping a tab on any new variants and preparing the health system for any future upsurge of cases will help the country win this battle.

*(The writer is member of the National Task Force and Chairman of COVID working group of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation. The views expressed are personal.)*

The fuel crisis could be a wake-up call



UTTAM GUPTA

The Government should look for long-term solutions to correct the current situation of heavy reliance on imports and reduce these to 10-15 per cent

During 2014-15, Coal India Limited (CIL) — a public sector undertaking (PSU) — had produced 494 million tons (MT). This was a record 32 MT higher than during 2013-14 and higher than a cumulative increase of 31 MT in the previous 4 years. In 2015, this prompted Prime Minister Modi to set a target of 1500MT for 2019-20. Of this, 1000 MT was to come from CIL and remaining 500 MT from private firms.

During 2019-20, India produced around 730 MT with CIL contributing 685 MT. Forget the target, the production fell much short of the demand leading to 300 MT import in that year. In 2020-21, domestic output declined to 716 MT; courtesy, COVID-19. During the current year, even as the country struggles to get back to pre-COVID levels, a surge in demand (off-take during April-September 2021 was 308 MT — up from 255 MT during April-September 2020) has led to coal stock at most of the thermal power plants plummeting to dangerously low levels.

On October 7, 2021, plants accounting for 100,000 MW or over 40 per cent of the total coal-based capacity (233,000 MW) had less than two days stock. At present, the situation may not be on the edge but India continues to be vulnerable.

Crude oil is another major source of energy. It is the primary raw material for making a range of petroleum products. In 2015, PM Narendra Modi had vowed to reduce imports by 10 per cent. Instead, imports increased to 83.5 per cent. As for natural gas — touted as fuel of the future being clean and environment friendly — the country imports 50 per cent of its requirement.

The international price of crude which had plummeted to a low of \$20 per barrel in April, 2020 (due to the devastating effect of Corona pandemic on economies world-wide) is currently \$85 per barrel. As a result, not only our oil import bill has zoomed, the consumers of petrol and diesel are being made to pay through their nose; a price of ₹105 per liter and ₹95 per litre, respectively, in Delhi is something that will not even cross our imagination until last year.

As for natural gas, from October 1, 2021, on supplies from fields given to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd (OIL) on nomination basis as well as those given under given under the New Exploration and Licensing Policy or NELP, its price has increased from \$1.79 per million British thermal unit (mBtu) to \$2.9 per mBtu. This will rise to \$5.93 per mBtu from April 1, 2022 and \$7.65 per mBtu from October 1, 2022. The price of imported LNG (liquefied natural gas) in the spot market has gone up from around \$6.5 per mBtu in April, 2021 to current \$33 per mBtu.

To get a sense of how it will impact India, let us look at some numbers.

CRUDE OIL IS A PRIMARY RAW MATERIAL FOR MAKING A RANGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. IN 2015, PM NARENDRA MODI HAD VOWED TO REDUCE IMPORTS BY 10 PER CENT. INSTEAD, IMPORTS INCREASED TO 83.5 PER CENT. AS FOR NATURAL GAS, THE COUNTRY IMPORTS 50 PER CENT OF ITS REQUIREMENT

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

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



WHEN ELECTIONS ARE AROUND, PEOPLE WANT TO OFFER PRAYERS TO LORD RAM. NEITHER LORD RAM NOR THE VOTERS WILL BLESS SUCH PEOPLE.

— UNION MINISTER  
MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI



IF THE DELHI CHIEF MINISTER WANTS TO TAKE LORD RAM'S BLESSING, THEN WHY IS IT A PROBLEM FOR THE BJP?

— AAP LEADER  
SANJAY SINGH

Chip shortage: A terrible crisis facing India

In the race for a software-driven IT industry, no one apparently focused on setting up of chip fabrication unit for decades in the country

The world is a funny place. The way to global recovery sometimes is disrupted by an invisible virus and as it tries to come out, by a small computer chip.

The sudden shortage of semi-conductors due to shifting production stress has made world giants face a tricky slowdown.

A whole array of products — cars, washing machines, wheel chairs or medical and diagnostic instruments depend on semi-conductors. It hits even the disabled people who use a semi-conductor-controlled wheel chair.

India is no exception starting from cars to medical and personal computer sectors. It impacts car production already dislocated by the campaign to junk finely working ten-year old cars or even life-saving medical products.

Globally, many products are in short supply. The chips that are in short supply perform various functions in modern products, and there are often more than one in a single device. Many electric and electronic hardware firms despite having orders are unable to complete the production cycle.

The automobile sector accounts for about 10 per cent of the overall demand, with the rest coming from the electronic appliances and gadget industry, such as mobile phones and laptops, among others. And who is not suffering? Everybody is, from Jaguar to Hyundai, Ford, Maruti, the gaming industry and entertainment to name a few. The smartphone industry is hit and can lead large groups like Apple to crisis.

Production is being delayed, inventories and debt burden at factories are growing. It may lead to higher interest repayments that can cause sharp price rises. Banks are also hit and may head for another NPA regime.

The chip production was hit hard during the pandemic as major industries remained closed and the chip makers looking for an alternative got into different areas away from the core buyers — cars, aeroplane and other high-end aerospace manufacturers, who shut down operations because of the pandemic. This had a ripple effect through the supply chain to semi-conductor manufacturers who reassigned production to consumer electronics and computing industries, which had an upsurge in demand.

The technological monoculture has become a severe problem. The source materials are also not that immense that it can continue supply forever. The alternatives are not easy to find. Never in the past technology has been so dependent on one aspect. The older technology had room for creating easy alternatives, the new software and chip-based technologies get into glitches easily. It is time for the world to rethink for induction of multi-faceted technology options. The world now has less option for 'jugaad'.

The chips for the Indian medical technology makers are sourced from Indian vendors. But they import it from China, Taiwan and the US. In the race for software driven IT industry, no one apparently focused on setting up of chip fabrication unit for decades in the country. The experts had always expressed concern over the rise of a secondary industry and taking the prime space in economy.

India had a computer hardware sector in 1990s. It also had a parallel market — like Nehru Place or Ghaffar Market in Delhi — operated by semi-experts and the self-styled. IPR-type rules that caused immense problems for countries like India were not contested with the vigour needed. The industry is now blaming the Government. It earlier did not approach the government and now it is clamouring for having an Aatmanirbhar chip production. It may be a good suggestion. But it takes decades to set up such facility.

As of now, be it car, medical, security and other critical areas, chip shortage has added to prices manifold. Sales of used cars may have gone up but for the silly bureaucratic and the National Green Tribunal initiated moves to scrap such cars. The more there are cars, the more people remain employed.

Similarly, if a hardware industry is propped up, IPR protection is given, the country would do better. Unless the self-annihilating scrapping system is reversed, India's supposed middle class economy is headed for collapse.

India is preparing for a digital boom starting with education. This may not be easy as even the personal computer system is hit by the chip scarcity. Its prices and cost per student are rising. It will also hit small and large businesses.

The Narendra Modi government has an open mind. It must initiate a process on war-footing to revive the hardware sector and keep prices of electronic devices under check, contest the annihilating IPR rules and help the country usher in a better regime.



SHIVAJI SARKAR

*(The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed are personal.)*

# Pak releases 350 activists of banned Islamist group

## To resolve tense standoff

**Lahore:** Pakistan Government has released 350 activists of the banned outfit Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid has announced, averting another showdown with the radical Islamist party that was threatening to hold a “long march” to Islamabad.

The TLP workers have been holding violent protests across the nation, especially in Lahore, against the govern-

ment of Prime Minister Imran Khan for not releasing their party chief Saad Hussain Rizvi.

After reviewing TLP’s demands, the issue will be resolved peacefully by Tuesday, Rashid said, Geo News reported on Sunday.

The Opposition parties and the proscribed outfit had staged separate protests in multiple cities of the country, resulting in Islamabad, Lahore and Rawalpindi being partial-

ly shut down. Three policemen and seven TLP workers have died in the clashes so far that erupted on Wednesday.

Pakistan’s ISI held confidential meeting with terror outfits to plan attacks in J&K, target Kashmiri Pandits | Exclusive

“We have released 350 TLP workers up to now and we are still waiting to open both sides of the road of Muridke as per the decision with the TLP,” The interior minister tweeted after leading a government team in negotiations with representa-

tives of the TLP, including Rizvi, its detained chief, in Islamabad.

Rasheed on Sunday said that talks between the government and the TLP after they threatened to march towards Islamabad have been successful.

The TLP protesters will not move forward (to Islamabad) and will stay in Muridke till Tuesday, he added.

On Friday, Rizvi’s party leader Ajmal Qadri said his supporters launched the “long march” after talks with the

government failed to secure the release of their leader.

The interior minister said that the government will withdraw cases registered against the activists of TLP by Wednesday, the report added.

The negotiators of the proscribed organisation will visit the Interior Ministry on Monday for a second round of talks, Rasheed said. It was decided that the cases against those named in the Fourth Schedule will not be taken back, the minister added.

However, a TLP Shura

member claimed the interior minister had sought time till the return of Prime Minister Khan who is currently on an official visit to Saudi Arabia, Dawn News reported.

TLP’s founder late Khadim Rizvi’s son Saad Hussain Rizvi has been detained by the Punjab government since April last under the maintenance of ‘public order’ (MPO) following the party’s protest against the blasphemous caricatures of Islam’s Prophet published in France and its demand that the French ambassador be sent

back and import of goods from that country be banned.

Subsequently, the TLP agreed to call off protests across the country on the Pakistan government’s assurance that it would present a resolution on the expulsion of the French ambassador in the National Assembly.

However, the government had called the National Assembly session to debate the French envoy’s expulsion and before a vote could take place on the resolution, the Speaker announced the for-

mation of a special committee to discuss the matter and asked the government and the Opposition to engage with each other to develop consensus on the issue. No meeting of this special committee has been held since April.

The TLP shot to fame in 2017 when it held a massive protest for three weeks in the busy Faizabad interchange near Islamabad. The party lifted the lockdown of the city after the then government sacked the then law minister Zahid Hamid.

## US urges Sudan’s military to ‘stand down’

**DUBAI:** The Gulf Arab sheikhdoms of the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain have called for calm and restraint in Sudan following the army’s coup.

The UAE, which along with regional allies Saudi Arabia and Egypt had cultivated close ties to Sudan’s top generals, emphasized the importance of securing “stability as soon as possible, in a manner that achieves the interest and aspirations of the Sudanese people.”

Bahrain’s Foreign Ministry said it had “confidence” in Sudan’s political establishment to “overcome this crisis through dialogue and understanding.”

Their muted statements come as Western countries and the United Nations have strongly condemned the army’s takeover of Sudan. Security forces arrested several top officials including the interim prime minister and protesters flooded the streets of the capital. The

developments threaten to undermine Sudan’s fragile democratic transition since the ouster of longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir over two years ago.

U.S. diplomats in Sudan have issued warnings to American citizens in the country citing the military’s closure of areas in and around the capital and reports of violence against protesters.

The U.S. Embassy in Khartoum urged Americans to “shelter in place” and “remain aware of their surroundings” hours after Sudan’s top general declared a state of emergency and dissolved the civilian government. Internet remained widely disrupted across the country and the embassy noted it was “non-functional” in Khartoum.

It asked that American citizens not travel to the U.S. Embassy or to international airports in Khartoum or Port Sudan, where it said outbound flights were halted. **AP**

## Whistleblower Haugen to testify as UK scrutinises FB

**LONDON:** Former Facebook data scientist turned whistleblower Frances Haugen plans to answer questions Monday from lawmakers in the United Kingdom who are working on legislation to rein in the power of social media companies.

Haugen is set to appear before a parliamentary committee scrutinizing the British government’s draft legislation to crack down on harmful online content, and her comments could help lawmakers beef up the new rules. She’s testifying the same day that Facebook is set to release its latest earnings and that The Associated Press and other news organizations started publishing stories based on thousands of pages of internal company documents she obtained. **AP**

## ‘China’s new Covid outbreak, driven by Delta, may worsen’

**Beijing:** China’s new Covid-19 infections will increase in coming days and the areas affected by the epidemic may continue to expand, a health official said.

The current outbreak in China is caused by the delta variant from overseas, Wu Liangyou, an official at the National Health Commission, said at a briefing in Beijing Sunday. The wave of infections spread to 11 provinces in the week from Oct. 17, Mi Feng, spokesman for the commission, said at the briefing. Most of the people infected have cross-region travel histories, Mi said. He urged areas that have been affected by the pandemic to adopt “emergency mode.”

Some cities in the provinces of Gansu -- includ-

ing its capital Lanzhou -- and Inner Mongolia have halted bus and taxi services because of the virus, according to Zhou Min, an official at the transport ministry.

Ejina, a county in the western part of Inner Mongolia, asked all residents and travelers to stay indoors starting Monday to contain the spread of coronavirus, the local government said in a statement.

China reported 26 new local confirmed Covid-19 infections on Saturday, including seven in Inner Mongolia, six in Gansu, six in Ningxia, four in Beijing, one in Hebei, one in Hunan and one in Shaanxi, according to the National Health Commission. Another four local asymptomatic cases were reported in Hunan and Yunnan. **PTI**

## New headache for Beijing?

Chinese companies misbehaviour fueling anti-China stir in Zimbabwe

**New Delhi:** The incident happened at the mine about 50 km (30 miles) north of the capital, Harare, police said. While villagers mourned the death of a local but had no sympathy for the Chinese nationals. It was reported that villagers from around SAS Mine in Mazowe expressed joy following the death of six Chinese nationals who were managers at the site. The villagers described the late Chinese managers as ‘stub-born’ and very dis-respectful who ill-treated locals.

The incident has brought focus on the prevailing conditions in the area with regard to ill-treatment meted out to the employees by the Chinese managers. After the first explosion, the area councillor had requested Chinese managers to halt all the operations but later did not pay heed. Instead, these managers had smuggled workers from outside through a broken fence. Also, these

managers warned workers with dire consequences if anyone raised voice over personal safety.

The local news website reported that the local councillor Taera Tapererwa, from Mazowe South Ward 2 confirmed that the Chinese managers were quite rude to the employees. A worker at the mine reportedly told that Chinese managers had ignored warnings. Nor did they show any remorse over the death of the first victim. The second explosion took lives of six Chinese and that was when it was accepted that the situation was dangerous at the mine.

The Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe maintained that it is in close communication with responsible Zimbabwean authorities and has asked the Zimbabwean side to help with emergency care and investigate the cause of the incident. The embassy has urged Chinese

companies in Zimbabwe to enhance safety production awareness and immediate conduct thorough inspections of workplace practices including management of raw materials to avoid similar incidents.

Experts on Zimbabwe affairs are not hopeful about any change in the situation on ground. Zimbabwe, like other African country, is under deep influence of China, politically, militarily, or economically. China has been calling the shots in Zimbabwe so much so that despite numerous cases of rampant abuse by Chinese employers of the local labour force, no steps have been taken by the government.

Available reports suggest that there is a fear among the locals that China would take away their assets if Zimbabwe fails to return loan amount. China has done heavy investment by providing huge loans to Zimbabwe. **IANS**

## Florida’s top doctor refuses mask, is told to leave meeting

**Miami:** Florida’s top health official was asked to leave a meeting after refusing to wear a mask at the office of a state senator who told him she had a serious medical condition, officials have confirmed.

Florida Senate leader Wilton Simpson, a Republican,

sent a memo to senators Saturday regarding the incident at the office of Democratic state Senator Tina Polsky, asking visitors at the building to be respectful with social interactions. Polsky, who represents parts of Broward and Palm Beach counties, had not yet

made public her breast cancer diagnosis.

Polsky told The Associated Press about the tense exchange with state Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo that was first reported by the news site Florida Politics. **AP**

### Record 22.8 mn people in Af to face starvation

**New Delhi:** More than half of the population of Afghanistan, or a record 22.8 million people, will face acute food insecurity from November, according to the latest report issued on Monday by the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster of Afghanistan, co-led by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the UN World Food Programme (UNFP). The combined impacts of drought, conflict, Covid-19 and the economic crisis, have severely affected lives, livelihoods, and people’s access to food.

The report’s findings come as Afghanistan’s harsh winter looms, threatening to cut off areas of the country where families desperately depend on humanitarian assistance to survive the freezing winter months. The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report has found that more than one in two Afghans will be facing crisis (IPC Phase 3) or emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of acute food insecurity through the November 2021 to March 2022 lean season, requiring urgent humanitarian interventions to meet basic food needs. **IANS**

### Moon, Biden expected to meet next week

**Seoul:** South Korean President Moon Jae-in and his US counterpart Joe Biden are expected to hold a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of a G20 summit in Italy or the UN climate summit in Glasgow a senior official said on Monday.

Moon and Biden are scheduled to participate in the G20 summit next week, as well as the COP26 climate talks on November 1 and 2, when world leaders will assess achievements since the Paris agreement to

limit global warming, reports Yonhap News Agency.

Asked whether the two leaders could meet on the margins of the global summits, the official replied: “I expect President Moon and President Biden to meet at G20 or COP26.”

The official said, however, no specific timing has been decided, indicating there may be a “pull aside” meeting rather than formal bilateral talks. **IANS**



**UJVN LTD.**  
HO "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006  
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508  
CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

Letter No. 789      Date Extension Notice- 07      Dated : 25.10.2021

Due to unavoidable reasons the Date of Submission & opening of the e-NIT No. NCB/01/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22 & NCB/02/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22 invited by the office of the Executive Engineer Project Civil Maintenance-Dakpathar is being extended as below:  
Last Date & Time for submission of bids on the portal Upto 17:00 hrs of 01.11.2021

Date & Time of Opening of bids on the portal at 11:00 hrs of 02.11.2021  
Information regarding Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation etc. of tender may be obtained from the website.  
Full & Further Details of tender can be seen from the e-procurement portal "https://uktenders.gov.in".      Executive Engineer (PCM)

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"



**उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग**  
हस्तक्षर  
फ़ोन कोड:- 249404

संख्या :: 125/02/E-2/स0अ0अधि0/2021-22      दिनांक :: 25 अक्टूबर, 2021

**विज्ञापित**  
**सहायक अभियोजन अधिकारी परीक्षा-2021**

एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि **विज्ञापन संख्या-A-1/E-2/APO/2021, दिनांक 03 अगस्त, 2021 एवं विज्ञापित संख्या-107/02/E-2/स0अ0अधि0/2021-22** दिनांक 30 सितम्बर, 2021, द्वारा विज्ञापित सहायक अभियोजन अधिकारी (प्रारम्भिक) परीक्षा-2021 के रिक्त 63 पदों पर सीधी भर्ती द्वारा चयन के सापेक्ष आवेदन करने वाले औपबन्धिक रूप से अर्ह अभ्यर्थियों हेतु सहायक अभियोजन अधिकारी (प्रारम्भिक) परीक्षा-2021 का आयोजन दिनांक **21 नवम्बर, 2021 (रविवार)** को उत्तराखण्ड राज्य के विभिन्न नगरों में किया जायेगा। उक्त परीक्षा के लिए औपबन्धिक रूप से अर्ह अभ्यर्थी अपना प्रवेश-पत्र (**Admit-Card**) दिनांक **06 नवम्बर, 2021** से आयोग की वेबसाईट **www.ukpsc.gov.in** से डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं। अभ्यर्थियों को डाक द्वारा पृथक से कोई सूचना/प्रवेश-पत्र (**Admit-Card**) प्रेषित नहीं किये जायेंगे।

**-Sd-**  
**(कर्मन्त सिंह) सचिव।**



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

Whereas  
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Mahender Kumar Gupta/ Deepak Gupta/ LBDEL00003159992	Flat No-102, 1st Floor, Tower No- 1VY, Super-Hig, At Victory Crossroads, Plot No GH-01, Block C, Sector 143B, Noida/ October 21, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 36,72,582/-	Delhi/ Ncr
2.	Atul Tandon/ Shuchi Tandon/ LBDEL00002913219	Flat No. 2503, 25th Floor, Tower-F Cloud 9, Plot No- RC-1/2, Sec -1 Vaishali, Ghaziabad/ October 21, 2021	June 16, 2021 Rs. 89,73,507/-	Delhi/ Ncr
3.	Mallika Rawal/Jayant Sarjeet Rawal/ LBGH200002218970	Flat No. 002 Ground Floor Tower A, Cloud 9 Sector-1 Vaishali Ghaziabad/ October 21, 2021	May 31, 2021 Rs. 1,02,11,301/-	Delhi/ Ncr
4.	Ramesh Kumar/ Surmilla/ LBGUR00002282282	Flat No-T-1-E- 003, Ground Floor, Plot No-RC-1/2, Sector-1, Vaishali Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh/ October 21, 2021	May 29, 2021 Rs. 1,07,76,674/-	Delhi/ Ncr
5.	Samrat Bardhan/ Pooja Biswas/ LBDFB00002409733	Flat No-A-604, 6th Floor Tower-A, Exotica Fresco Tower Sector- 137 Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 21, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 44,45,160/-	Delhi/ Ncr
6.	Teena Gaba/ Aditya Narayan Dash/ LBDEL00001990493	Flat No- 506, Tower-S-, Supertech Eco Citi 4th Floor, Plot No- GH03, Sec- 137 Noida/ October 21, 2021	July 06, 2021 Rs. 20,05,500/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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

Date : October 26, 2021  
Place: Delhi/ Ncr

Authorized Officer  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

JASCH INDUSTRIES LIMITED									
Regd. Off. : 502, Block C, NDM-2, NSP, Pitampura, Delhi 110034      CIN : L24302DL1985PLC383771									
Website : www.jaschindustries.com, Email : accounts@jasch.biz									
Extract of Reviewed Ind AS Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th September, 2021. (Standalone And Consolidated Financial Results under Regulation 47(1)(B) Of Listing Regulations)									
(₹ in Lakh)									
Sl No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated				
		Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended	Year Ended	Period Ended	Year Ended		
		30.09.21	30.06.21	30.09.20	30.09.21	30.09.20	31.03.21	30.09.21	31.03.21
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	
1	Total Income from Operations.	5285.32	3704.21	2645.23	8989.53	4133.89	13567.63	8989.53	–
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	621.48	512.70	331.08	1134.18	512.48	1909.27	1134.18	–
3	Net Profit for the period (before Tax & Exceptional Items)	535.88	430.37	245.53	966.25	330.90	1561.97	966.25	–
4	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	535.88	430.37	245.53	966.25	330.90	1561.97	966.25	–
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	407.36	310.37	183.73	717.73	247.61	1135.20	717.73	–
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	407.36	310.37	183.73	717.73	247.61	1135.20	717.73	–
7	Equity Share Capital	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	–
8	Reserves	6536.57	6129.21	4904.18	6536.57	4904.18	5818.84	6492.47	–
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each)	3.60	2.74	1.62	6.33	2.19	10.02	6.33	–
	Basic & Diluted:								
<b>Notes :</b>									
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the website of Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com and also on Company's website at www.jaschindustries.com.									
2. The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS).									
3. Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification									
<b>Sonipat, 23rd October 2021</b>					<b>sd/- (J. K. GARG) MANAGING DIRECTOR</b>				



**STATE INFRASTRUCTURE & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.**  
29, IIE, SAHASTRADHARA ROAD (IT PARK), DEHRADUN  
Ph : 0135 – 2708100 Fax No. 0135 – 2708109 Website : www.siidcul.com

**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALLOTMENT OF COMMERCIAL PLOT IN INTEGRATED INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HARIDWAR& SIDC, BAHADARABAD**  
SIIDCUL invites bids from interested bidders online for allotment of following Commercial Plots in IIE Haridwar on 'as is where is basis' as per details described in the bid document. The bidders must furnish complete information as per the procedure laid down in the bid document. Detailed bid document can be downloaded from website of SIIDCUL www.siidcul.com or www.uktenders.gov.in from 26.10.2021 to 18.11.2021. Further any corrigendum regarding the bid shall only be published in website only. Interested bidders can only submit the complete bid document on e-tendering website www.uktenders.gov.in on/before mentioned due date i.e. 18.11.2021 and time 14:00 hrs

NIT No. : 61/SIIDCUL/2021	NIT No. : 62/SIIDCUL/2021
IIE Haridwar Plot No C1, Sec – 2, Area – 7360 Sqm.	SIDC Bahadarabad Plot No. A1-CFC, Area – 3628 Sqm.
Base Rate : Rs 13000 per Sqm	Base Rate : Rs 13000 per Sqm

**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SHARE CERTIFICATE(S) FOLIO NO.00056839, CERTIFICATE NO. 25234 FOR 820 EQUITY SHARES OF RS.2/- (RUPEES TWO ONLY) EACH BEARING DISTINCTIVE NOS. 277451 TO 277490 (410 SHARES) & 89626171 TO 89626590(410 SHARES) OF DCM SHRIRAM LTD. NEW DELHI, REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF RAKESH KADIAN HAVE BEEN LOST. HAS APPLIED TO THE COMPANY TO ISSUE DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE(S). ANY PERSON WHO HAS HAVE ANY CLAIM IN RESPECT OF THE SAID SHARES CERTIFICATE(S) SHOULD LODGE SUCH CLAIM WITH THE COMPANY AT ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT 2nd FLOOR, (WEST WING) WORLD MARK 1, AEROCITY NEW DELHI - 110037, WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, AFTER WHICH NO CLAIM WILL BE ENTERTAINED AND THE COMPANY WILL PROCEED TO ISSUE DUPLICATE SHARE CERTIFICATE(S).

sd/-  
RAKESH KADIAN

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**


**Signal & Telecommunication Department**

**Tender Notice**

S. N.	Name of Work with its location	App. Cost of the work (In Rs.)	Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased	Tender Document Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Where particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
1.	Comprehensive AMC of OMNI-230 Exchange installed at DRM office New Delhi, for one year.	₹ 1061227.92 only	Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-c Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055	₹ Nil only	₹ Nil only	Tender Uploading/ Closing date & time 17.11.2021 15.00 hrs.	See the N.Rly. website <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> & Notice Board at S & T Branch 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office, State entry road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No. 558-Sig/16/Tele/AMC/575/2021-22      Dated : 25.10.2021.

**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**



**Office of the Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Sansadhan Vikas Evam Nirman Nigam, Haldwani**  
R.T.O. Road, Near Vasundhara Banquet Hall, Haldwani (Nainital) Uttarakhand Email: pmnwrnirman@gmail.com

Letter No.: 1380 / आदेश-4 /41      Date : 25.10.2021

**Government of Uttarakhand “e” procurement Notice**

	Name of Scheme	Cost of Work	Work Completion Period
1	CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED PROPOSED LAB AND CLASS ROOM AT G.I.C. NAKUCHIYATAL DISTRICT- NAINITAL.	83.49 Lakh	9 Month
2	CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED GOVERNMENT AAYURVEDIK HOSPITALAT NAKUCHIYATAL	82.72 Lakh	9 Month
<b>Key Dates :-</b>			
1	Date of Online Publication on E- Portal	25.10.2021, 17:00 hrs	




DOCYARD

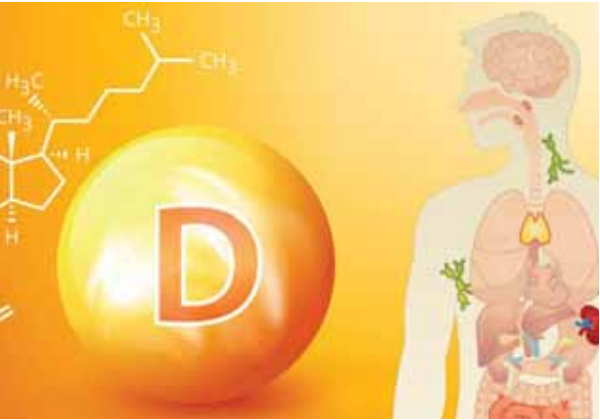
DR NILAM JAIN KOTHARI

Consultant Dermatologist

MASINA HOSPITAL



## WFH and Vitamin D deficiency endemic



The world had adopted several unhappy habits as it became comfortable with the requirements laid down by the pandemic and as the world begins its transition into the post-pandemic, it's bound to suffer the side-effects of the transition. One such side effect is the Vitamin D deficiency caused by the pandemic, with Work From Home (WFH) becoming the new norm, and pandemic, requiring us to socially distance ourselves, stepping out of the house has become an activity carried out only if needed which has drastically reduced the exposure to direct sunlight, as a result it has been observed that vitamin D deficiency has become endemic.

Vitamin D is extremely crucial for healthy and strong bones. Symptoms of bone pain and muscle weakness can mean you have a vitamin D deficiency. However, for many people, the symptoms are subtle. Yet, even without symptoms, too little vitamin D can pose health risks. Low blood levels of the vitamin have been associated with increased risk of death from cardiovascular disease, cognitive impairment in older adults, severe asthma in children, cancer etc.

Individuals with vitamin D deficiency or vitamin D insufficiency may be at increased risk for SARS-CoV-2 infection, as well as COVID-19-related severity and mortality, according to findings from a systematic review and meta-analysis presented at the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) 2021 Annual Meeting, held from October 1 to 4, 2021, in San Diego, California and real-time virtually.

Vitamin D is synthesized in the skin by UVB (290-320 nano meters) spectrum of sunlight. The role of vitamin D for hormonal balance sugar control, immunity, muscle function, prevention of depression and heart disease are well known. It is a potent anti oxidant with anti cancer benefits and sin anti ageing properties. Severe hair fall is a symptom of its deficiency. Major source of vitamin d synthesis is adequate sunlight; other sources include fortified milk and oily fish and dairy products for vegetarians.

Rickets is a disorder that causes children to have bones that are weak and soft. It is caused by a lack of vitamin D in the body. You need vitamin D so that calcium and phosphorus can be used to build bones. In adults, having soft bones is a condition called osteomalacia.

Vitamin D, along with helping in absorption of calcium, helps build bones and keep bones strong and healthy. Weak bones can lead to osteoporosis, the loss of bone density, which can lead to fractures. Vitamin D, once either taken orally or from sunshine exposure is then converted to an active form of the vitamin. It is that active form that promotes optimal absorption of calcium from your diet.

The parathyroid glands work minute to minute to balance the calcium in the blood by communicating with the kidneys, gut and skeleton. When there is sufficient calcium in the diet and sufficient active Vitamin D, dietary calcium is absorbed and put to good use throughout the body. If calcium intake is insufficient, or vitamin D is low, the parathyroid glands will 'borrow' calcium from the skeleton in order to keep the blood calcium in the normal range.

Getting enough vitamin D may also play a role in helping to keep you healthy by protecting against and possibly helping to treat conditions like heart disease and high blood pressure, hypertension, glucose intolerance, diabetes, infections and immune system disorders, multiple sclerosis and even some types of cancer, such as colon, prostate and breast cancers.

Vitamin D intake can be moderated through several ways like exposure to direct sunlight, through the foods we eat and through nutritional supplements. Indians have higher skin melanin content so a longer exposure to sunlight is important (at least 30 minutes between 10 am to 4 pm). Walk to wherever possible and keep usage of sunscreen under-check.

Factors like fog, smog, pollution, cloud cover and season are also critical. Wearing a burqa or spf more than or equal to 50 may harm the vitamin D synthesis. Also indoor exposure is useless as glass surfaces reflect the UVB Spectrum. In addition the ICMR recommends a daily intake of 400 international units per day for Indians who live under minimal sun exposure conditions. It is advisable that annual blood tests be undertaken to check if levels are above 20 nano grams which is the threshold for the deficiency.

## SUMMERCOOLER

**GARLIC:** It is time to love garlic. This highly nutritious spice carries a lot from vitamins A, B6, C, and K to phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, zinc, calcium, and iron. Also it has very few calories and there's almost nothing this spice can't do. Garlic supplements can help prevent and reduce the severity of common illnesses like the flu and common cold. In animal studies, garlic oil was found to prevent bone loss post ovary removal. It is known to lower blood

pressure and cholesterol lowering the chances of heart diseases and helps to detoxify heavy metals in the body like lead poisoning. Antioxidants in it can help prevent Alzheimer's disease and dementia. It is great news for athletes that garlic supplements can improve performance. Garlic is delicious and easy to add to your diet. It's a staple in many soups, dips, or sauces — or you can roast it and eat it as-is. Many people even enjoy it raw!



## NEGATIVE EMOTIONS ARE GOOD

It is important to understand that negative emotions are universal, healthy and essential for us. DISHAA DESAI tells us how and why they all serve a purpose

Everywhere you look, statements such as “be grateful”; “positively manifest what you want and it will happen”; “good vibes only” are being thrown around inducing immense guilt, frustration and shame at feeling a semblance of a negative emotion (toxic positivity, as it is now termed).

All over the world, people are turning to social media platforms to escape from their realities in different ways. While this can provide some respite, it perpetuates the notion that we have to avoid any semblance of a negative feeling or that we ‘shouldn’t’ experience it. Not only does this make us feel angry at ourselves when we experience it but this has adversely affected our distress tolerance i.e. our ability to tolerate and manage any amount of distress/ discomfort.

Turning to these platforms as an escape or a respite is also a point of privilege - numerous people around the world do not have the luxury of escaping from the realities they face every day. The pandemic, in its own way, has forced us to confront uncomfortable emotions about mortality, for some, and dire realities for others.

**All emotions serve a purpose** Biologically speaking, ‘negative’ emotions are universal and can be healthy for us. They serve as a warning system. Let's take fear for example- in threatening situations, fear sends an alarm through our brain and body to get us prepared to deal with the situation and to notice any difference in the environment, in the first place. It also aids us in taking less risky decisions that may very

well impact our safety and well-being.

Thankfully, humans do not need to look out for primitive, environmental threats. But this is the same system that kicks into action with modern day threats (such as walking in a darkened street) by making us more alert and ready to protect ourselves. For many people in war torn areas, battling extreme poverty and struggling for basic needs, this system kicks into action on the daily.

Experiencing and managing this range of uncomfortable emotions also facilitates our distress tolerance in times of crises and adds to resilience. It equips us with a keen awareness, understanding of our emotions and what can help us cope. This can only arise out of actually experiencing the emotions versus avoidance wherein we are left with little emotional awareness, an inability to cope and hinders the development of healthy emotional resilience.

The key therein lies not in elimination of negative emotions (which is hardly possible) but in understanding and coping with them, when they arise.

**This brings us to the ‘how’** Firstly, understanding that negative emotions are universal, healthy and essential for our functioning-as uncomfortable as the experience is-and coming to terms with this will make the process less distressing.

The next step in this journey is to sit with what you are feeling i.e. notice the physiological and emotional experience from a place of understanding rather than a place of judgment. Almost like observing a plant growing and curiously looking



IF THERE IS PHYSIOLOGICAL DISTRESS, TACKLE THAT FIRST IN WAYS THAT WORK FOR YOU. THIS COULD BE THROUGH GROUNDING ACTIVITIES, MOVEMENT, BREATHING INTENTIONALLY, FOR INSTANCE. IT WOULD CREATE SPACE FOR EMOTIONAL PROCESSING. ENTAIL IDENTIFYING THE EMOTION, EXAMINING WHAT IT REPRESENTS AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU NEED TO COPE HEALTHILY

at what is going on rather than judging the plant for growing/not growing in the first place. This could be through checking in with yourself about what you might be experiencing rather than shaming yourself for it. For example, the first kind of self-talk could include labelling the emotion and then asking yourself what it is rooted in and what led to it versus judgmental self-talk that would make you feel awful about experiencing it in the first place.

If there is physiological distress, tackle that first in ways that work for you. This could be through grounding activities, movement, breathing intentionally, for instance.

Once you feel physiologically soothed is when there might be space for emotional processing. This could entail identifying the emotion, examining what it represents at a deeper level and understanding what you need to cope healthily.

Embracing the necessity of all emotions has the benefit of ‘emotional agility’ which looks at harnessing one's emotional awareness in each situation and adapting well, according to psychologist and professor, Todd Kashan.

It is definitely easier said than done- there is a delicate balance to be struck between wallowing and creating space for negative emotions that will differ individually.

Although negative emotions are universal, not everyone will experience this in the same way and it is an individual journey of growth that will ebb and flow.

The writer is Psychologist & Outreach Associate, Mpower - The Centre, Mumbai

## SAFE SHIELD DEVELOPMENT



15-year-old **HARDIK KUMAR DEWAN** speaks with **SUPRIYA RAMESH** about his invention of a protective

shield for doctors among other things

■ **What is 'Co-terminator Shield'?**

It is a shield with a mission to protect doctors and normal individuals from COVID. Providing some facilities which can solve the burdening problems of doctors. This shield will protect doctors from sweat, fogging on their goggles, spectacles or visors and other problems like skin allergies due to constant use of PPE (personal protective equipment) kits. It provides a comfortable temperature for work along with many other features.

■ **What was the procedure of making it?**

It took about six months to complete this project. We need to prepare a prototyping sample, concept of 3D printing, and a 3D sketch by using certain softwares. With that we can prepare a fibreglass mould and get a sample for presentation. Later on, electronic parts like bluetooth, air cooling vents that are connected to a 60ppi copper filter to supply cool purified air to the shell are fitted.

■ **Your aim is to make India a self dependent nation and superpower. How do you wish to achieve this?**

To stop the outflow of money we need to be self dependent and our aim should be to export the products from our country and get the inflow of money. An example is that due to the coal and electricity problems in China, the prices of products are increased, which is making a great impact on our country's economy. India is a financially powerful country but we need to be self dependent in some of the work like Google, YouTube, Instagram and social media networks. They are taking crucial data from our country and using it for their own benefits for earning money.

Idea is that creating a concept and working on it is not important. We are creating just like a lot of intelligent minds in our country. There are lots of people inventing new things day by day. But we need to present that in the international market to start importing our products. The conceptual powers are not important, we need to make our own raw materials, need to increase production, business and empower our students to stay in our country and work for it. That will be possible if we increase production where we will get many working hands on in this sector. It's not compulsory to import products from China or America and use their resources but use our own resources.

■ **You are a developer and have also developed some apps. How did you get into developing?**

During the first lockdown. I started watching YouTube videos on programming and coding. After that I joined a coding platform due to my interest in it. After practice and receiving professional guidance and help I created this application and launched into the market but it was stopped due to certain circumstances.

■ **Upcoming projects?**

At present, I am working on an app for schools to manage their ecosystem and later a software that would help teachers create their own coaching centre.

## ‘Stigma associated with TB remain deeply rooted’

SHALINI SAKSENA speaks with HL MOHAN about the hindrances in tackling tuberculosis and how the vaccine can be beneficial to curb it

■ **What are some of the challenges that you are looking to solve at KHPT?**

At Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT) we work in collaboration with the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme to develop community-based, patient-centric models aimed at improving health-seeking behaviours, access to healthcare services, TB notification and treatment outcomes, as well as stigma mitigation among vulnerable populations. Specifically, we are working to make sure that the TB programme has evidence-based community ownership in TB response, beyond social mobilization and TB champions, in policy and practice. We want to ensure we leave no one behind and work with the TB program to address stigma and gender barriers related to TB effectively.

■ **What do you expect from the 52 Union World Lung Conference 2021?**

The conference is an excellent and effective global platform to gain exposure to scientific evidence in the context of emerging challenges



**HL Mohan**  
CEO, Karnataka Health Promotion Trust of TB elimination, with learnings from across the globe. We also look at this as an opportunity to learn from global best practices on community engagement for TB and, lastly, understand the strategies that work with the hard to reach populations impacted by TB- and apply the learnings to our work.

■ **What are hindrances that**

**India is facing when it comes to treatment of TB?**

Some of the hindrances that the nation is facing include inadequacies in the supply chain of diagnostics; early identification of TB continues to remain poor, especially amongst the most vulnerable communities. There are barriers to treatment adherence and follow-ups. A critical missing point is the lack of patient centred approaches and the stigma that arises due to diagnosis and treatment adherence amongst patients- by families and the broader community.

■ **Do you think that the TB vaccine will help solve the country's problem?**

The incidence of an infectious disease goes down with the administration of vaccines, be it smallpox or polio. Beyond these, vaccines have avoided close to 2-3 million deaths due to other diseases. India is the leader in the Universal Immunization Programme and reaches 26 million children annually. We are aware that scientists in India are currently studying two potential vaccines against TB.

■ **What policy changes would you want the Government to make to speed TB treatment?**

The Government's National Tuberculosis Elimination Program has been heading policy changes towards ensuring faster diagnosis and timely treatment. Also focus on proactively including Panchayati Raj Institutions in TB response and bringing in convergence with different departments working on TB and its challenges. The patient has to be at the centre of the planning for timely diagnosis and treatment.

■ **Why hasn't India been able to tackle TB even today?**

TB suffers from sub-optimal community participation- a point that requires attention, funding and commitment to change. Vulnerability to TB enhances its impact and mortality, and it is essential that effective strategies are curated for vulnerable groups. Stigma and gender barriers associated with TB remain deeply rooted and require an integrated approach at each level of the community, self, family, society and nation.

## INBRIEF

### 2nd National Breast Cancer Action Day

Noting the spread of breast cancer in India, renowned lawmakers today called for a coordinated and multisectoral approach to expand reach of the awareness, diagnosis, and treatment. Speaking at the second National Breast Cancer Action Day, as a part of Breast Cancer Action Month organised by Integrated Health & Wellbeing (IHW) Council, powered by Novartis, they expressed concern that breast cancer is affecting women in both cities and villages and urged people to adopt healthy lifestyle practices.

“Rapid spread of chronic and debilitating non-communicable diseases causes about 60% deaths in India. Breast cancer accounts for about 27% of all cancers in women in India and impacts the age group of 40s the most, as against 55-60 in advanced countries. Awareness leads to early determination of disease. I believe there are three pillars of preventing it: a) health promotion among women; b) timely diagnosis; and c) comprehensive treatment. We must make men aware of breast cancer as well for healthcare and support mechanisms,” says Ms Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Government of India.

“Awareness about breast cancer leads to action and the pharmaceutical industry must play the role of a platform provider and builder of an ecosystem,” says Mr Saamil Mody, General Manager, Novartis Oncology, India

# THE STRONG VOICE TREMBLES

Renowned folk singer, MIR MUKHTIYAR ALI, tells CHRISTY VARGHESE that with every passing day, in these technologically fluent times, the value of India’s traditional arts is waning



Being an artist is funny business in today’s times. It is said that it is not an essential role in society today. But turn back time, and recall what it was like, during the initial stages of the lockdown last year, we would have gone mad, left to our own devices, if it was not for the artists who came to our rescue in their own ways. We spent innumerable hours watching films/shows, flipping through the pages of a book, working out against the backdrop of some motivational tunes blasting on our earphones. What would have happened if those artists had succumbed to the pressures of society and became something else? Meet Mir Mukhtiyar Ali, the latest in a long line of sufi singers who, right off the bat wanted to proclaim where he is from, before anything else. “Please make sure that you let your readers know that I am from Pugal, a small village in Bikaner district,” he shares in his trademark belligerent voice. He is town for a performance at IIC today and read on for more about him:

**Do you remember the first time you performed in front of a large audience?** Yes, of course! I was 34 years old when I performed in front of over 2,500 people at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. This was on April 4, 2004, and I still recall that day like it happened yesterday. You can very well say that it was the turning point of my life. Before that, I would perform during melas, or sat-sangs. Today, I would be performing at the Indian I really enjoy performing in spaces such as the India International Centre, where there is a dedicated audience who have come to witness my performance with rapt attention. It is not about the strength of the audience, but rather, the quality. When I am in a space, surrounded by people who have come together to hear my performance, I remember things I haven’t prepared for and the artist within me takes over the stage.

**What were you doing during** Our local programmes went for a toss, and I am sure you know how other

large scale events went. It’s almost as if in the past one and a half year, I have forgotten that I was a singer, a passionate one, at that. You might say that things are improving, since last month I performed at Mysore and this month I got to perform at IIC. In the past one and a half years, since the first lockdown, I have performed just twice.

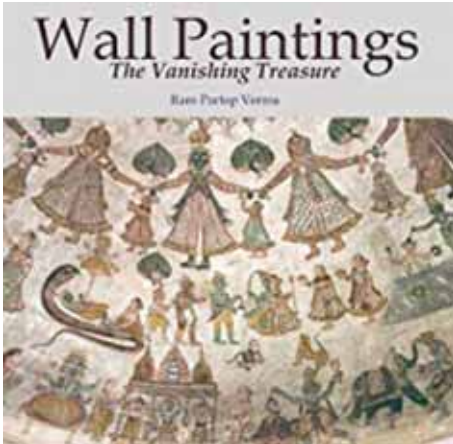
**What can we do to support our folk artists?** Locally, every town/village has its share of performers. I hail from Pugal in Bikaner district, Rajasthan. More often than not, the stature of an artiste is determined by the scale of their fame. These days everyone has jumped on the bandwagon of electronic music. And I don’t regard it as the artists’ fault, they are simply catering to a pre-existing demand. However, I have to admit that it does affect our business, those of us who play the dholak and harmonium. Since you asked me, I feel that the people living in a particular region should support its artists. They are part of our age-old traditions after all. Take my family for instance, we have been

singing for over 800 years, across 26 generations; passing the treasure-chest of our knowledge from one generation to the next. The central government as well as state governments should help artists, as and when required.

**Aren’t there already a lot of funds which are set aside by the governments for the upliftment of the cultural scenario?** Yes, however, the middleman is the one who benefits in such a scenario. There are numerous entities, which, under the disguise of an organised outfit claims the money ‘on the behalf of artists’ and then sit on it. Most of the folk artists in today’s times are not well educated and that is partly why you would not see a folk artist raising their voice for themselves. And think of it, a simple folk artist visiting a secretary, let alone a minister, to claim the benefits announced by the state for its artists. Most of us are intimidated by the stature of the person we are meeting most of the times. The government should make sure that the funds behind its various policies reach the intended beneficiaries.

It is quite disheartening when my children point out our plight and say that you experience a lot of difficulty in providing for your family. Why should we continue practising music like you do? This despite the fact that I am established artist who has lent his voice to multiple films such as *Finding Fanny*.

**You enthral the audiences with your voice, singing the poetry of Kabir, Mirabai and Sufi poets such as Bulleh Shah. Have you ever felt like you wanted to do something different?** Yes, but not in the way you think. I am always looking for new ways to package or present what I sing for the audience. I am aware that I cannot touch the younger audience with my classical approach, but I would like to reach them and provide them a hint of the profound wisdom that these ancient sufi songs exhibit. One such example is when back in 2008 I performed a *jugalbandi* with some African tribal artists, wherein together we brought to life an old *doha* by Kabirdas ji. That was well-received by youngsters not only in India, but across the globe.



## Reincarnating images in ruins

As the grand havelis of Bhiwani slowly lose their influence to time, artist RAM PARTAP VERMA tries to document their lost splendour through his book and documentary

He may have left his dusty hometown of Bhiwani in Haryana decades back, but there is something about the city that refuses to part with him. The many grand havelis there, slowly getting consumed by time and the almost magical wall paintings executed since the 18<sup>th</sup> century, have over the years become an integral part of artist Ram Partap Verma, precipitating him to write a book and make a documentary film on them. To bring forth the fast vanishing heritage, seldom taken notice of by authorities and art historians, the artist recently released his book and documentary film *Wall Paintings: The Vanishing Treasure*. Stressing that his journey of four decades as an artist was rooted in that town, he says, “For years I have been working on these projects without any grants or patronage. Frankly, many of the paintings you see in the book cease to exist now as several havelis have been torn down to make way for modern houses. Sadly, a few of them, with pigments on the wall paintings still intact that still exist, are in a pathetic state owing to little interest shown by the owners and the state.”



Talk to him about the fact that in Europe, not just the government but locals too understand the importance of heritage in their localities and communities, and do the needful, and the artist says, “Well, that’s hardly the case in this country otherwise we would not be seeing couples inscribing their names on monuments across cities, no?” For someone who developed a fascination for the arts during early childhood — seeing his mother paint images relating to snake worshiping and Shakti on the walls of their house, he says that the movie and book is his tribute to the hometown that sowed the seeds of art deep within him. The artist, who as part of his research spent several months in those havelis, decoding the history of the painters, understanding their styles, deciphering the motive behind the use of particular colours and the social impact of that time on their work, says, “One can easily see the influences of different cultures and time periods on the wall paintings. Honestly, it is tough to trace the evidence of any art school in this region.” Elaborating on his research for the book and film, he says that it was neither easy to find the material or records of the painters. “It meant extensive travels across the country and accessing different libraries, not to mention, elaborate interviews with locals and owners who could be traced,” says Verma. “Interestingly, many painters who made the wall paintings of Hindu mythologies were Muslims. This speaks of the composite culture that existed centuries ago,” he adds. Decoding these paintings on the walls of havelis of where primary colours like ochre, indigo, and green as secondary have been used, the artist says, “All I hope for is that the remaining wall paintings should be preserved by art foundations and the government.”

—IANS



Hub India is a prolific exploration of the many registers that frame contemporary art from the Indian sub-continent, a region of central importance to South Asia and of increasing significance to the global world. The multi-part project which was initiated originally for Artissima to provide an overview of the eco-system comprising galleries, institutions and artists active in India, has subsequently grown into an intelligently expansive curation that encompasses several variegation. These include Maximum Minimum, an exhibition at Artissima; Classical Radical, a tripartite museums show in collaboration with Fondazione Torino Musei – that will host the project in its museum facilities, Palazzo Madama - Museo Civico d’Arte Antica and MAO Museo d’Arte Orientale — and with the Accademia Albertina di Belle Arti di Torino hosting the premiere of Sama: Symbols and gestures in contemporary art practices. Italy and India vol. 1, a film on contemporary art in Italy and India presented as a moving images installation.

Featuring over 65 artists from 10 of India’s leading contemporary galleries and foremost museum, supported by the Consulate General of India, Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA), and in collaboration with Artissima, Fondazione Torino Musei, Emami Art,

## Making its mark

TEAM VIVA tunes into the announcement by the Embassy of Italy which hints that there will be an Indian influence at Artissima, the Mediterranean country’s most prestigious art fair



Engendered and Arthub, ‘Hub India’ is poised to be the largest and most significant conversation that contemporary art from India has had with the Western world in recent times. Crossing the cultural rubicon between modern and contemporary art, these curations reject the

colonial attitude of linear progress, rather use tradition as a means of innovation, a continuous re-birth. They understand contemporaneity as a telescoping of politics, civilizations and the global times we live in. The artworks can respond to the viewer’s desire to think about the mul-

titudes of history, time and geopolitics of the region or focus entirely on its abundant aesthetics. The works are a diverse cross-section of genre, medium and process, ranging from line-drawings and paintings to miniatures and sculptures; terracotta and metal to paper works and

canvas, prints and etchings to digital and AI works. They fire on all cylinders, blurring polarities of religion, caste or race, Asia and Europe, figurative representation or abstraction. These are a radiantly broad spectrum of voices ranging from modern and contemporary masters, superstars and icons to cutting edge and freewheeling narratives fresh for discovery. Far more layered and complex than a survey show, these curations provide a kaleidoscopic lens that shifts perception and challenges stasis through complex, evocative and never reductive ways. It is then left to the viewer to decide the gaze, to decide what they will finally see. Museo Civico d’Arte Antica and MAO Museo d’Arte Orientale — and with the Accademia Albertina di Belle Arti di Torino hosting the premiere of Sama: Symbols and gestures in contemporary art practices. Italy and India vol. 1, a film on contemporary art in Italy and India presented as a moving images installation. Featuring over 65 artists from 10 of India’s leading contemporary galleries and foremost museum, supported by the Consulate General of India, Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA), and in collaboration with Artissima, Fondazione Torino Musei, Emami Art, Engendered and Arthub, ‘Hub India’ is poised to be the largest and most significant conversation

that contemporary art from India has had with the Western world in recent times. Crossing the cultural rubicon between modern and contemporary art, these curations reject the colonial attitude of linear progress, rather use tradition as a means of innovation, a continuous re-birth. They understand contemporaneity as a telescoping of politics, civilizations and the global times we live in. The artworks can respond to the viewer’s desire to think about the multitudes of history, time and geo-politics of the region or focus entirely on its abundant aesthetics. The works are a diverse cross-section of genre, medium and process, ranging from line-drawings and paintings to miniatures and sculptures; terracotta and metal to paper works and canvas, prints and etchings to digital and AI works. They fire on all cylinders, blurring polarities of religion, caste or race, Asia and Europe, figurative representation or abstraction. These are a radiantly broad spectrum of voices ranging from modern and contemporary masters, superstars and icons to cutting edge and freewheeling narratives fresh for discovery. Far more layered and complex than a survey show, these curations provide a kaleidoscopic lens that shifts perception and challenges stasis through complex, evocative and never reductive ways. It is then left to the viewers to interpret.

**PRARAMBH**

A paintings and drawing group exhibition, *Prarambh* will feature the works of Sanskriti Awasthi, Nisha Hussain, Aanchal Jalan, Mintee Mandal, Ankita, Bharti and Chetna. With the common theme being, ‘The interaction of Social Animals’, every artist of the *Prarambh* group provides a feminine perspective in their artworks, which are inspired by their daily lives, formulating a perception of their own as they face various challenges in society.

**When:** October 27-31

**Where:** Indian Habitat Centre’s Visual Arts Gallery




**FLIGHTS OF MATERIALITY**

An exhibition of sculptural forms by G.R. Iranna, H.G. Arunkumar, Karl Antao, Shambhavi and Puneet Kaushik, in association Gallery Espace. The current geological epoch, the Anthropocene, dramatically illustrates how we, individually and collectively, are leaving a human signature on our world. We have reached an unprecedented moment in planetary history. Humans now change the Earth’s systems more than all natural forces combined. This is the thread running through Gallery Espace’s exhibition of a group of compelling visual artistic experiences, using both new and traditional three-dimensional media, which capture scenes of our human signature, and convey the complexity and significance of our age.

**When:** Till October 30, 11 am-7 pm

**Where:** Gandhi – King Memorial Plaza at India International Centre



**A KING’S GAMBIT**

An exhibition of original period costumes created for the 1977 film by Satyajit Ray, *Shatranj Ke Khiladi* (*The Chess Players*). Based on research and original sketches by Ray himself, and Shama Zaidi; created by local dressmakers. Apart from costumes, the display also includes footwear, turbans, costume jewelry, stills and working stills, copies of letters and pages from Ray’s *Kheror khata* (script book). From the collection of Suresh Jindal, producer of *Shatranj Ke Khiladi*. For the first time ever, *A King’s Gambit* exhibition will showcase the original costumes from *Shatranj Ke Khiladi* and offers a glimpse into the magical world of Wajid Ali Shah.

**When:** Till November 5, 11 am-7 pm

**Where:** Galerie Romain Rolland, Alliance Française de Delhi, 72 Lodi Estate, New Delhi



**ARTS AND PAINTING — HOBBYSTATION**

The medium of a child’s expression should be as diverse as its interests and thoughts! When there are no limits to creativity and art forms, why not let your child explore beyond the regular? We bring to you independent art sessions covering something new in every turn. From painting with fun instruments to achieving a paint effect with oil pastels, from Warli painting to Mandala Art, from Kawaii Doodles to Cartoons, and Zentangles to 3D art, give your child exposure to different forms of art. Pique their curiosity and let them learn the skills to hone their talents and articulate their inner voices!

**When:** Till October 28, every evening at 5pm

**Where:** Zoom, book tickets for your toddler via Bookmyshow



YOU KNOW IT'S AMAZING WHAT REALITY IS AND WHAT PEOPLE HAVE IDEAS ON THE OUTSIDE. I JUST WISH THEY COULD PUT ON A CRICKET KIT AND UNDERSTAND WHAT PRESSURE IS

— VIRAT KOHLI

# WINNING ONE GAME NOT END OF THE WORLD, SAYS IRATE KOHLI

...But accepts being 'outplayed'

PTI ■ DUBAI

visibly irritated India captain Virat Kohli said it would not have been the end of the world for him even if his team had won instead of suffering a heavy defeat to arch-rivals Pakistan in the T20 World Cup here on Sunday.

Pakistan recorded their biggest T20 International win, hammering India by 10 wickets in their opening T20 World Cup match, which was also their first against the neighbours in 13 attempts at the global meet.

However, when Kohli was asked if his team was over-confident and wasn't thinking about the Pakistan game, it did get his goat.

"You know it's amazing what reality is and what people have ideas on the outside. I just wish they could put on a cricket kit and understand what pressure is," Kohli told a Pakistani scribe who had asked the question.

"You don't go out there to take anything lightly, specially a team like Pakistan who can beat any team in the world on their day. This is a game that has to be respected and we are a team which doesn't think that winning one game is the end of the world," the angry Indian captain said after the match.

Kohli said he accepts the defeat and will take the learnings from it but made it clear that he has treated all opposition with equal respect.

"Cricket is beyond and above anyone else and we definitely respect game and we never take any opposition lightly and neither do we differentiate between opposition.

"On the day, if we haven't played good, we accept it and give credit to opposition as well. We don't create any other scenarios of knowing what went wrong and correct that move forward in a positive manner," he said.

You will drop Rohit Sharma?

...stunned Virat shakes head as deputy's form questioned

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Virat Kohli could not believe his ears when he was asked whether Rohit Sharma could be dropped for his failure in the T20 World Cup loss to Pakistan, shaking his head furiously at the suggestion before describing it as "unbelievable".

Kohli was talking to the media after the emphatic 10-wicket loss that ended his side's 12-match winning streak against the arch-rivals in World Cups. He was left wide-eyed and quite taken aback when a question was directed at him on whether Ishan Kishan merits a place in the side over his white-ball deputy Rohit, who got out for a nought in Sunday's match.

"It's a very brave question. What do you think, sir? I played the team that I thought was the best, what is your opinion?" he responded and shook his



head in disbelief.

"I am just asking you? Will you drop Rohit Sharma from T20 internationals? You will drop Rohit Sharma? You know what he did in the last game we played, unbelievable!" he said referring to the 64-run blistering knock that Rohit played against England in a T20 match earlier this year.

"If you want controversy, please tell me before so that I can answer accordingly," he added with a grin before moving to the next query.

## Scoreboard

AFGHANISTAN (BATTING)	SCOTLAND (BOWLING)
N Zadrn (59)	S Sharif 4 (33, 2wkt)
R Gurbaz (46)	M Watt 4 (23, 1wkt)
Hazratullah (44)	Josh Davey 4 (41, 1wkt)

**Total 190 (4 wickets, 20 overs)**

SCOTLAND (BATTING)	AFGHANISTAN (BOWLING)
George Munsey (25)	Mujeeb Ur Rahman 4 (20, 5 wkt)
Chris Greaves (12)	Rashid Khan 2.2 (9, 4 wkt)
Kyle Coetzer (10)	Naveen-Ul-Haq 2 (12, 1 wkt)

**Total 60 (all out, 10.2 overs)**

## points table

### Group A

Team	Matches	NRR	Points
England	1	+3.970	2
Sri Lanka	1	+0.583	2
Australia	1	+0.253	2
South Africa	1	-0.253	0
Bangladesh	1	-0.583	0
West Indies	1	-3.970	0

### Group B

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

Match 19: ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021	Match 18: ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021
Oct 26, 7:30 pm IST	Oct 26, 3:30 pm IST
	
Sharjah Cricket Stadium	Dubai International Stadium
ICC Rank: 3	ICC Rank: 5
ICC Rank: 4	ICC Rank: 9
<b>Head-to-Head in T20s</b>	<b>Head-to-Head in T20s</b>
24 Played 24	15 Played 15
14 Won 10	9 Won 6
10 Lost 14	6 Lost 9
201/4 Highest Total 196/5	231/7 Highest Total 236/6
<b>In T20 World Cup</b>	<b>In T20 World Cup</b>
5 Played 5	3 Played 3
3 Won 2	2 Won 1
2 Lost 3	1 Lost 2
177/6 Highest Total 180/5	208/2 Highest Total 205/6

## T20WorldCupwindow

**PLAN WAS TO BRING THE BALL BACK IN: SHAHEEN**  
Shaheen Shah Afridi, whose magic first spell turned out to be a game-changer, said that he had worked hard on bringing the ball back into the right-handers, which paid rich dividends against India in their T20 World Cup opener. Pakistan beat India by 10 wickets to win their first game in the global event against the arch-rivals, with Shaheen claiming 3/31 and his victims were vice-captain Rohit Sharma, senior opener KL Rahul, and skipper Virat Kohli at the death.

**LETS NOT GO OVERBOARD WITH OUR CELEBRATIONS: BABAR**  
Former Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq and current skipper Babar Azam were among the ones who cautioned the players of not going "overboard" with their celebrations following the historic win over India as it was only the first match of the team's T20 World Cup campaign. Misbah, who was forced to resign as head coach of the national team one month before the World T20 Cup, said the players must remain focussed on winning the mega-event after beating India for the first time in a World Cup.

**IN MY LIFETIME, WANTED TO SEE PAK BEAT INDIA IN WC: AKRAM**  
Fast-bowling great Wasim Akram is delighted to see Pakistan end India's winning run against them in the World Cup in his lifetime but wants the team to forget the landmark triumph and focus on the task ahead. Pakistan brought to an end India's near-three-decade domination of them in the world stage in the most convincing fashion, embarrassing their arch-rivals by 10 wickets in the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup in Dubai on Sunday.

## Clinical Af rout Scotland by 130 runs

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Afghanistan produced a dominating display of power-hitting before Mujeeb Ur Rahman ripped apart the rival batting line-up with his five-wicket haul as the strife-torn Asian nation routed Scotland by 130 runs in a Super 12 match of the T20 World Cup, here on Monday.

Afghanistan first posted a challenging 190 for four after opting to bat and then bundled out Scotland for just 60 run in 10.2 overs to pull off a huge win in Group 2.

Scotland piled up 27 runs in the first three overs before Mujeeb scalped Scotland skipper Kyle Coetzer and Calum MacLeod off successive balls. Mujeeb didn't get his hat-trick but two balls later he trapped Richie Berrington to reduce Scotland to 28 for three after four overs.

Wickets continued to tumble for Scotland as Matthew Cross and George Munsey (25) departed in the next two overs.

The trend continued as Michael Leask, Chris Greaves and Mark Watt too failed to counter the guile of Rashid Khan (4/9) and Mujeeb.

After Mujeeb, it was Rashid's turn to cause destruction as he polished off Scotland the tail to hand Afghanistan a big win.



Scotland's struggle against spin can be gauged from the fact that five of their batters failed to open their accounts.

Earlier, Nazibullah Zadran struck a blistering 59 off 34 balls, hitting five fours and three sixes, while Hazratullah Zazai (44) and Rahmanullah Gurbaz (46) also produced solid knocks to help Afghanistan score their best-ever total in T20 World Cup.

Zazai and Mohammad Shahzad (22) got Afghanistan off to a flier, stitching 54 runs off just 35 balls before the latter holed out at deep midwicket boundary.

## Cricketers back Shami after pacer faces online abuse

PTI ■ DUBAI

Former and current India players, including Virender Sehwag and Harbhajan Singh, on Monday extended their support to pacer Mohammad Shami, who was subjected to a fierce online attack following the national team's first ever loss to Pakistan in World Cup history.

Politicians also rallied behind the cricketer with former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah and Lok Sabha MP Asaduddin Owaisi condemning the targeting of Shami's religious identity by social media trolls.

India lost their T20 World

Cup opener by 10 wickets on Sunday with Shami emerging the most expensive bowler on the night, leaking 43 runs in 3.5 overs.

"The online attack on Mohammad Shami is shocking and we stand by him. He is a champion and anyone who wears the India cap has India in their hearts far more than any online mob. With



you Shami. Agle match mein dikado jalwa," tweeted former India opener Sehwag.

Former India pacer Irfan Pathan said the attack on Shami is unprecedented.

"Even I was part of #IndvsPak battles on the field where we have lost but never been told to go to Pakistan! I'm talking about Flag of India of few years back.

THIS CRAP NEEDS TO STOP. #Shami," he posted.

Shami has been one of India's best fast bowlers in recent times and has performed well over the last five years.

The trolls on social media linked his ordinary performance on Sunday night to his religion which did not go down well with fellow netizens with several of them offering support to the 31-year-old.

The other Indian players were also troled online after the crushing loss on Sunday.

Former India spinner

Harbhajan and current leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, who was controversially not included in the World Cup squad, also came to Shami's support.

"We love you @MdShami11," wrote Harbhajan on Twitter.

Chahal added: "We are so proud of you @MdShami11 bhaiya."

Former India pacer R P Singh tweeted: "@MdShami1 is an Indian cricketer and we are proud of him. To target him after the loss against Pak is pathetic."

The player also got back-

ing from political bigwigs like Owaisi and Abdullah.

"As far as I am concerned, this match itself should not have been played with Pakistan. .. Mohammed Shami is being targeted for the defeat of the Indian team yesterday. This indicates that the radicalisation and hatred is growing against Muslims," Owaisi, who is head of the AIMIM party, said.

"A cricket team will have 11 members. There is one Muslim in the team and he is being targeted," the Hyderabad MP said.

## OTHER SPORTS

## IPL Teams: Sanjiv Goenka bags Lucknow, CVC Capital gets Ahmedabad

PTI ■ DUBAI

Oct 25 (PTI) Kolkata-based business tycoon Sanjiv Goenka's RP-SG Group claimed the Lucknow franchise for a whopping

₹7090 crore while international equity investment firm CVC Capital won the bid for Ahmedabad with a ₹5600 crore offer as the eagerly-awaited two new IPL teams were unveiled here on Monday.

The BCCI was expecting a windfall in the range of ₹10,000 crore but to their surprise, earned ₹12,690 crore from the two new teams that will take part in the 2022 IPL.

PTI had reported on Sunday that Goenka is one of the favourites to win a team after having been in the IPL for two years in 2016 and 2017 when he

owned the Rising Pune Supergiants.

"Yes, RPSG had the highest bid of INR 7090 crore while CVC had the second highest bid at ₹5600 crore. The BCCI stand to earn around USD 1.70 billion from the deal," a senior BCCI source present in Dubai told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

One of the major companies that lost out was Gautam Adani's Adani Group which bid around ₹5000 crore while bids of Glaziers from Manchester United and Torrent Group also fell short of the mark.

Twenty two companies have picked up tender document worth ₹10 lakh but with base price for new teams pegged at ₹2000 crore, only five to six serious bidders were in fray.

PTI

## Verstappen wins F1 US Grand prix

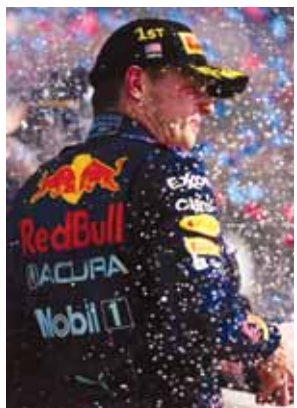
AP ■ AUSTIN

If there ever was a time for Max Verstappen to flinch in this riveting Formula One championship battle with Lewis Hamilton, it would have been in the closing laps of the U.S. Grand Prix.

The young Dutchman seeking his first world championship was being chased by the seven-time champion, and Hamilton was rapidly closing in on the lead under the hot Texas sun at the Circuit of the Americas.

The intensity of the tightest championship race in years might have derailed a different driver — especially when Hamilton pulled within 1 second on the final lap — but Verstappen thrived under pressure and won his eighth race of the season.

"It was exciting, the pressure was on, not knowing how



quick Lewis was going to get you," Verstappen said.

"We managed to hang on at the end."

The victory doubled Verstappen's lead over Hamilton to 12 points in the standings with five races remaining and could prove to be a pivotal win in this classic championship battle.

Verstappen and Red Bull won on a track where Hamilton and Mercedes have been dominant for years — Hamilton is a five-time winner at COTA — and he made Verstappen work for the win.

Hamilton chased Verstappen over the final 18 laps and maybe if there had been one more lap, he might have caught Verstappen and reclaimed the points lead.

The 24-year-old now has some breathing room heading into Mexico City, a high-altitude stronghold for Red Bull.

Hamilton is seeking a record eighth F1 title, and fifth in a row.

"Congratulations to Max, he did a great job today. It was such a tough race," Hamilton said. "Got a good start and gave it absolutely everything, but in the end of the day, they just had the upper hand this weekend."

## Samhitha, Prajwal advance to 2nd round of Fenesta Open Nationals

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Samhitha Chamarthi quelled a late challenge from 19-year-old Kashish Bhatia while Rishi Reddy eased past Raghav Jaisinghani to progress to the second rounds at the Fenesta Open national hard court tennis championships here on Monday.

Samhitha was on a cruise mode to begin with but as the match wore on, the women's singles contest became interesting after Samhitha took a commanding 4-1 lead in the second set. She eventually won 6-1 7-5 at the DTLA Complex.

"The match was superb. The first set was really good. It just took a little longer as she played well in the second set. It was a great experience today being the first match," said

Samhitha.

In the men's singles first round, Reddy beat Jaisinghani 6-2 6-1 while Prajwal Dev SD beat Lakshay Gupta 6-4, 6-2.

"It was a good game but I am capable of playing better. I am sure

I will get used to the conditions ahead better," said Prajwal Dev.

Prithvi Sekar beat Kunal Anand 6-3, 6-2.

"It's been a great experience playing this tournament after a long time. Last two years, I couldn't perform well in this tournament. But this time, I'm able to get back to my game and have a strong opportunity," said Prithvi.

"In today's game somehow I managed to play well against my opponent and I hope I will play my best in the coming matches," said

## India beat Oman 2-1 in U-23 Asian Cup qualifiers

**Dubai:** The Indian football team beat Oman 2-1 in the qualifiers of the AFC U-23 Asian Cup here on Sunday night. Rahim Ali put India ahead as early as the seventh minute when he successfully converted from the spot.

Vikram doubled the lead in the 38th minute when he received the ball from Rahim Ali and placed his shot past the goalkeeper. Waleed halved India's lead when he scored in the 89th minute after receiving a cross from Abdullah.

"It was an exciting game. We (India) were trying for an early goal and we got that. We were deserving of that goal. After that, we changed tactically. Once we got the goal, we did not have to chase down the two centre backs," India head coach Igor Stimac said after the match.

PTI