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LAC face-off hits sale of Chinese products

₹50,000 cr loss to Chinese exporters as Indians say no to their items this festive season also

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Keeping in view of ongoing tensions with China after Doklam and Galvan valley incidents, a sizeable number of Indians said “no” to Chinese products while shopping during this festive season also.

According to the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), they are expecting estimated losses to the tune of ₹50,000 crore on part of Chinese exporters this year due to Indians boycotting products from China in the domestic markets. This is the second consecutive year when consumers in India are boycotting Chinese goods.

“Like previous year, this year too CAIT has given a call to boycott Chinese goods and it is certain that China is going to suffer a business loss of about ₹50,000 crore in terms of stoppage of import of Chinese goods by Indian traders,” CAIT stated in the statement.



Women wearing face masks as a precautionary measure against coronavirus shop for decorative items at a market ahead of the Diwali festival in Jammu on Saturday

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Anti-China rhetoric has reduced the attractiveness of made-in-China products among Indian customers.

Earlier, Chinese products were in great demand during the festive season in India, with China-made firecrackers, decorative LED lights and Chinese lamps and lanterns selling like hot cakes ahead of Diwali due to their cheaper prices.

Another important change,

observed recently, is that consumers across major cities in the country do not really seem interested in buying Chinese products, which is likely to increase the demand for Indian goods instead. CAIT secretary general Praveen Khandelwal said a recent survey conducted by the body's research arm in 20 “distribution cities” showed that so far no orders for Diwali goods, firecrackers, or

other items have been placed with Chinese exporters by Indian traders or importers.

These 20 cities are — New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Nagpur Jaipur, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Raipur, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Ranchi, Guwahati, Patna, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Madurai, Pondicherry, Bhopal, and Jammu.

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Modi talks with Biden, world leaders at G20

PTI ■ ROME

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday interacted with world leaders, including US President Joe Biden, on the sidelines of the G20 Summit, exchanging pleasantries and showcasing a spirit of camaraderie.

In a series of photos tweeted by the PMO India, Prime Minister Modi is seen meeting Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

“On the sidelines of the @g20org Rome Summit, PM @narendramodi interacts with various leaders,” the PMO said in the tweet.

In the pictures, Modi is seen walking with Biden in a half embrace, apparently sharing a light chitchat. The two leaders are seen happy to be in each other's company.

Biden hosted Modi at the White House on September 24 for their first in-person meeting.

In other photos, Modi is seen embracing Macron and engaged in an animated discussion with Trudeau and Johnson.

Prime Minister Modi also interacted with other leaders, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel, South Korean

President Moon Jae-in, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

Earlier, all the world leaders participating in the G20 Summit, including Modi, gathered for a “family photo”.

“World leaders meet in Rome for the @g20org Summit, an important multilateral forum for global good,” the PMO said in another tweet.

Ahead of Prime Minister Modi's visit to Rome, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said that the G20 remains a valuable forum for India's engagement with major economies in the world and for setting the trends and norms for global economic development and recovery.

The Prime Minister will be participating in the G20 Summit in Rome from October 30-31 at the invitation of Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi. Italy has been holding the presidency of the G20 since December last year.

The G20 is a leading global forum that brings together the world's major economies. Its members account for more than 80 per cent of the global GDP, 75 per cent of global trade and 60 per cent of the population of the planet.

The forum has met every year since 1999.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pope Francis hug on the occasion of their private audience at the Vatican on Saturday

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PM invites Pope Francis to India

PTI ■ VATICAN CITY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said he had a “very warm meeting” with Pope Francis and discussed a wide range of issues, including the Covid-19 pandemic and the challenges posed by climate change, and also invited him to visit India at an early date.

Modi, who is the first Indian Prime Minister to meet Francis since he became Pope

in 2013, also tweeted pictures of him embracing the head of the Roman Catholic church.

“Had a very warm meeting with Pope Francis. I had the opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues with him and also invited him to visit India,” Modi tweeted after the historic meeting with the 84-year-old Pontiff. Pope Francis received Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a private audience at the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican.

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CAPSULE

2 JAWANS MARTYRED IN LANDMINE BLAST

Jammu: Two Army personnel were martyred and another was injured in a landmine explosion near a forward post along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu & Kashmir on Saturday, officials said. Officials said the blast took place in Kalal area of Nowshera when the Army team was on patrol duty as part of measures to check infiltration of terrorists from across the border. They said the area is dotted with landmines planted by the Army as part of the counter-infiltration arrangement. According to Lt-Col Devender Anand, “The soldiers who made supreme sacrifice have been identified as Lt Rishi Kumar and Sepoy Manjit”.

DECISION TO LEAVE CONG IS FINAL: CAPT

Chandigarh: Former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday dismissed reports of backseat talks with the Congress, saying the time for rapprochement is over and his decision to leave the party is final.

ACTOR YUSUF HUSSAIN DIES OF COVID AT 73

Mumbai: Veteran actor Yusuf Hussain, known for featuring in films like “Dhoom 2”, “Raees” and “Road to Sangam”, passed away on Saturday due to Covid-19. He was 73.

Cong's timidity to make Modi more powerful: Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In a calculated move to grab hold of the Opposition space in Goa — presently occupied by the Congress — Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday launched an attack on the Congress for its “indecisiveness,” towards the BJP and said Janpath's tentativeness against the saffron outfit would further strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Employing a narrative tactfully built up all these years by the BJP in an alleged bid to trivialise Rahul Gandhi, the TMC supremo asked “why should the country suffer if one cannot make a decision,” alleging how the Congress leadership (read Rahul) “did not take politics seriously”.

“Modi is going to be more powerful because of the Congress” (indecision). They got an opportunity in the past (but) instead of fighting against the BJP, they contested against me in my State,” she said.

When asked as to why she



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during her visit to Mapsa Market in Goa

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was attacking the Congress (instead of the BJP) she said, “They fought against us in Bengal a few months ago and if they attack me there, should they expect sweets from me here.”

Blaming the Congress for BJP's increasing strength, Mamata said, “The Congress and the BJP complement each other which is why they (saffron party) are becoming more and more powerful.”

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Raut retorts: No Govt possible without Cong

PNS ■ PUNE

On a day TMC leader Mamata Banerjee held the Congress responsible for the BJP's continuous rise, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut said a coalition Government with the Congress as a major party will come to power in 2024.

After addressing the JS Karandikar memorial lecture organised by the Pune Press Club, Raut said, “No Government can be formed without the Congress, which is a major and deeply-rooted party in the country. The Congress is the main Opposition party too. Others are regional parties.”

On political strategist Prashant Kishor's reported statement that the BJP will remain in power for many decades, Raut said the BJP will stay in Indian politics but as an Opposition party.

“The BJP claims that it is the world's biggest party. If the world's biggest party loses elections they will become an Opposition party. For example, in Maharashtra, the BJP is the main Opposition party with 105 MLAs,” he said.

On the upcoming Assembly elections in BJP-



ruled Uttar Pradesh, Raut said, “Presently we are focusing on Dadra, Nagar Haveli, and Goa. There is still time for UP elections. We are a smaller player in UP but we will contest.”

Earlier, addressing the lecture, Raut underlined various challenges being faced by the media. “Since the last two years, media persons are not allowed in the central hall of Parliament by the ruling party citing the reason of coronavirus pandemic. But the real reason behind the ban is fear that many things might come out if reporters are allowed to speak to Ministers who are being asked to maintain distance from journalists. They (the Central Government) asked Ministers to keep their distance from reporters, even they are under the scanner. Media was not stopped even during Emergency like it is now,” he claimed.

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BJP MLA, 6 BSP legislators join SP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Ahead of the Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh, seven MLAs — one from the BJP and six rebel MLAs of the BSP — joined the Samajwadi Party in the presence of its leader Akhilesh Yadav at the party headquarters here on Saturday.

The include BSP's Mujtaba Siddiqui, Hakim Lal Bind, Sushma Patel, Aslam Chaudhary, Hargovind Bhargava and Aslam Raini and BJP MLA from Sitapur constituency, Rakesh Rathore.

The BSP MLAs were suspended for anti-party activities in October last year.

Before formally joining the SP, all the MLAs met Akhilesh on Friday. This was the second meeting of the BSP MLAs with the SP leader after they were suspended from their party.

Rebel BJP MLA Rakesh Rathore had met Akhilesh in September and had criticised his party's Government in the State several times. In May this year, Rathore said lawmakers like him “do not have any stature” and if he made too many statements to the media “it may lead to a sedition case”



Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav addresses a Press conference in Lucknow on Saturday

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against him.

Rakesh Rathore was critical of the Uttar Pradesh Government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic and medical services in Sitapur district.

Addressing the media on Saturday, Akhilesh said, “Many people want to join the SP. When the time comes, you will see it. People are so unhappy with the BJP that they will be wiped out in the next polls. After MLA Rakesh Rathore's joining, the chief minister might change his slogan from “mera parivar BJP parivar to mera parivar bhagta parivar”.

Diwali in Mannat as Aryan back home after 29 days in prison

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Diwali arrived early at Shah Rukh Khan's six-storey residence “Mannat” at Bandra in north-west Mumbai, as the superstar's son Aryan Khan returned home on Saturday to a burst of crackers, the beating of drums, a spontaneous rip-roaring jig by the actor's hundreds of fans and a welcome banner that read “Stay strong Prince Aryan”, after 29 days of incarceration. He was arrested in the mid-sea drug bust case.

It was an emotional moment for SRK as he waited in his car near the Arthur Road Central Jail for the release of his eldest son who walked out of the high-security prison at 11.03 am. Sporting a blue jersey with his mane visible and face covered by a dark mask, Aryan quietly made his way to the white SUV where his anxious father received with him a hug.

The reunion over, the father-son duo headed straight from the jail located at Chinchpokli in south Mumbai to their home, 15 km away at Bandra (west) via the Bandra-Worli Sea Link.

Vax less effective against new Covid variants: Study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Antibodies developed after a Covid-19 infection stay about 10 months in the body and produce a strong response to future infection from their own variant, but they were found to be less effective when fighting against different variants, according to a study published in the journal Nature Microbiology.

This means that vaccines designed around one of these new variants may be less effective against other variants.

The study holds importance given that new variants have been spreading and some of them are considered to be more transmissible. These include a sub-variant of the Covid Delta strain — AY.4.2 —



which maybe up to 15 per cent more transmissible than the original Delta, scientists estimate.

AY.4.2 made up almost 10 per cent of all infections in England in the fortnight ending October 9, the Daily Mail reported.

The study on antibodies looked at the antibodies of 38 patients and healthcare workers in London who were infected during the first wave

of Covid-19, before they were vaccinated. Despite an initial decline in antibody levels just after infection, results showed that most people (18/19 patients) maintained detectable antibody levels 10 months after they were infected.

Antibodies help to fight Covid-19 by binding to the SARS-CoV-2 virus, preventing the virus from infecting cells. These results show how long antibodies remain in the body to fight future infections.

While antibodies from a specific SARS-CoV-2 variant were able to generate a strong response to an infection from their own variant, results showed that antibodies were less effective when fighting against different variants.

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Virat slams ‘spineless trolls’, defends Shami

Attacking someone over religion is most pathetic thing human being can do: Kohli

PTI ■ DUBAI

A livid India captain Virat Kohli on Saturday hit back at “spineless trolls” who attacked Mohammed Shami's religion after the team lost to Pakistan in its inaugural T20 World Cup game and said targeting people for their faith is “the most pathetic thing” to do.

Shami, who endured an off day in India's 10-wicket defeat, was trolled on Instagram for his Muslim identity.

“Attacking someone over their religion is the most, I would say, pathetic thing that a human being can do,” skipper Kohli didn't mince words on the eve of his team's crucial match against New Zealand

when asked about the trolling that his senior pacer faced.

For Kohli, social media trolls are nothing but a bunch of “spineless” people, who don't have the courage to face real people in real life.

“There is a good reason why we are playing on the field and not some bunch of spineless people on social media that have no courage to actually speak to any individual in person,” he said.

A lot of star players, including Sachin Tendulkar, had posted messages in support of Shami during the furore.

“Everyone has the right to voice their opinion and what they feel about a certain situation, but I personally have



never even thought of discriminating (against) anyone over their religion.

“That is a very sacred and a personal thing and that should be left there,” Kohli said.

He said he doesn't want to waste time on losers, who overlook the fact that Shami had made some great contribution for the country.

“...Mohammad Shami has won India number of matches

in the last few years and has been our primary bowler with Jasprit Bumrah when it comes to making an impact in games in Test cricket.

“If people can overlook that...I honestly don't even want to waste one minute of my life to give any attention to those people and neither does Shami and neither does anyone else in the team,” the Indian skipper said.

Kohli reminded the naysayers that the bond among the team members is so strong that this kind of chatter doesn't infiltrate the protective shield they have created for themselves.

“We stand by him fully. We are backing him 200 per cent. And all those who have attacked can come in more force if they want to...”

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‘I feel that you should never stop and just keep working hard’

PARAMVIR SINGH CHEEMA, who plays Lucky, a cop in SonyLIV’s Tabbar, speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about his role, his journey as a model and how acting happened

■ What is your role??

Lucky is very frustrated by the errands that his seniors in the police keep giving him and he just wants to grow out of it and change the system. He wants to end corruption in his department. He is always ready to do anything and is a very sharp cop who just wants to do his job loyally. For him, everything is either black or white, there is no grey shade in between.

■ How was shooting besides your co stars? Tell us something about them?

The whole experience was fun and shooting with Pavan sir was like my dream come true. I have been a great fan of him and his work. The way he plays and performs with his eyes and his intense body language, I am a fan of that. I was very nervous when I got to know that I’d be working with him and Supriya Pathak. But when I met them, Pavan sir made all of us youngsters feel so comfortable that we felt we could even cry on his shoulders. That’s the bond he made at the very first day and the same was with Supriya ji.

There is a scene where I go to a person for the investigation but we weren’t getting the desired reaction from the actor. Even Ajit sir wasn’t happy with it, so he came to me and told me to slap him. I asked him if I should tell the actor beforehand, but he told me to just do it while performing, and it is visible in the show that the reaction that came after that was so well, he recalls, adding that donning the uniform had its perks. People used to treat me like a real cop at times, so much so that they would pull out chairs for me if I was standing and even pull up their masks. I really did get the experience of being an actual cop.

■ Tell us about your journey as a



model?

I did model for a year in Delhi and won Mister India 2016 there. Post that my journey started in the modelling world. We always heard that modelling is a stepping stone towards Bollywood, so I did that too but I didn’t get that kick from modelling. At the back of my head, I always knew I wanted to act. I was also doing LLB from Punjab so I couldn’t move to Mumbai permanently at that time, so moving

to Delhi was easier and even my father agreed to that, which was a big thing.

■ You have also been a part of punjabi music videos. Tell us about your experience?

This happened even before Mister Punjab. People approached me since I had a good face and height. I did one music video before the pageant, and after Mister Punjab I got a lot of offers as my fan following had

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increased not just in Punjab but also overseas in Canada and UK. From that experience, I got a little more camera friendly but after a point of time I consciously decided to stop doing the music videos as I felt it was time for me to take the next step.

■ You were a lead actor in Zee TV’s show Kaleerein. What would you like to tell about the show?

Kaleerein just happened to me. I feel that you should never stop and just keep working hard. It always bears fruit. I never settled and when Kaleerein came to me, it was a big deal as I was the main antagonist in the series and these renowned faces like Arjit Taneja and Aditi Sharma were my co-stars. It was a very different experience and the fan following I got from it was much more. Even my character’s journey clicked with the audience and when it turned negative people even abused me and I found it fascinating. After that, I got work

TELLY TALE

‘WORKING WITH RAJAN SHAHI SIR IS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE’

Rajan Shahi’s *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai* is all set to take a leap. This time, Pranali Rathore will portray the role of Akshara. The actor sounds excited to be a part of such an iconic show that has been running high on popularity since its inception in 2009. “It’s an honour and privilege to take the legacy of one of the most successful shows forward. The show that I grew up with is one that I am a part of. From loving Hina Khan to understanding the crux of the show, this is a feeling I won’t be able to define in simple words,” she says.

Pranali’s Akshara is fun-loving and filled with positivity that reflects in her thoughts and feelings. She loves her family and could take a bullet if required.

“I relate to the character so much that I instantly fell in love with the way it has been written. Also, in real life, I’m free-spirited just like Akshara. I love my family. They are the ones who have supported me through and through,” she adds.



Sharing her experience of working with Rajan Shahi and the team of Directors Kut Production, she says, “Working with Rajan sir is a pleasure as we all get to learn from his experience. The way he supports us, explains things is absolutely brilliant. Content is king and he understands that as well as the pulse of the audience so well. These days it’s

very important to be a part of the change that viewers are also ready to accept and expect intelligent narratives from where they take something to take back.”

The show symbolizes human values and relationships. And Rajan Shahi is known for his crisp storytelling.

“Relationship and human values are the two most valuable things on this planet and I believe we are in an industry that is best known for expressing that to the audience through our stories. Rajan sir is a master in what he does as he gets into every detail of the story and refines each detail himself. I think all these make him one of the best showrunners in our industry today,” she adds.

Elaborating her views on love triangles and the title of *Yeh*, Pranali says, “I do feel that love triangles make the story really interesting. But I also believe that love towards anything should be pure and he who feels this comes out victorious.

TERA YAAR HOON MAIN HITS 300



Sony SAB’s *Tera Yaar Hoon Main* has completed magnificent 300 episodes as they continue to keep the viewers hooked with a delightful storyline focusing on relatable family tales. Featuring Ssudeep Sahir and Sayantani Ghosh in lead roles, the fans have been praising and loving the duo for their outstanding performances and chemistry. With an amazing star cast and storyline, the show has gained its popularity amongst the audience. The cast and crew will be celebrating this glorious milestone by cutting a cake on the sets, congratulating every single

member behind this success. The show also stars Priyal Gor, Rajendra Chawla, Jaya Ojha, Neeharika Roy, Ansh Sinha, Viraj Kapoor and Ekagra Dwivedi in pivotal roles.

Sudeep Sahir said, “There is always a feeling of immense pride to see your show doing well and your character being loved. For us, completing 300 episodes is a proud and wholesome moment, though I would love to see our show reach the 500-episode milestone so that we could all have a bigger celebration. We have put in a lot of hard work and will continue to entertain our viewers.”

Sayantani Ghosh said, “I feel extremely happy and proud of the fact that the show continues to be loved by our viewers. At this moment, I am immensely excited and somewhat at loss of words to describe my happiness because it still feels like yesterday when I just started shooting for ‘Tera Yaar Hoon Main’ and now the show has completed 300 successful episodes. Every actor dreams of having a successful running show and living that dream feels all the more fascinating.”

JODAA GARNERS 20M VIEWS

It’s just been a week since Aly Goni and Mouni Roy’s new music video *Jodaa* released on YouTube and the song has already received 20 million views. Crooned by Afsana Khan, the lyrics has been written by Maninder Kailey with music by Jatinder Shah.

This is Aly and Mouni’s first video together and their chemistry is something to watch out for. Set in a royal palace, the song revolves around a queen’s unconditional love for her king and how she struggles to win him back.

The audience has praised

the song for its larger-than-life picturisation and the chemistry and emotions that the actors showed in the song. *Jodaa* is a special song. It was a very different experience shooting in the palace wearing a royal attire. Mouni is a fabulous dancer and an amazing co-actor. Afsana’s soulful voice has done the magic and the 20 million views is a proof of that. “Thanks to the audience and my fans for giving so much love to *Jodaa*.” Aly said. This is the actor’s fourth music video this year after *Tera suit*, *Tu bhi sataya jayega* and *2 phone*.

CATCH TOOFAAN ON ZEE

They say, ‘It’s not about how you fall, but how you rise after you fall that marks a champion’s spirit’. Witness an incredible journey of perseverance, junoon and undying fervour as Zee Cinema is ready to light up your Diwali with the World Television Premiere of *Toofaan* on 31st October at 12 noon. Think of Farhan Akhtar and the one word that probably comes to our mind is – unstoppable.

Rakesh Omprakash Mehra’s gift for storytelling coupled with Farhan’s efforts to transform

himself for his character makes Toofaan more than just a sports drama - it makes it an emotion, a source of inspiration. Like Paresh Rawal says in the film, “*Yeh tera boxing ka ring nahi hai, yeh tera ghar ha. Khoon pasina ek karke tune apna ghar banaya hai. Sambhaal usko*”, one should never get knocked down by a few setbacks, rather bounce back and fight. Toofaan revolves around an orphaned extortionist based out of Dongri.

CELEBRATING DIWALI WITH COLORS

Vansh Sayani, who essays the character role of Jigar in COLORS’ *‘Balika Vadhu’* said, “I am really excited for Diwali, just like every other year! The first thing that I do during Diwali is help my parents by cleaning my own room, and during the celebrations, I am always the one who takes everyone’s picture in the family!

I am also ensuring clicking pictures of our festivities with my co-actors on the ‘Balika Vadhu’ sets. Everyone is celebrating the festival on sets with special Diwali delicacies exchanging gifts and sweets.

I never celebrate this festival by bursting firecrackers because of its harmful impact on the environment. I request my young friends to avoid it as well. May all of you have a wonderful Diwali this year!

Radhika Muthukar, who plays the role of Simar in COLORS’ *‘Sasural Simar Ka 2’* I have many amazing Diwali memories from my childhood. Although people avoid doing so now, we celebrated Diwali by bursting firecrackers when I was a kid.

I remember how I burned my hand while lighting a fuljhari; while we experienced many such

incidents, we used to have loads of fun! This year, I plan to celebrate this festival with my family in our new home in Mumbai and my onset family of ‘*Sasural Simar Ka 2*’. I wish everyone a very happy Diwali! May this year bring you lots of joy and health!

“Ishita Dutta who plays the role of Kajol in COLORS’ *Thoda Sa Baadal, Thoda Sa Paani*” Back in Jamshedpur, we used to have Lakshmi Pooja every year on Diwali.

My sister and I used to help our parents make sweets and decorate the house the previous night. On Diwali evening, we used to burst crackers and go for Kali Pooja. This year, Diwali celebrations came in early as we started celebrating it on the ‘Thodasa Baadal Thodasa Paani’ sets by exchanging sweets with one another and bringing Diwali special food on the sets.

I’ll celebrate the main Diwali with my family, just like every year. I’m looking forward to spending more time with them, as I have been away because of the shoot! I wish everyone a very happy Diwali and a prosperous new year!

“Surabhi Das, who plays the titular character in COLORS’

WARM DIWALI WISHES FROM &TV ARTISTS

Rohitashv Gour (Manmohan Tiwari, *Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai*) shares, “This year I am very much excited about Diwali as I will be celebrating in Kalka (Himachal Pradesh) with my mother. She lives there and I will be seeing her after a long time. So, I already know how lovely my Diwali celebration is going to be. As we all know the past two years have not been that great in terms of celebration, but this year keeping all COVID precautions in place we are going to have a blast. From decorating house to enjoying our favorite delicacies, me and my family are Diwali-ready. I wish everyone a Happy and prosperous Diwali”.

Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma, *Happu Ki Ultan Paltan*) shares, “I will be celebrating Diwali at my home with my son like every year. Diwali is one of my favourite festivals that I eagerly wait for as I love decorating my house. I make sure to light up every corner of the house and make it my own little paradise. I will be also organizing Laxmi Poojan in my

house’s mandir. Diwali safai has already started, I usually clean one place at a time over a week so that it does not burden us on a single day. My late uncle used to say that Diwali pe patte zarur khelne chahiye, so keeping that ritual alive we do play cards on the Diwali eve.

I am also travelling to Dehradun to meet my brother and celebrate Bhaidooj with him. In short, I am all planned for an epic Diwali this year! On this auspicious festival I wish everyone happiness, positivity and success.”

Vishal Nayak (Manish Agarwal, &TV’s *Ghar Ek Mandir-Kripa Agrasen Maharaja Ki*) shares, “I have been shooting in Jaipur since past four months and finally I will be travelling back to Mumbai to celebrate Diwali with my family. Every year I make sure that I am with my mom- dad, wife, and my daughter on this day, because any festival or celebration is incomplete without them.

This year we will decorate the house, do Laxmi Poojan and then go out for dinner or a

‘Nima Denzongpa’ mentioned, “We used to celebrate Diwali with complete splendour in my childhood. While I never like bursting firecrackers, I love celebrating this festival with my family and friends.

This year, I’ll decorate my home and plan to make rangolis for the first time as I live by myself. I also intend to celebrate this occasion on the sets of Nima Denzongpa with my team! I hope this year brings love and light in everyone’s life; wishing you all a happy Diwali!

“Karan V. Grover who plays the role of Angad Maan in COLORS’ *Udaariyaan*” “I have a major sweet tooth, and I always get my hands on every sweet

I can find, but only after doubling my workout sessions! Well, I was making plans with my friends and family of playing cards this Diwali. But there is a sudden change in plans as I am now in Chandigarh shooting for *Udaariyaan*. I am very excited because this is the first time I am getting back to working after the lockdown and the too away on Diwali, and beautiful Chandigarh is just the much needed cherry on top.

We have already entered the festive vibe as the whole cast and

crew, along with shooting the Diwali segment on camera, is also enjoying the festivities equally off camera. I haven’t burst firecrackers for over a decade now, and I urge everyone to avoid doing that as well.

I wish everyone lots of love and happiness this Diwali! “Anita Raaj who plays the character role of Kulwant Kaur Dhillion in COLORS’ *Choti Sarrdaarni* mentioned “Diwali is a festival that is very close to my heart!

As a child, I used to be so excited for Diwali that I had trouble sleeping the night before. We would burst many crackers during my childhood before I understood how it’s harmful to our environment.

Diwali is a festival of joy, light and happiness. Everyone looks forward to celebrating this occasion with their family and friends, as it has an amazing vibe. I plan to spend time with my loved ones this Diwali, go to my son’s office for a pooja, and celebrate this festival just like every year.

I wish all my viewers a very happy Diwali! Please be safe, wear a mask and have lots of fun! Best wishes to all of you from my end!”

Plan Your Sunday



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Where: Online

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DENGUE CASES IN SURGE Hosps told to use Covid beds for dengue patients



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government has said hospitals may use one-third of the beds reserved for coronavirus patients for those suffering from vector-borne diseases, if the need arises. The order came in the wake of surge in cases of dengue in the Capital. Delhi has reported over 1,000 cases of dengue this year, with more than 280 cases logged in the last week, according to a civic report released on Monday. Of the total number of dengue cases this season, 665 were recorded in the first 23 days of this month alone. The city recorded its first death due to the vector-borne disease this season on October 18. “It is observed that the

number of cases of Dengue/Malaria/Chikunguniya are on a rise, with increasing demand of beds for these patients. Further many of the beds reserved for Covid cases are lying vacant due to the decline in number of Covid cases,” the order issued on Friday read. The health department directed the medical directors and medical superintendents of Delhi Government run hospitals to use one third of the beds reserved for treating of Covid patients, including ICU beds, for treating people suffering from dengue, malaria and chikunguniya , if required. Out of 10,594 beds for Covid-19 patients in hospitals across the national Capital, only 164 are occupied.

FARMERS’ PROTEST Carriageway on road connecting Delhi to Haryana opened

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

One carriageway of the road from Delhi to Haryana was open on Saturday after barricades were removed at the Tikri border where thousands of farmers have been agitating against the three agri laws. The carriageway was opened after 11 months by the authorities following meetings between farm union leaders and the police. Deputy Commissioner of Police (outer) Parwinder Singh said, “We had a meeting with the farmer leaders in the morning and later around 1 pm, the stretch going towards Haryana from Delhi has been opened and the traffic movement has started. “The leaders were saying that the traffic be allowed for a particular timing, however, we have opened the road for 24 hours. The commuters with small vehicles can pass through the road.” Singh said the farm union leaders have expressed apprehension that since their tents



are on the road, in case heavy vehicles drive through and hit any of the protesters, a law-and-order issue would be created. “There is no space for heavy vehicles to ply there and that is why, we have decided to now allow such vehicles, including truck and busses on that stretch,” Singh said. The police had also removed similar blockades on one of the carriageways of the Delhi-Meerut Expressway at Ghazipur border on Friday. However, traffic on the stretch has not yet started. A farmer leader said traffic movement were allowed on the stretch on Saturday for the light vehicles, including bikes, auto-rickshaws and cars, and ambulances. The opening of the road stretch at the Tikri border would help thousands of commuters of Bahadurgarh and Delhi as well as those travelling between the national capital and going to Rajasthan from Haryana.

City records 37 new Covid cases, zero death

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 37 new Covid-19 cases reported in the national Capital with zero death on Saturday, while the positivity rate was 0.06 per cent, according to data shared by the health department of the Delhi Government. As per the bulletin, the infection tally rose to 14,39,825

and the death toll remained unchanged at 25,091. “Twenty-two patients were discharged in the last 24 hours. A total of 59,293 tests conducted a day ago including 45021 RTPCR tests,” it said. According to bulletin, the number of active cases increased to 349 while the number of patients in home isolation is 128 and the number of containment zones

stands at 88. The national Capital reported 41 Covid cases on Tuesday, 27 cases on Monday, 37 cases on Sunday, and 40 cases on Saturday. According to govt vaccine doses have been administered in Delhi since the inoculation exercise started on January 16. Over 72.5 lakh people have received both doses. The Delhi Government

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

PICTALK



Girls hold posters and raise slogans during a sit-in protest by Afghan Refugee Women Association against the violence against women in Afghanistan, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Saturday

Delhi's electoral roll revision exercise to be held as 'Voter Utsav'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Posters will be put up on city buses and social media campaign will be intensified to disseminate awareness messages for voters' enrolment during the special summary revision of Delhi's electoral roll starting November 1, which poll authorities have planned to carry out as a month-long Voter Utsav festival for the electorate. During this exercise, any person who would be 18 years or more on or before January 1, 2022 will be eligible to enrol as a voter. The final roll will be published on January 5.

AAP accuses BJP of conspiring to break spirits of Valmiki community

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party on Saturday accused the BJP of “conspiring” to break the spirits of the Valmiki community and the sanitation workers by weakening them financially and mentally. The sanitation workers working with municipal Corporations have not been regularized despite several promises made by the ruling BJP, party MLA from Kondli (east) Kuldeep Kumar said on Saturday. “The BJP-led MCD has left no stone unturned in troubling the Safai Karamcharis. In the recent house proceedings, our

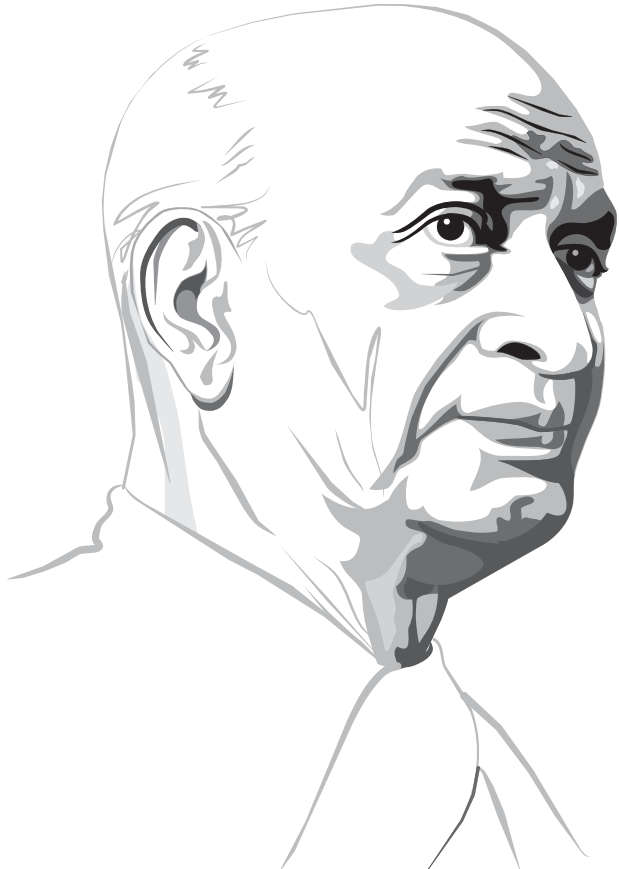
council members and leader of opposition have consistently raised the issue pushing for the regularisation of these Karamcharis. We raised the issue in the recent meeting of the Standing Committee and found out that the proposal mentioned only 500 employees. This number is extremely reprehensible given the 6,646 Karamcharis working in the MCD,” he said. Senior AAP Leader and Deputy Speaker of Delhi Vidhan Sabha Rakhi Birla said the AAP repeatedly advocated for the financial, mental and physical health of the Safai Karamcharis.

DMRC awarded 'Metro Rail with Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro has bagged the award for 'Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction' at the Urban Mobility India Conference hosted by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry. Surat has been awarded for the best public transport system while Kochi got an award for the most sustainable transport system. According to the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, Delhi was awarded


the best non-motorised transport system for the redevelopment project of Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation. The awards were given away by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. “We are delighted to inform you that Delhi Metro is conferred with the 'Award for Excellence in Urban Transport' by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under the category 'Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction'”





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Mehbooba writes to Modi over action against Kashmiri students

Srinagar: Expressing shock at the punitive action against some Kashmiri students for allegedly celebrating Pakistan's victory over India in a cricket match, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday and sought his intervention so that their future is not destroyed.

She noted that such punitive actions will only further the sense of mistrust and alienation between the younger generation in Kashmir and the rest of the country, and added patriotism and a sense of loyalty have to be cultivated with compassion.

Her letter to Modi came after medical students living in hostels of the Government Medical College Srinagar and the SKIMS Hospital here were booked under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and three students from Kashmir studying in Agra were arrested for alleged provocative slogans and social media posts celebrating Pakistan's victory over India in the T20 World Cup match played in Dubai on October 24.

"I write to you with a deep sense of disappointment and concern about the alarming situation in Jammu and Kashmir. Not too long ago when you presided over an all-party meeting in Delhi you expressed your intention to remove 'dil ki doori' between

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Delhi and J&K. In my capacity as the President of PDP, I suggested a few confidence building measures that would have provided a sense of relief and breathing space to the people of J&K," Mehbooba wrote.

"We had been waiting for the roll-out of a policy to address the hearts and minds of people, especially youth," she said. The PDP president said there were also expectations that Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent visit to J&K would have led to a meaningful reach-out, especially after his statement about engaging with the youth here. "Instead, what followed was shocking and worrying. A friendly cricket match between India and Pakistan that was solely a source of entertainment for people here...Led to booking (of) youngsters under the draconian UAPA for simply choosing to cheer the winning side," she said.

Mehbooba said the brightest young people pursuing professional courses like MBBS have been targeted and slapped with anti-terror laws.

"...Three students in Agra too have been arrested and charged with sedition for the same reasons. This, despite the college's own admission that they didn't engage in any

activity that might be construed as anti-national," she said.

The former chief minister said patriotism and a sense of loyalty have to be cultivated with compassion and cannot be "forced by wielding the baton or by the barrel of a gun".

"Such punitive actions laced with contempt will only further the sense of mistrust and alienation between the younger generation and rest of the country.... Wisdom deems it prudent for this government to engage with them, understand their aspirations and goals. I fervently request you to intervene so that the future of these young bright minds is not destroyed," she wrote to Modi.

Mehbooba said political parties and their fortunes will wax and wane over the course of time, but what matters the most is the future generation that will have to carry the burdens of the past yet strive to fulfil the expectations of a better tomorrow.

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters in Anantnag, Mehbooba said she has written to the prime minister that he needs to win the hearts of the people of Kashmir. "The states and the country do not run on force. This way, the future of our youngsters will be destroyed and the youth will be further alienated and will cause problems for J&K and the country," she said.

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Shah seeks another term for BJP in Uttarakhand

Claims that the Union Govt has sanctioned projects worth ₹85,000 crore for the State in the last 5 years

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Union Home Minister Amit Shah set the campaign of the Bharatiya Janata Party rolling for the upcoming Assembly elections in Uttarakhand on Saturday by addressing a well attended rally in Dehradun.

After inaugurating the Mukhyamantri Ghasyari Kalyan Yojana (MGKY) and computerisation of cooperative committees, Shah lashed out at the leaders of Congress party for coming out only at the time of elections. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the BJP is committed to the development of Uttarakhand and in the last five years, the Union Government has sanctioned projects worth ₹85,000 crore to a small state like Uttarakhand. Shah challenged that the Congress party that ruled the country for ten years prior to the NDA government should come out with a report card on what it has done for Uttarakhand. Terming Congress a corrupt and opportunist party which is only interested in grabbing power by any means, the Union Home minister said that the BJP has fulfilled 85 per cent of its promises made in its election manifesto of 2017.

He said that since former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had created the separate state of Uttarakhand, he and other BJP leaders



consider it their moral responsibility to develop the state. Shah praised the chief minister of Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami for efficient handling of the recent disaster triggered by heavy rainfall.

In his address chief minister Dhami said that the state received a warning of heavy rain on October 16 and the entire machinery was immediately activated to take up the challenge. "The rainfall which occurred on October 18 and 19 was more than which occurred during the Kedarnath disaster.

We immediately halted the Char Dham Yatra and requested people not to come to the state. There were more than 1.5 lakh pilgrims in the State and not even a single casualty was reported," he said.

Blood CBC test must for every fever patient, Mathura health officials told

Mathura: As a measure to control the raging fever, health department officers here have been instructed to conduct a CBC test of every fever patient, a senior state government officer said on Saturday.

"Get Complete Blood Count (CBC) done of every fever patient as a precautionary measure to counter Dengue", Mayur Maheshwari, Mukhya Karyapalak Adhikari Industries, Kanpur, was said to have instructed local officials in a meeting on Friday.

He directed the Mathura Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to get sampling done for dengue in each such case where patient shows any symptoms of the fever.

Sampling of at least 100 persons should be done daily at every community health center, said Maheshwari, who is also the nodal officer for Covid-19 for Mathura.

The official also directed the CMO to take maximum samples from dengue-affected villages. The district Inspector of schools was directed to ensure there is no stagnant water in or around schools and the inter college. Emphasis was given to cleanliness around schools with regular spray of anti-larva chemical or DDT at vulnerable areas.

Agriculture and revenue officials posted in Mathura were also told to ascertain actual loss caused to paddy crop owing to recent heavy rains.

"Overcome the problem of farmers related to the sowing of their paddy, potato, and wheat crop, and availability of fertilizers", the official said.

The meeting was concluded with stress on advance arrangements to counter Covid-19.

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Pedestrians during heavy rain in Kanyakumari on Saturday

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Guj: Carcasses of lioness, leopardess recovered from open wells in Gir

Ahmedabad: Forest officials recovered carcasses of a lioness and a leopardess from open wells in Shetrunjay wildlife division of Gir forest region in Gujarat's Amreli district on Saturday.

An Asiatic lioness was found dead in an open well in Nageshree village in Jafrabad range forest, while the carcass of a leopardess was recovered from another well in Juni Barpatoli village of Rajula range forest, an official said.

The lioness was around five to nine years old, while the leopardess was one to two years old, the official said, adding their carcasses were sent for post mortem.

According to the state forest department, Gujarat has lost 313 lions in two years, of 23 had died of unnatural causes, in 2019-20. Former state Forest Minister Ganpat Vasava had said that the government has built parapet walls for 43,000 open wells in Gir forest to prevent animals from falling into wells.

Will contest all Maha polls, says Owaisi

PTI ■ AURANGABAD

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) will contest all elections in Maharashtra from here on and the option of entering into alliances is also open, party president Asaduddin Owaisi said here on Saturday.

On a two-day tour of Aurangabad, Owaisi also criticised the Narendra Modi government on what he claimed was the inept handling of the China and Kashmir issues.

"China is on your ground but the government refuses (to acknowledge it). If nobody is holding onto your land, then why have these rounds of talks (between the two nations). The BJP should take a team of MP's to Ladakh and show the ground reality then. But the BJP and RSS are quiet on this issue," he alleged.

He also said moves like doing away with the provisions of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir had done nothing to change the ground situation in the restive region, as jawans and civilians were being killed in terror attacks. Queried on the possibility of a national alliance against the BJP, Owaisi said he was not an astrologer to say anything now about the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Vax less effective against new...

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Antibodies bind to the spike protein on the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and vaccines mimic this protein to create the immune response against SARS-CoV-2. "This study provides unique insight into the cross-neutralising antibody responses induced by different SARS-CoV-2 variants," said Dr. Liane Dupont, from the Department of Infectious Diseases, School of Immunology and Microbial Sciences, King's College London.

However, these results suggest that there were differences in the spike protein of alpha, beta, and delta variants. This means that vaccines designed around one of these new variants may be less effective against other variants. These results also show that our current vaccines designed around the original SARS-CoV-2 variant provide the best protection against all variants and should be used for vaccination programmes, Dupont said.

Modi talks with Biden...

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The forum includes, since 2008, a yearly summit, with the participation of the respective heads of state and government. The Rome summit will be attended by heads of state and government of G20 member countries, the European Union, and other invited countries and several international organisations.

The summit will be centred around the theme 'People, Planet, Prosperity, focussing on the areas of recovery from the pandemic and strengthening of global health governance. From Rome, Modi will travel to Glasgow on Sunday to attend the World Leader's summit of the 26th Conference of Parties (COP-26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

LAC face-off hits sale of Chinese...

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For context, during the five-month festive season from Rakhi to New Year's Day every year, Indian traders and exporters usually import goods worth about ₹70,000 crore from China. However, during the Rakhi festival this time, the Dragon was reported to have suffered losses to the tune of ₹5,000 crore and then again to the tune of ₹500 crores in Ganush Chathurthi.

If the same trend continues for Diwali, it would clearly indicate that not only are Indian traders boycotting Chinese goods, but consumers, too, are losing the will to buy products made in China.

Last year, a survey by LocalCircles, revealed that 71 per cent said they consciously chose not

to buy a Chinese product

Besides, ahead of the festive season, especially Diwali on November 4, several States have imposed restrictions on firecrackers and also announced Covid-19 measures for checking virus spread. While some States have banned firecrackers, others have imposed a partial ban on green crackers. China is the biggest source of cheaper firecrackers and lights.

Delhi has ordered a complete ban on the sale and bursting of firecrackers in the national Capital till January 1, 2022. Maharashtra Government has urged people not to burst crackers this Diwali and issued directives keeping the air pollution and Covid-19 in mind. Punjab has given only two hours to burst crackers on Diwali.

Virat slams 'spineless trolls', defends...

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Our brotherhood, our friendship within the team and nothing can be shaken. "And I can guarantee you that as the captain of the team that we have built a culture where these things will not even infiltrate into this environment -- .0001 per cent. That is an absolute guarantee for myself."Talk about his take on social media abuse, Kohli termed it as the "lowest level of operative human potential".

"They hide behind identities to go after people on social media, making fun of people and that has become a social entertainment in today's world which is so unfortunate and sad to see. "Because this is the lowest level of

human potential that one can operate at and that's how I look at these people. Those who represent the country at the highest level are special people and common public won't have an idea about the kind of sacrifices they make to reach that level," he said.

Lack of compassion has become a norm, agreed the star batter.

"They don't have courage or spine to do something like that. So that's how I see things. All this drama created on the outside is purely due to people's frustration and lack of compassion so they find it so amusing to go after people," he said.

As Kohli has time and again reiterated that the chatter on the outside doesn't

reach the team, he also made it clear that neither he nor his teammates would make a public show of how and in what way they carry out their jobs.

"How people react on the outside has no value in our group and never focused on it and we will never focus on it.

"People don't understand what it takes to do the job on the field at the international level and we are not going to go around just announcing to everyone what we do and how we do it," he said.

"We just carry on with our business that we are supposed to do. We take the learnings and move forward and not one game is more important than others," he added. PT

Raut retorts: No Govt possible without Cong

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He underlined various challenges before the print and electronic media.

Raut alleged the (Central) Government only wants favourable reporting. "After a newspaper reported about corpses floating in the Ganga river (during the worst phase of the Covid-19 pandemic) the Income Tax department raided the offices of that newspaper," he said.

He alleged that industries that wanted licenses to operate were made to invest in media organisations so that they (the Government) can control the media.

"Top ten industries have bought media houses. The Government is behind this," he alleged.

Cong's timidity to make Modi...

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Claming that she didn't want votes in Goa to be divided, she said, "Let all the parties unite to fight against the BJP & let the regional parties come together & I want the regional parties to be strong, and we want that the federal structure of India to be strong. We should make the states strong. If states are strong, only then shall the Centre be strong"

Mamata was apparently echoing her election strategist Prashant Kishor who earlier said, "The BJP is going to be the centre of Indian politics, whether they win, whether

they lose - like it was for the first 40 years for Congress. The BJP is going nowhere. Once you secure 30 per cent of the vote at the India-level, you are not going away in a hurry."

Reacting forcefully to Mamata's comments in Goa, Congress Lok Sabha Leader Adhir Chowdhury said instead of attacking the Congress she should take a look at her own "dubious record".

"It is the same Mamata who broke the Congress to make a Trinamool Congress & this means she was after weakening the Congress from the very beginning," he said.

Alleging that she was in

constant touch with the BJP leaders like Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, the Bengal Congress leader said, "Instead of attacking us she should explain why

she is in close contact with the BJP and RSS leaders & she should also explain as why her tone against Congress hardened after the Enforcement Directorate questioned her nephew Abhishek Banerjee in

Delhi & it is because there is some deal between the two sides to weaken the Congress which in any case she had been doing for the past several years."

PM invites...

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Briefing reporters, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla described the meeting as a "unique occasion" as the last interaction between the Prime Minister of India and the Pope was in June 2000 when the late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee met Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

"This was a private audience the Prime Minister had with the Pope; the two leaders discussed many topical issues, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic and health recovery from the pandemic, the issue of climate change and the environment.

"You can judge the warmth of the conversation by the fact that the meeting was to have been for 20 minutes-scheduled but lasted for around an hour", Shringla said.

The Prime Minister invited Pope Francis to visit India at an early date, he said, adding that the Pope has "graciously accepted the Prime Minister's invitation and in his own word, I am paraphrasing, he says 'you have given me the greatest gift, I am looking forward to visiting India."

Asked whether the issue of religious freedom in India was discussed between the Pope and the Prime Minister, Shringla said it was a discussion that was devoid of any "extraneous issues". Noting that the Pope took a lot of time to explain to Modi

about the Vatican, about their work, he said, "It's a very unique, I would say, a place which has housed centuries of religious and spiritual objects of reverence for people all over the world. So it (meeting) has to be seen in that context."

"I can assure you that no issue that you (reporter) have said was discussed. It was not a discussion of that nature, it was a discussion that was devoid of any extraneous issues, confined to very warm and convivial conversations between two leaders," he added.

India and The Holy See have friendly relations dating back to the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1948.

India is home to nearly 18 million Catholics, the second largest Catholic population in Asia. During the meeting, the two leaders discussed the Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences for people across the world. They also discussed the challenge posed by climate change, the release said.

The Prime Minister, who is in Italy to attend the G20 Summit, briefed the Pope about the ambitious initiatives taken by India in combating climate change as well as India's success in administering one billion Covid-19 vaccination doses. Prime Minister Modi will also attend the Climate Summit to be held in Glasgow from Sunday.

His Holiness appreciated India's assistance to countries in need during the

pandemic, the release said. Prime Minister extended an invitation to Pope Francis to visit India at an early date, which was accepted with pleasure, it said.

The last Papal Visit happened in 1999 when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister and Pope John Paul II came. Now it is during Modi's prime ministerial term that the Pope has been invited to visit India, sources said. The meeting between Prime Minister Modi and Pope Francis that was scheduled only for 20 minutes went on for an hour, they said.

They discussed a wide range of issues aimed at making the planet better by fighting climate change and removing poverty, sources said. "During a brief conversation, the cordial relations between the Holy See and India were discussed," the Vatican Press Office said in a brief statement on the meeting between the Pope and Prime Minister Modi.

Subsequently, in the Secretariat of State, Prime Minister Modi greeted Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin and Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Security of Relations with States, it added.

At the Vatican, Modi was accompanied by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

According to the Vatican News, Prime Minister Modi gifted the Pope a specially-made silver candelabra and a book, "The

Climate Climb: India's strategy, actions and achievements" during their meeting which lasted for an hour.

The Pope reciprocated with a bronze plaque with the inscription "The desert will become a garden", volumes of papal documents, his message for World Day of Peace and the document on Human Fraternity, signed on February 4 of 2019 in Abu Dhabi by the Pope and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, it said.

Meanwhile, the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC), a body of Catholic Bishops in the state, on Saturday welcomed the meeting between Prime Minister Modi and Pope Francis, saying the decision to invite the Pontiff to India was a historic one.

"Inviting Pope Francis to India was a historic decision and this will raise the stature of the country among the nations of the world. His visit will help to strengthen the diplomatic relation between both the countries. It will also help to nurture the relationship between various sects of Christianity and other religions," KCBC said in a press release in Kochi Cardinal Mar George Alenchery, the president of the KCBC, said all Indians, especially Christians, are glad to learn about the invitation extended by Modi. "We hope the Pope will visit India soon. The Pope's visit will pave the way for fostering brotherhood and co-operation in a pluralistic India," Alenchery said. PTI

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महामहिम राज्यपाल महोदय उत्तराखण्ड शासन की ओर से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, प्रशासन खण्ड सिंचाई अनुसंधान संस्थान, रुड़की द्वारा नीलामी सूचना संख्या 02, दिनांक 29.10.2021 के अन्तर्गत चार नम्बर निष्प्रेष्य घोषित वाहनों एवं नीलामी सूचना संख्या 03, दिनांक 29.10.2021 के अन्तर्गत 26 नम्बर टी० एण्ड पी० / मशीनों की नीलामी एवं बोलीयों आमंत्रित की जाती है। निष्प्रेष्योच्च चार नम्बर वाहनों की नीलामी दिनांक 17.11.2021 (बुधवार) तथा 26 नम्बर टी० एण्ड पी० / मशीनों की नीलामी दिनांक 23.11.2021 (मंगलवार) को सिंचाई अनुसंधान संस्थान, रुड़की के आडोटेरियम में पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे जहाँ है, जैसा है, के आधार पर नीलाम किया जायेगा। इच्छुक बोलीदाता निर्धारित स्थान एवं समय पर बोली में प्रतिभाग हेतु आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। नीलामी से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत जानकारी एवं आवश्यक नियम व शर्तें संस्थान की **website www-irriroorkhee-res-in** से डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं अथवा किसी भी कार्यदिवस में कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत होकर धनराशि रु० 200.00 मात्र जमा कराने के उपरान्त प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

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Modi, Draghi hold talks to boost India-Italy ties



PTI ■ ROME

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held the first in-person meeting with his Italian counterpart Mario Draghi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit here during which the two leaders had extensive talks on diversifying the bilateral ties and to work together towards a more environment-friendly planet.

Prime Minister Modi, who arrived here earlier in the day at the invitation of his Italian counterpart, was received by Draghi upon his arrival at Palazzo Chigi, the seat of the Council of Ministers and the official residence of the Prime Minister of Italy, for the meeting.

“Glad to have met PM

Mario Draghi in Rome. We talked about ways to strengthen the friendship between India and Italy. There is great potential to further scale up economic linkages, cultural cooperation and for us to work together towards a more environment friendly planet,” Prime Minister Modi tweeted after the meeting.

Earlier, the Prime Minister’s Office tweeted that the two leaders held extensive talks on diversifying India-Italy ties.

Modi was also accorded a guard of honour.

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla told reporters at a briefing that the two leaders discussed the challenges posed by climate change and the COP26 Climate Summit.

But as we speak, discussions on an outcome document are still on. So I think most countries are quite happy with the idea of facilitating smoother international travel,” he said

But the fact of the matter is that a number of countries feel that easier access and easier travel is something that we need to collectively work on. “And that point that the Prime Minister made, I think has been received and noted,” Shringla said.

During the meeting, the two prime ministers looked at other areas of cooperation between India and Italy. To provide fresh impetus to the bilateral cooperation in renewable and clean energy, India and Italy issued a joint statement announcing a strategic partnership on energy transition, and agreed to explore partnerships in areas such as large size green corridor project smart grids, energy storage solutions, gas transportation, integrated waste management, development and deployment of green hydrogen and promotion of biofuels.

India and Italy also signed an agreement statement of intent on textiles cooperation during the meeting. There was a very good discussion on two-way investments, particularly in the clean energy and renewable sector were Italy has a lot of expertise. “I think this is something that both prime ministers agreed to see how we can take forward, the foreign secretary said.

Earlier, the spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Arindam Bagchi tweeted that the two prime ministers reviewed the 2020-2025 Action Plan of India-Italy bilateral partnership, and reiterated the commitment to further expanding trade and investment linkages.

India lags behind most BRICS nations: Report

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

A report ‘BRICS joint statistical publication’ by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation showed India lags behind most of the BRICS Countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) on many social and economic parameters including health, education, infant mortality, electricity consumption and other indicators.

The report showed that India is at the bottom in the group of five countries including Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa when the public expenditure on health and education is concerned. India spends 3.5 % of its GDP on education and 1.8% on health, the lowest among the five Countries. While South Africa was at the top with regard to expenditure on education spending 6.9 % of its GDP, China led the pack in health expenditure spending 7.1 % of its GDP on health-related needs.

Data regarding hospital beds per 1,000 persons in the country has reflected a grim picture of the Country. While India has 0.61 beds per 1000 persons, Russia is at the top with 8 beds per 1,000 persons. India’s poor status of public health infrastructure was quite evident during first and second wave of Covid-19. According to report, share of public expenditure on health

to GDP in India is 1.8 while it is 4.8 in Brazil, 4.6 in Russia, 7.1 in China and 4.2 in South Africa.

Similarly, the report showed a higher infant mortality rate in India as it was at the second position with the rate 23 after South Africa with the rate 23.6.

So far as per capita consumption of electricity is concerned India is far behind other counterparts. Russia led the group with 7563-kilowatt hours while India was at the bottom with 1208 kilowatt-hours. The economic growth of a country depends a lot upon the ability to provide affordable, reliable and sustainable energy to citizens. Lower consumption also points towards the shortage of affordable electricity.

Similarly, India lags behind its other counterparts on the availability of road infrastructure. While India is at the bottom with 313,000 km of highways, China tops with 5158,000 Kms of highways. A wide network of highways is an important indicator of the economic development of a Country.

India scored lower even in the per capita GDP of 1945 US dollar. On the other side, China was at the top with the per capita GDP of 10438 US dollars showing the wide gap between the two countries so far as the prime economic indicator is concerned.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meeting US President Joe Biden at the White House Agency

Modi’s meeting with Pope has enhanced nation’s prestige: RSS

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s meeting with Pope Francis in the Vatican has enhanced the prestige of the nation, BJP’s ideological mentor Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) said on Saturday.

“What is wrong if the head of the government meets anyone in the existing civil system in the world? We welcome it because we believe in “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” (the world is one family). We respect all religions,” the RSS general secretary Dattatreya

Hosabale told reporters. He was talking to reporters on the last day of the three-day Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal (ABKM) meeting.

“It is a matter of pleasure that the Prime Minister is meeting the heads of other nations and is increasing the prestige of our nation,” Mr Hosabale said.

He also maintained that it was for the head of the government to meet another head of the Government and it is upto the government to decide whom they want to meet.

ED attaches ₹74 cr land of former BSP MLC in PMLA case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said it has attached land worth ₹74 crore situated at Dehradun owned by former Uttar Pradesh BSP MLC Mohammad. Iqbal and his family members under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of investigation conducted by Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Delhi relating to acquisition of assets through illegitimate means in 2010-2011 by Iqbal, former MLC Saharanpur and others.

“Namrata Marketing P Ltd and Giriasho Company P Ltd., shell companies under the control of Mohd. Iqbal and family members participated in the bidding process of disinvestment of sugar mills of

the UP government during 2010-11 and acquired seven sugar mills across UP through laundering of illegitimate money through various shell companies having dummy directors and sham transactions.

These seven sugar mills were attached under PMLA earlier in March, 2021. ED has taken possession of all these seven sugar mills for further proceedings under PMLA,” the agency said in a statement.

In continuation of investigations, earlier the ED had also conducted search operations in premises relating to Iqbal in Saharanpur and Delhi. Further, under PMLA investigations, it has been found that Iqbal and his family members acquired land at Saharanpur in the name of the company BSS Associates in 2015 through staged transactions and commission of offence of fraud under Companies Act, it said.

Centre receives DU proposal to open new colleges in name of Savarkar, Vivekanand others

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has received a proposal from the Delhi University for the setting up new colleges, study centres and chairs, in the name of freedom fighter Veer Savarkar, Swami Vivekanand, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Union Minister and BJP stalwart late Sushma Swaraj, Savitri Bai Phule, Arun Jaitley, Choudhary Brahm Prakash and CD Deshmukh.

Sources in the Ministry of Education on Saturday said to begin with, the DU Executive Council has discussed setting up of new colleges in the Delhi dehat area as no new colleges fully funded by the Central Government has come up in the last 25 years in the NCT Delhi.

“The academic council of the university, in its meeting decided that few colleges/centre may be named after Sushma Swaraj, Swami Vivekananda, Veer Savarkar and Sardar Patel. The council also suggested names of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Savitri Bai Phule, Arun Jaitley, Choudhary

Brahm Prakash and CD Deshmukh,” sources in the MoE said.

The further decision on this subject was held at the executive council meeting of the university where it was also informed that the MoE has no objection sources said. The council has now authorised the vice-chancellor to finalise the names.

Sources in the DU said that it has decided to set up the first two colleges in Delhi outer in name of Savarkar and Swaraj.

“It will be a good decision to name or construct new colleges in name of great historical luminaries, unsung heroes. I welcome the proposal of the DU and when it finally comes up it will be a great contribution towards the enhancement of the new education policy which comes after 1986. A women college in the name of a greatly respected leader Sushma Swaraj will keep motivating country to realise the goal of Beti Bachao, Beti Bachao,” said Prof A K Bhagi, former DU EC Member and presently President, NDTF (National Democratic Teachers Front).

‘Kids exposed to certain type of air pollution more likely to contract community pneumonia

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Children who are exposed to a certain type of environmental air pollution are more likely to contract community-acquired pneumonia or CAP, and to be hospitalised for longer periods of time, said a new study led by researchers in the Louisiana State University Superfund Research Program.

Social factors, including race and socioeconomic status, were also found to be associated with living in high-risk areas for CAP, said the study published in the scientific journal Experimental Biology & Medicine.

“This research contributes to the body of evidence linking poor respiratory health to exposure to environmental air pollution, especially combustion-derived particulate matter,” said study co-author Stephaniea Cormier, who leads



the LSU Superfund Research Program. Research conducted by LSU Superfund Research Program scientists has shown similar patterns for other respiratory diseases including asthma, and recent data suggest implications for COVID-19.

Using data from a Centers for Disease Control surveillance study of pediatric pneumonia and geographic information systems, the investi-

gators identified high- and low-risk areas for CAP in the metropolitan area of Memphis, Tennessee.

They collected information including the cause of the child’s pneumonia, such as a bacterial or viral infection, public versus private health insurance, age, race and exposure to particulate matter pollution less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter, or PM2.5. These tiny particles in the air

are released by industrial combustion, car exhaust and forest fires. PM2.5 is one of the six air pollutants regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, and is linked to higher rates of respiratory tract infections and a plethora of other health problems, including cardiovascular disease.

When analysed independently, race, type of insurance and exposure to PM2.5 were all identified as significant risk factors associated with residence in areas with higher-than-expected CAP. However, race was the most significant factor associated with living in a high-risk area. In the Memphis metropolitan area, Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black children were hospitalized for pneumonia at significantly higher rates compared with white children.

Another important finding from this study is that the health risk associated with high PM2.5 occurred at levels below the current regulatory maximum standard set by the EPA.

ED seizes two assets in Ranchi under PMLA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached two immovable properties worth ₹ 2.62 crore situated at Ranchi, Jharkhand belonging to Patliputra Builders Limited under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The ED had initiated a money-laundering investigation on the basis of the FIRs and charge-sheet filed by Patna Police under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections against Anil Kumar Singh, Managing Director of Patliputra Builders Limited, Patna, and others.

Anil Kumar alias Anil Kumar Singh, being the MD of Patliputra Builder Limited and other companies, was involved in the commission of offences like cheating, fraud, dishonesty and grabbing of public money, the ED said in a statement.

As per the FIR, Anil Kumar embezzled the amount of ₹5.82 crore payable to the employees of “The Newspapers & Publications Ltd” and utilized the money for the acquisition of properties in the name


The ED had arrested main suspect Anil Kumar on September 7 and the Special PMLA Court Patna sent him to judicial custody


of his company Patliputra Builders Limited.

During the course of the investigation, Kumar was non-cooperative and deliberately avoided the summons issued under PMLA. Non-appearance and non-submission of documents called for clearly show his mala fide intention, it said.

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Proceeds of crime generated in cash have been layered through acquisition of properties in the name of his company and use of banking channels in order to conceal the actual origin of tainted money.





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-Narendra Modi



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2 jawans martyred, 3 hurt in Rajouri blast

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Two Indian Army personnel, including one officer, succumbed to their fatal injuries in a mysterious blast along the line of control in Kalal area of Nowshera in frontier Rajouri district of Jammu division on Saturday. Three other injured soldiers have been evacuated to a nearby hospital and were undergoing treatment till the time of filing the report.

According to Lt-Col Devender Anand, "during an area domination patrol in Nowshera sector, a mine blast occurred, wherein, two Indian Army soldiers suffered critical injuries and later succumbed to



their injuries. Another soldier who received injuries was evacuated and is under treatment".

Lt Col Anand said, "the soldiers who made supreme sacrifice have been identified as Lt Rishi Kumar and Sepoy Manjit". They were brave and extremely committed to the



profession of soldiering and have made the supreme sacrifice for the nation in the line of active duty.

Lt Col Anand said, Lt Rishi Kumar is a resident of Begusarai, Bihar and Sepoy Manjit Singh is resident of - Sirvewala, Bhatinda, Punjab.

17 IN FRAY — 49.60% turnout in 2 Assembly bypolls in Bihar

PTI ■ PATNA

An estimated 49.60 per cent of 5,84,395 voters exercised their franchise in the by-elections to two assembly constituencies in Bihar till the end of polling at 4 pm on Saturday, the Election Commission said.

Kusheshwar Asthan witnessed a voter turnout of 49 per cent, while Tarapur registered 50.05 per cent polling, according to provisional figures released by the EC.

"The entire polling process was peaceful and no untoward incident was reported from any part," a senior official of the poll panel said.

Altogether 17 candidates are in the fray for the two seats - eight in Tarapur and nine in Kusheshwar Asthan.

The by-elections were necessitated due to the deaths of sitting MLAs, both belonging to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U). The counting of votes will take place on November 2. **PTI**

Assam bypolls 69.60% voter turnout for 5 constituencies

Guwahati: An estimated 69.60 per cent of 7.96 lakh voters exercised their franchise in by-elections to five Assembly constituencies in Assam till 5 pm on Saturday when polling ended, an official said.

Voting has been peaceful in the five seats - Gossaigaon, Bhabanipur, Tamulpur, Mariani and Thowra.

Polling was conducted with strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols. The highest voter turnout of 76.71 per cent was recorded in Gossaigaon, followed by Thowra (75.07 per cent), Bhabanipur (74 per cent), Tamulpur (62 per cent) and Mariani (61.62 per cent), the official of the state Chief Electoral Officer's office said. **PTI**

Brisk polling in Bengal

Kolkata: Though stray violence marked the by-elections to four Assembly seats of Bengal the State witnessed a brisk polling on Saturday.

While Dinhat the home turf of Union Home Minister for State Nisith Pramanik witnessed 70 percent voters' turnout till 5 in the evening, down south Shantipur in Nadia district saw about 76 percent voters cast their votes.

While 64 percent voters exercised their franchise in Khardaha in the North 24 Parganas in South 24 Parganas Gosaba constituency about 76 percent voters took part in voting. The poll percentage was likely to go up by a few percentage points sources said.

Elect ions where necessitated in Dinhat and Shantipur because local BJP MLAs --- who are also the MPs from that regions --- resigned their membership from the State Assembly soon after the State

polls. The winning Trinamool candidates from Khardaha and Gosaba had died after the elections requiring the elections to be conducted.

The by-elections are seen as a litmus test for new Bengal BJP president Sukanto Mondal and Cooch Behar MP Pramanik who had won the MLA elections defeating TMC leader Udayan Guha by 53 votes.

Bengal Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari however had earlier said that the Bangladesh riots could help the BJP in the by-elections for obvious reasons. Meanwhile stray violence and reports of false voting came from Khardaha and Dinhat the two keenly contested constituencies though the Election Commission sources said that the polls were by far peaceful. Two persons were injured in poll related clashes and had to be hospitalized Bengal police sources said. **PNS**

Cong, CPM took BJP's support to win polls: Kerala journalist

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

A new book on the life and times of K G Marar, former Kerala president of the Jana Sangh and the BJP, replete with interesting and hitherto unsaid political manipulations in the State's history is sure to create a new political narrative.

Authored by K Kunhikkannan, veteran journalist and a close associate of Marar for decades, the book has made startling disclosures about how the Congress and the CPI(M) had forged alliance with the Hindutwa parties in the past to capture power.

The author says Marar, a "hardcore pracharak" of the RSS who was deputed by the latter to work in the Jan Sangh and its successor the BJP, never considered the Congress or Communists or other political parties as enemies. "For him

they were all rivals and not class enemies. Throughout his life he held them all as rivals who were not untouchables," writes Kunhikkannan.

The author attributes the victories made by the CPI(M)-led LDF and the Congress-led UDF in the 1980, 1982, 1987 and 1991 elections to the strategic agreements these fronts had formed with the JS/BJP. "The CPI(M) and the Congress had sought the help of Jan Sangh and its successor BJP to win elections. The 1977 elections saw the CPI(M) leaders including E M S Namboodirippadu campaigning for K G Marar and O Rajagopal. In 1980, the CPI(M) had cobbled an alliance with political outfits sponsored by the Church and Islamists. The Congress had entered into an agreement with the Jan Sangh in this election. Senior

Congress leader P R Kurup and Muslim League leader E Ahmed were the prominent UDF leaders who had campaigned for Marar. Though the JS transferred its vote share to the UDF, the front failed to reciprocate," writes Kunhikkannan who had unsuccessfully contested two assembly elections under the Jan Sangh/BJP flags.

The 1991 election to the assembly as well as Lok Sabha saw the Congress-led UDF making tacit alliance with the Hindu fundamentalist BJP. The latter fielded Dr K Madhavankutty, a widely respected physician from Beyyore assembly constituency while senior advocate Rathna Singh was fielded by the BJP from Vatakara Lok Sabha constituency. This understanding was termed as Co-Bi-Lee alliance in local

parlance.

In addition to this, Marar (Manjeswar in Kasaragod) K Raman Pillai (Thiruvananthapuram East) and O Rajagopal (Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha) were fielded as BJP candidates on the assurance from Congress leader K Karunakaran that his party would vote for the BJP in these constituencies. B Vijayakumar, an acolyte of Karunakaran, was fielded from Trivandrum East on the condition that he would withdraw from the race two days before the polling to facilitate the BJP's candidate. But Vijayakumar switched over to the Antony camp midway through and won the poll. "Though the BJP remained true to the pre-poll agreement and voted for the Congress candidates, the latter violated the agreement and thus the

Hindutwa party could not make the breakthrough it was hoping for," writes Kunhikkannan who played a role in the deal formation.

He further states that the CPI(M) won the 1987 and 1996 assembly election by playing the Hindu card. "The CPI(M) swept the first ever district council election in 1991 by winning 13 out of the 14 districts on the plank of Saddam Hussain. Namboodirippadu declared that the CPI(M) supported Saddam Hussain and Muslims in Iraq's war against USA and this led to the consolidation of the Muslim votes. But the minority community saw through the danger of supporting the Marxists and regrouped under the Congress which led to the UDF victory in the assembly polls", writes Kunhikkannan about the 1991 experience.



A man rows a boat in the Yamuna river in the backdrop of Taj Mahal during sunset, in Agra on Saturday

PTI

MID-SEA DRUG BUST CASE

Aryan returns home from prison

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Diwali arrived early at Shah Rukh Khan's six-storey residence "Mannat" at Bandra in north-west Mumbai, as the superstar's son Aryan returned to his home on Saturday to a burst of crackers, the beating of drums, a spontaneous rip-roaring jig by the actor's hundreds of fans and a welcome banner that read "Stay strong Prince Aryan", after 29 days of incarceration triggered by his arrest in the mid-sea drug bust case.

It was an emotional moment for SRK as he waited in his car near the Arthur Road Central Jail for the release of his eldest son who walked out of the high-security prison at 11.03 am. Sporting a blue jersey with his mane visible and face covered by a dark mask, Aryan - accompanied by personal bodyguards and bouncers - quietly made his way to the white SUV where his anxious father received with him a hug.

Finally, Aryan was back in time for home-cooked lunch, 29 days after he left 'Mannat' on the morning of October 2 for what he thought would be a fun-filled Mumbai-Goa luxury cruise, which eventually turned out to be an unforgettable ordeal for him -- which must have taught him lessons of life.

Waiting for Aryan at "Mannat" were his mother Gauri, sister Suhana and AbRam. Twenty-one year-old Suhana, who is two years younger than Aryan, had celebrated the Bombay High Court's order granting bail to her brother delivered on Thursday by posting on Instagram a collage of black-and-white photographs showing father SRK indulging her and elder brother when they were children.

Earlier in the morning, father SRK-- with anxiety having got the better of him - had left his home a tad bit early to receive Aryan after his release from the Arthur Road Central Jail. En route, he got to know about an announcement made to the media by Jail Superintendent Nitin Waychal that it would take some more time for Aryan to step out of the prison. Realising that there was no point in reaching the prison earlier, he diverted his way to a five-star hotel where he waited in his car and had light refreshment. Later, he headed near the prison to receive his son.

NCB officials busted a rave party and seized 13 grams of cocaine, 5 grams of MD (Mephedrone), 21 grams of Charas, 22 pills of MDMA (Ecstasy) and Rs 1.33 lakh in cash from Goa-bound Cordelia Cruises' Empress ship, off the Mumbai coast. Subsequently, 12 more persons were arrested in connection with the mid-sea rave party.

With Aryan having already complied with first of the demands i.e execution of personal bond with one or sureties for the like amount, the other conditions include: he shall not indulge in any activity similar to the activities on the basis of which the said CR stands registered against them for offences under the NDPS Act; he shall not try to establish communication with co-accused or any other person involved directly or indirectly in similar activities or make any call to any person indulging in similar activities as alleged against them, through any mode of communication.

In other conditions, the court has restrained Aryan from making any attempt to neither influence the witnesses nor tamper with the evidence, which is prejudicial to the proceedings before the Special NDPS court and mandated him to surrender his passport before the Special Court immediately and not leave the country without prior permission from the Special court.

The court has asked him to join the investigations as and when he is called to do so by the NCB, to mark his presence before the NCB office between 11 am and 2 pm on every Friday, to remain present in the court on all the hearing days unless prevented by a reasonable cause, that he will not do anything to delay the trial and that will violate any bail conditions.

Consensual sex with woman not offence, but unethical, says Allahabad HC

Allahabad: Rejecting the bail plea of an accused in a case of gang rape, the Allahabad High Court has said while consensual sex with a woman is not an offence, it is "unethical", "immoral" and against the "established social norms of the Indian society".

Dismissing the bail application of Raju, one of the four accused in the case, Justice Rahul Chaturvedi said it was the duty of the man claiming to be the boyfriend of the victim to protect his girlfriend when she was being sexually harassed by the other co-accused.

"The moment the applicant submits that the victim is his beloved, it was his binding duty to protect the dignity, honour and reputation of his girlfriend. If a girl is a major one, then to have sex with her consent is not an offence, but certainly it is unethical and immoral and also not in consonance with the established social norms of the Indian society," the judge said.

He said the applicant's act was highly deplorable and unbecoming of a boyfriend, adding that "he remained a silent spectator when the co-accused persons were brutally sexually assassinating his beloved in front of him" and "no effort to put a stiff resistance was made by him so that the soul and body of the victim could be saved from further butchering by these flesh vultures".

An FIR was lodged against the four accused at the Akil Sarai police station of Kaushambi district in Uttar Pradesh on February 20 under sections 376D (gangrape), 392, 323, 504 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code and sections 5 and 6 of the Protection of Children of Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

According to the FIR, at around 8 am on February 19, the victim went to attend a stitching class. She had spoken to her boyfriend, Raju, over the phone and had planned to meet him.

Later, they met at a secluded place near a river. After some time, three other men reached there, abused and beat up Raju, snatched his mobile phone and allegedly raped the victim. **PTI**

Tripura issues fresh Covid guidelines for travellers from other States

Agartala: Taking note of the spike in coronavirus cases in some parts of the country, the Biplab Deb Government has issued fresh guidelines, making Covid-19 tests mandatory for people wanting to enter Tripura from any State that has more than one district with over five per cent positivity rate.

In an official order, the government said that people coming from Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Manipur, West Bengal, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland would have to undergo sample test at Tripura's entry point, if they fail

to produce COVID-negative report not older than 48 hours.

"Negative test report for Covid-19 done by RTPCR or True NAT or CBNAAT, 48 hours prior to the journey, is required for entry into the state through airport, railway stations from those states of the country where more than one district have positivity rate of 5% or more, as on 26.10.2021," a notification issued on Friday by Directorate of Family Welfare and Preventive Medicines said.

The state has recorded as many as 84,449 Covid-19 cases and 813 deaths thus far. **PTI**

Centre allotted 140 crore vaccines to TN for Nov: Min

Chennai: Tamil Nadu Minister Ma Subramanian on Saturday said the Centre allotted 140 crore Covid-19 vaccines to the State for November and appealed to members of the public to take part in the vaccination camps being conducted by the Health Department.

The increase in the monthly allotment by the Centre follows the performance of the department in vaccination over the last few months, the Minister for Medical and Family Welfare said here.

Stating that the Centre has been sending sufficient vaccines to the State, Subramanian said there was demand for vaccines in May, June and July.

"Following the Tamil Nadu government's performance and based on the request by Chief Minister (M K Stalin), the Union government enhanced the allotment of vaccines for September, October and November," he said.

In September, over and above the monthly allotment of 104 crore doses, an additional 43 lakh vaccines were released by the Union government and the doses were increased by three lakh to the allotted 122 lakh for October, he said.

"For November, based on the request by the Chief Minister, 140 crore doses have been allotted," he told reporters. **PTI**

Kerala records 7,427 new Covid-19 cases, 62 deaths

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala on Saturday logged 7,427 new Covid-19 cases and 62 deaths, taking the infection count to 49,61,490 and the death toll to 31,514.

State Health Minister Veena George said 7,166 persons recuperated from the disease today, pushing the total cured in the state to 48,50,742, while 70,709 samples were tested in the last 24 hours and there are 115 wards across 77 local self-government bodies which have a weekly infection population ratio above ten per cent.

"Of the 78,624 active Covid-19 cases in the state only 8.2 per cent of the patients are admitted to hospitals," the minister said in a release.

Among the districts, Thiruvananthapuram recorded the highest number of cases in the state today--1,001, followed by Kozhikode with 997 cases and Ernakulam with 862 cases. The Minister said of those found infected today, 55 reached the state from outside while 7,069 contracted the disease from their contact. The source of infection of 253 is yet to be traced and 53 health workers are also among the infected.

Currently, there are 2,75,185 persons under observation of which 7,350 are in isolation wards of various hospitals.

Medical aspirant kills self over NEET in TN

Coimbatore: Apprehensive over the outcome of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), a 20-year old medical aspirant allegedly died by suicide in the district.

K Keerthivasan of Sangarayarapuram near here had appeared for the entrance exam held in September for the third time, results of which are expected in a couple of days.

According to police, the youth had taken up the test in 2019 and 2020, but could not clear. **PTI**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that **Mr. Dimpal Kumar** who has purchased the **Residential Freehold Vacant Plot** of land area measuring **100 Sq. Yards**, out of Khastara No. 339, Situated in the Old Abadi of Village **Barolia, Tehsil, Dadri Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar U P** from **Mr. Ramesh Chand S/o Mr. Umrao Prasad Gautam and Mrs. Vijeta W/o Mr. Ramesh Chand** and same to be financed by **Ummeed Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. That, Original Sale Deed dated 05.05.2005 executed by Mr. Dhaam Singh S/o Late Mr. Laxak Ram in favour of Mrs. Seena Rani W/o Mr. Daulat Ram, Vide Doc. No.2791 has been lost** nor available, If any Person having any type of claim/right/ title/ interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within **7 days** from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc.

Lucem Legal LLP
Office No. G-03, at Ground Floor, on Plot No. D-61, Sector-2, Noida, UP-201301
Contact# 011-204130438

PUBLIC NOTICE


Notice is hereby given to the General public that **Mrs. Aruna Devi** is owner of Plot Area Measuring **40 sq. yards**. Out of Khewat / Khata No. 40/46 Mu. No. 17, Killa No. 24/7-9, part of 2/149, (2 Marie) Situated in Village- Sahatpur, Tehsil and Distt. Faridabad, Haryana, vide Transfer Deed in Blood Relation dated 18.01.2018 registration No. 7935. All persons are hereby informed Mr. Sunil Kumar Rai to take a Loan from ART Housing Finance (India) Ltd. If anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of Mrs. Aruna Devi in respect of the said property its sale/Mortgage, and any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

For Mrs Prasoona Lata, Advocate, SG Associates (Law Firm)
Unit No 7, Basement, Plot No C 78, Sector 2, Noida, UP 201301.
EMAIL: sgassociatespl@gmail.com, Phone: 7011172764, 8130200837

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known that my client **Smt. Sushila Jajodia W/o Late Sh. N. Jajodia R/o F-137, Phase-1, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052**, disowned and severe all relationship with her daughter-in-law namely **Smt. Neena Jajodia W/o Late Sh. Sunil Jajodia & her Grand Daughter Ritika Jajodia & her Grand son Aditya Jajodia**, Debarred them from all her moveable and immovable properties acquired or to be acquired because of their misbehavior & conduct and their nature is being disobedient and they are abusing and quarrelling with my client, so my client have broken all relations from them. Any person dealing and having relation with them in any manner shall be at their own risk, cost & consequences and my client shall not be responsible for any act and deed or the aforesaid.


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Letter No. : 4997/ 41M-2/2020-21
Dated : 29/10/2021
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering)
Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, Public Works Department Nainital on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites e-tender (two bid system). For further details please log on to <https://www.uktenders.gov.in> from **02.11.2021**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (₹ in Lacs)	Cost of Tender	Validity of Tender	Period of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Reconstruction and Improvement work of Saradnagar-Bajpur-Keshowala-Bannakhera-Bailparaw- Kotabagh-Kaladhungi SH-61 Motor Road. Km. 41 to 47.800 Under C.R.I.F	35.00	5000.00 + 18% GST	120 Days	12 Month	Class A and above Class in any State Govt. /Central Govt. or any Govt. undertaking in Road works.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 45 Years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Build:** Thin, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Dark Brown T-shirt, Blue Jeans, was found dead by Accident in area of P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi on 13.10.2021.

In this regard a FIR No. 414/21, dated 14.10.2021 U/s 279/304A IPC has been registered at P.S. Civil Lines, North District, Delhi. The Dead Body has been preserved in Sabzi Mandi Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hours for identification.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform the following.

SHO
P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi
DP/1647/N/2021(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23810633, 23815444

Biden, trio of European allies discuss Iran nuke programme

AP ■ ROME

President Joe Biden and a trio of European allies strategised on Saturday over ways to achieve a diplomatic solution as Iran continues to make troubling advances with its nuclear programme.

Biden's meeting with the leaders of Germany, France and Britain, a group known as the E3, comes at a pivotal time as Iran continues to enrich uranium to near-weapons-grade levels.

The president is trying to revive the 2015 nuclear deal and bring Iran back into compliance with the pact that would have kept the Islamic republic at least one year away from the potential to field a nuclear weapon.

As Biden and Germany's Angela Merkel, France's Emmanuel Macron and Britain's Boris Johnson posed for a group photo before their



US President Joe Biden, right, and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson attend the opening session of the G20 summit at the La Nuvola conference centre, in Rome on Saturday. The two-day Group of 20 summit is the first in-person gathering of leaders of the world's biggest economies since the Covid-19 pandemic started. AP

closed-door talks, Biden was asked when he would like stalled negotiations with Iran to resume.

"They're scheduled to resume," he said.

Iran has yet to commit to

a date to return to nuclear talks being held in Vienna but has signalled it will do so next week with a target of late November for resuming the negotiations.

The US and others have expressed scepticism about

Iranian intentions. US national security adviser Jake Sullivan said earlier in the week that Saturday's meeting would feature the leaders "all singing from the same song sheet on this issue."

He called it a "study in contrast with the previous administration" since Iran was one of the areas of most profound divergence between the Trump administration and the Europeans. The UN's atomic watchdog has said Iran is increasingly in violation of the deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

President Donald Trump withdrew the US from the 2015 nuclear deal and the US has participated indirectly in talks aimed at bringing both Washington and Tehran back into compliance.

Those talks in Vienna have been on hiatus since June, when Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi took power.

Prevent mass starving in Af, UN aid chief urges G20

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The UN humanitarian chief had a dire message for leaders of the world's 20 largest economies meeting this week-end: Worry about Afghanistan because its economy is collapsing and half the population risks not having enough food to eat as the snows have already started to fall.

Martin Griffiths said in an interview on Friday with *The Associated Press* that "the needs in Afghanistan are skyrocketing."

Half the Afghan children under age five are at risk of acute malnutrition and there is an outbreak of measles in every single province which is "a red light" and "the canary in the mine" for what's happening in society, he said.

Griffiths warned that food insecurity leads to malnutrition, then disease and death, and "absent corrective action" the world will be seeing deaths in Afghanistan.

He said the World Food Program is feeding 4 million



people in Afghanistan now, but the UN predicts that because of the dire winter conditions and the economic collapse it is going to have to provide food to triple that number — 12 million Afghans — "and that's massive."

WFP appealed this week for \$200 million to finance its operations until the end of the year, and Griffiths urged countries that suspended development assistance for Afghanistan after the Taliban

takeover on Aug. 15, including the United States and European countries, to transfer that money for desperately needed humanitarian aid. He noted that the European Union already shifted about 100 million euros to humanitarian work, and the US announced more than \$144 million in humanitarian aid on Thursday, raising its total aid to Afghans in the country and refugees in the region to nearly \$474 million in 2021.

EU, African leaders to meet on sidelines of G20

AP ■ ROME

The French presidency says European Union leaders will meet with African leaders in efforts to further support the continent's poorest economies in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The informal meeting later Saturday will be hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron at France's embassy in Rome on the sidelines of the G-20 summit.

Macron told reporters on Friday he expects the G-20 to confirm an additional \$100 billion to support Africa's economies.

The money would be provided via the reallocation to African nations of some special drawing rights, a foreign exchange tool used to help finance imports issued by the International Monetary Fund and initially meant to go to advanced economies.

UK and France urged to cool down escalating fishing spat

AP ■ PARIS

Britain and France faced calls on Saturday to sort out their post-Brexit spat over fishing rights in the English Channel, which threatens to escalate within days into a damaging French blockade of British boats and trucks.

French President Emmanuel Macron warned that the dispute is testing the UK's international credibility, while each country accused

the other of being in breach of the post-Brexit trade agreement that Britain's government signed with the European Union before it left the bloc.

As the war of words intensified, Britain said it was "actively considering" launching legal action if France goes through with threats to bar UK fishing boats from its ports and slap strict checks on British catches.

"If there is a breach of the (Brexit) treaty or we think there is a breach of the treaty then we

will do what is necessary to protect British interests," Prime Minister Boris Johnson told British broadcasters in Rome, where he and Macron are both attending a Group of 20 summit.

At stake is fishing — a tiny industry economically that looms large symbolically for maritime nations like Britain and France. Britain's exit from the economic rules of the 27-nation bloc at the start of this year means the UK now controls who fishes in its waters.

China military still in dark over what damaged US nuclear submarine in SCS: Report

PTI ■ BEIJING

The Chinese military is still in the dark over what damaged the US nuclear submarine when it was on the prow in the disputed South China Sea early this month, while satellite photos of the moored vessel showed that the sub may have had a head-on collision, rendering it "deaf and blind", according to a media report on Saturday.

A recent satellite image suggests that the damage to the American submarine, the USS Connecticut may have been caused by a head-on collision with a pint-sized submerged object in the South China Sea (SCS), according to Chinese military experts.

The incident four weeks ago may have occurred in waters near the disputed Parcel Islands in the SCS controlled by China, indicating the Chinese Navy could have detected the American sub on its way to Guam but was not aware of its damaged condition, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

Earlier this month, media reports said that the US nuclear-powered submarine was damaged after it struck an object underwater in the SCS. Eleven sailors on board the USS Connecticut were injured in the accident. None of the injuries were life-threatening, an announcement by the US Pacific Fleet said.

Pakistan Police shocked after TLP workers fired from SMGs

Lahore: Security officials in Pakistan are shocked after it emerged that members of the banned Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan party reportedly used sub-machine guns (SMGs) against policemen during anti-government protests, prompting the authorities to conclude that the headline Islamists had been turned into a "militant group", a media report said on Saturday.

A mobile phone footage, which showed members of the party firing 80 rounds of SMGs at policemen in Kamoke, in Pakistan's Punjab province, on Thursday, was presented during a high-level security meeting, the *Dawn* newspaper reported.

Other incidents of attacks were also recorded, which showed two policemen succumbing to bullet wounds, while 16 others sustaining injuries from the shots fired by TLP members, the report said. **PTI**

Saudi, Bahrain expel Lebanese envoys

Beirut: Saudi Arabia on Friday ordered the Lebanese ambassador to the kingdom to leave the country within 48 hours and stopped all imports from Lebanon, a response to comments by a Lebanese minister who described the war in Yemen as Saudi "aggression."

Hours later, the Kingdom of Bahrain ordered the Lebanese ambassador to leave the country within two days for the same reason, Bahrain's foreign ministry said.

Lebanon's Prime Minister and president discussed the Saudi decision and asked the country's information minister to take the "appropriate decision," an apparent call for him to resign in hopes it will ease the tension. **AP**

Kuwait evicts Lebanese envoy over Min's comments on Yemen

AP ■ BEIRUT

Kuwait followed Saudi Arabia and Bahrain by ordering the Lebanese charge d'affaires on Saturday to leave the emirate within two days over comments made by a Lebanese minister regarding the war in Yemen. Kuwait also recalled its ambassador from Beirut.

Later Saturday, the United Arab Emirates' state-run WAM news agency said on Twitter that it would withdraw its diplomats from Lebanon in solidarity with Saudi Arabia.

Sudan security forces shoot dead 2 protesters, doctors say

AP ■ CAIRO

Sudanese security forces shot dead two people on Saturday during mass protests against the country's recent military coup, a doctors' union said. The shootings came despite repeated appeals by the West to Sudan's new military rulers to show restraint and allow peaceful protests.

During the protests, thousands of Sudanese marched into the streets, chanting "revolution, revolution" to the sound of whistles and drums, to protest against the coup that is threatening to derail the country's fitful transition to democracy.

Pro-democracy groups had called

for protests across the country to press demands for re-instating a deposed transitional government and releasing senior political figures from detention.

UN, US to Sudan Army: Show restraint during protests

Cairo: The United Nations and the United States urged Sudan's top generals to allow pro-democracy protests and avoid confrontations in the wake of a military coup earlier this week. Pro-democracy groups have called for mass marches across the country on Saturday to press demands for re-instating a deposed transitional government. **AP**

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(UN-AUDITED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021)				
(Amount in Lakhs)				
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.9.2021 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 30.9.2020 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2021 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations (net)	13,232.59	13,948.55	55,600.53
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	6,112.99	6,261.23	24,860.21
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items)	6,112.99	6,261.23	24,860.21
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional Items)	5,940.03	6,148.68	21,608.65
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	5,940.03	6,148.68	21,608.65
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,813.45	1,813.45	1,813.45
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	1,22,478.13	1,14,890.07	1,21,266.58
8	Securities Premium	34,436.55	34,436.55	34,436.55
9	Net Worth	1,24,291.58	1,16,703.52	1,23,080.03
10	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	2,42,368.59	2,61,995.79	2,51,872.64
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Debt: Equity Ratio	1.95 : 1	2.30 : 1	2.05 : 1
13	Earnings Per Share (of Rs 10/- each)			
1	Basic:	32.76	33.91	119.16
2	Diluted:	32.76	33.91	119.16
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Debtenture Redemption Reserve	20,235.10	0.00	0.00
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.12:1	1.32:1	1.32:1
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	2.01:1	1.99:1	1.98:1
18	Asset Coverage Ratio:	1.84:1	1.75:1	1.79:1
19	Current Ratio	5.29:1	4.60:1	5.47:1
20	Debtor Turnover Ratio	0.04:1	0.04:1	0.17:1
21	Inventory Turnover Ratio	NA	NA	NA
22	Long Term Debt to Working Capital	2.11:1	2.21:1	2.17:1
23	Bad Debts to Accounts Receivable	NA	NA	NA
24	Current Liabilities Ratio	NA	NA	NA
25	Total Debts to Total Assets	0.65:1	0.68:1	0.66:1
26	Operating Margin	1.08:1	1.07:1	1.06:1
27	Net Profit Margin	0.55:1	0.51:1	0.45:1

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly un-audited financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. The full format of the quarterly un-audited financial results are available on the websites of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the listed entity (<http://www.nagpurbetulhighway.in>).
- For the other line items referred to in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange and are available on the websites of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the listed entity (<http://www.nagpurbetulhighway.in>).
- These quarterly un-audited financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on October 30, 2021. The Statutory Auditors have carried out limited review of the aforesaid results.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Oriental Nagpur Betul Highway Limited

Nikhil Dhingra
Director
DIN - 07835556

Place: New Delhi
Date: 30.10.2021

**JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

No.: JDA/EE&TA to Dir.Engg.-I/2021-22/D-92 Date : 29.10.2021


NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB No.: EE & TA to Dir. Engg.-I/42/2021-22

Bids are invited for works given below in various zones as per details given :-

S. No.	UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	A&F	Nature of Work	Last Date
1.	UBN : JDA2122WLB080374	521.00	156/2020-2021	EE-ROB/RUB-1, Construction of Road Drain and Boundary Wall	15.11.2021

Details are available at Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in and raj.samwadi@jda.org Raj/Samwadi/C/7908/2021-22

Executive Engineer & TA to Dir. Engg.-I

**ICICI Bank**
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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 (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Neeraj Vats/ Varsha Vats/ LBDEL00002055445 / LBDEL00002060881	Unit NOKM00161705, Flat No. 1705, 17th Floor, Tower KM-16, Kosmos Wishtown Noida At Jaypee Greens Noida, Sector 128, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 25, 2021	March 24, 2021/ Rs. 56,05,147/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Dinesh Chand/ Savita/ LBGUR00002008664	Golf Village B 1/0626, 6th Floor Golf Country, Sector-22D Yamuna Expressway G.B Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 25, 2021	March 25, 2021/ Rs. 19,48,698/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Rajiv Trehan/ Anjali Trehan/ LBDEL00002301533	Flat No C 101, Ground Floor, Tower D-1, Victory Ace, Plot No-GH-02, Sector 143, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 25, 2021	May 29, 2021/ Rs. 1,04,57,867/-	Delhi/ NCR
4.	Shiv Shankar/ Priyanka Kumar/ LBDEL00005125997/ LBDEL00005197615	Dda Lig Flat No 184 C, 2nd Floor, PKT 12, Jasola, Delhi/ October 25, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 40,98,312/-	Delhi/ NCR
5.	S Srinivas Babu/ Survepalli Subba Rao/ Sarvepalli Karuna/ Rao Travels/ LBDEL00004861106	Flat No- C 101, 1st Floor Block-C, Orchid Gardenia Sy, Village K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore Karnataka/ October 26, 2021	May 29, 2021/ Rs. 22,47,060/-	Delhi/ NCR
6.	Rajkumar Verma/ Gudiya Verma/ LBDEL00005179295	Flat No 15141, Floor 15 Tower 10 Arocon Golfville GH- 7, Crossings Republik, NH 24, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh/ October 27, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 57,74,384/-	Delhi/ NCR
7.	Vibhor Khurana/ Sonia Khurana/ Kunj Lata Khurana/ LBDEL00002414410	Flat No- E-458, 4th Floor, Without Roof Right, Tower 15, River Heights, Raj Nagar Extension, NH- 58, Khasra No. 891, 892, 893, 895, 548,549,551,553,557 And 888, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad, Up/ October 27, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 10,73,638/-	Delhi/ NCR
8.	Vishal Ranjan/ Rupali Shristi/ LBGUR00003474719	Flat No 1005, Tower- B, 10th Floor, Officer City 2 Village Noor Nagar Dist, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh/ October 27, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 34,88,220/-	Delhi/ NCR
9.	Rita Lohani/ Suraj Pathak/ LBGHZ00004495760	Flat No- 8097, Floor No- 8 Block- L, Plot No- GC-14, GH 03 Gaur City- 2, 14th Avenue, Sector-16C, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 27, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 27,87,446/-	Delhi/ NCR
10.	Bimaleswar Prasad Panda/ Sanjukta Panda/ LBGHZ0000471828	Flat No-17/5, 1st Floor, Windsor Ashoka Road Shipra Sun City Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh/ October 27, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 26,54,866/-	Delhi/ NCR
11.	Davinder Kumar/ Rinku Choudhary/ LBDEL00002389750/ LBDEL00002379793	Flat No. 9580, Second Floor, C-9, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi/ October 27, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 1,28,60,799/-	Delhi/ NCR
12.	Gaurav Srivastava/ Kaushal Chandra Srivastav/ LBGHZ00002592473	Flat No- 603, 6th Floor, Tower- F, Fusion Homes, Plot No GH- 05A, Sector- Techzone-IV Greater Noida/ October 27, 2021	June 25, 2021/ Rs. 29,58,862/-	Delhi/ NCR
13.	Hayat Karim Khan / Farha Naim / LBGHZ00002527375	Flat No C 1403, 14th Floor Tower-C, Casa Grande Plot No-7A, Sector- CHI-V Greater Noida, Noida/ October 27, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 31,52,041/-	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 30, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

G-20 opens with call for more jobs for poor nations

AP ■ ROME

Italy's Premier Mario Draghi opened a conference of the world's powerhouse economies with a sharp call to pick up the pace in getting vaccines to poor countries, calling the gaping global Covid-19 vaccine gap "morally unacceptable." Draghi, the host for the two-day Group of 20 summit in Rome, said Saturday that only 3% of people in the world's poorest countries are vaccinated, while 70% in rich countries have had at least one shot.

The call for more collective help for low-income countries sounded a theme running through the summit, which faces a global economy recovering at different speeds. Climate change, vaccines, the recovery, international taxation are all themes occupying leaders holding their first in-person summit since the pandemic took hold.

Draghi welcomed the Group of 20 heads of state to Rome's Nuvola cloud-like convention center in the Fascist-era



EUR neighborhood, which was sealed off from the rest of the capital. Saturday's opening session was focused on global health and the economy.

Rich countries have used vaccines and stimulus spending to restart economic activity, leaving the risk that developing countries that account for much of global growth will remain behind due to low vaccinations and financing difficulties.

European Union leaders will meet off-site with African leaders in efforts to further sup-

port the continent's poorest economies in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

French President Emmanuel Macron told reporters on Friday he expects the G-20 to confirm an additional \$100 billion to support Africa's economies.

The money would be provided via the reallocation of part of \$650 billion worth of special drawing rights, a foreign exchange tool used to help finance imports issued by the International Monetary Fund.

India Inc's business confidence recovered in Q3CY21: GECs

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

Healthy demand has restored India Inc's business confidence in Q3 of 2021, according to the Global Economic Conditions Survey (GECS) report.

This is the largest regular economic survey of accountants and finance professionals around the world jointly carried out quarterly by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA).According to the survey report, outlook for the South Asian region has risen mainly due to better prospects in India.

In contrast, the global confidence fell by nine points in Q3, with the largest fall in North America followed by Western Europe.

However, both the regions showed "relatively" high levels of confidence, as is the case globally.

Furthermore, the survey cited that global economic

growth connected to pandemic recovery weakened in Q3, 2021.It found that when looking at new orders, there was a split between advanced regions and emerging markets."There were falls in orders affecting North America and Western Europe contrasted with modest improvements in emerging markets," the report said.

"However, the wider economic prospects in developed economies remain brighter than in emerging markets, where low vaccination rates continue to drag on economic recovery."Apart from Africa, the survey pointed out that all major regions reported order levels above their pre-pandemic level, indicating a continued global recovery.

"Another positive indication from the survey are the two 'fear indices' which measure concern that customers and suppliers may go out of business. Both declined again in Q3 and are now back in line with their long-run average levels after spiking around Q2 2020."

Joshi compliments coal cos for record supply of 22 lakh tonnes of dry fuel to thermal power plants

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi on Saturday complimented coal companies, including state-owned CIL, for record supply of 22 lakh tonnes of the dry fuel to thermal power plants.

This comes amid thermal power plants facing coal shortages.

Joshi has expressed happiness over coal ministry's remarkable achievement of attaining 22 lakh tonnes coal dispatch to thermal power plants on Thursday (October 28), the Ministry said in a statement.

In a tweet, the Minister said out the above quantity, 18 lakh tonnes have been supplied by Coal India Ltd (CIL).

Congratulating all coal companies for this feat, Joshi urged them to keep increasing coal production and offtake.

Joshi had on Thursday said CIL has stepped up fuel supply to meet the increased demand of the power sector and arrest shortages at thermal power plants caused due to rising cost of imported coal.

CAI estimates cotton production at 360.13 L bales for 2021-22 crop year

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Cotton Association of India (CAI) on Saturday estimated cotton output at 360.13 lakh bales for the crop year (October-September) 2021-22, due to expectation of better yield.

The total cotton production in the last season is estimated at 353 lakh bales, which is 7.13 lakh bales less than the current season, the CAI said in a statement. "The cotton yield is estimated to be excellent and the farmers are expected to go for the third and fourth pickings due to good availability of water following a good monsoon," CAI president Atul Ganatra told PTI. The total estimated cotton supply till end of the 2021-22 season, that is up to September 30, 2022, was at 445.13 lakh bales, which consists of the opening stock of 75 lakh bales at the beginning of the season, crop for the season estimated at 360.13 lakh bales and imports for estimated at the same level as in the last year at 10 lakh bales.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street,
New Delhi-110001.
PROCLAMATION OF SALE
NOTICE UNDER RULE 38 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE
INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH SECTION 25(A) THE
RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS & FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993.

RC No. 213/2018 Dated:- 27.09.2021
In the matter of: ICICI BANK VS MR. JASWANT KASHIWAL

To,
CD# 1
Mr. JASWANT KASHIWAL S/o Mr. Ramesh Chand
R/o 2, Temple Road, Bhogal, Jagpura, Delhi- 110014
CD# 2
Mr. Ramesh Chand S/o Mr. Channu Lal
R/o 2, Temple Road Bhogal, Jagpura, Delhi- 110014

Whereas in execution of ibid RC No.213/2018 dated 07.07.2018 in OA No.115/2017 drawn up by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi, the CD is to pay to the applicant Rs.13,65,835.48/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred - Thirty Five & Paisa Forty Eight Only) has become due from you as per the ibid Recovery Certificate drawn in OA No. 115/2017 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal- II, Delhi. The applicant is entitled to recover a sum of Rs. Rs.13,48,835.48/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs One Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five & Paisa Forty Eight Only) alongwith pendente-lite and future interest @10.10% per annum simple from 07.01.2017 till realization with cost of Rs.17,000/- and costs from the Certificate Debtor (CDs), failing which the amount shall be recovered by sale of the hypothecated vehicles. In case of any shortfall, the same shall be recovered from the personal movable and immovable assets of the CDs.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the hypothecated vehicle mentioned in scheduled property for satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.

3. Notice is hereby given that in the absence of any order of postponement, the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) shall be sold through e auction through <https://auctions.cardekho.com/> auctions@cardekho.com, by e-auction at 11:00 AM on 17.11.2021.

4. The CH bank shall ensure that prospective bidders are allowed inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) before day of auction for which interested Individuals may contact the concerned officer of CH Sh.Rajeev Ranjan (MOB: 8584874809).

5. The sale shall be of the movable property of the above named Certificate Defaulters (CD), subject to the liabilities and claims attaching to the said hypothecated vehicle, if any.

6. The sale shall be stopped if, before lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate alongwith the interest and costs has been paid to the undersigned.

7. At the sale the public generally are invited to bid either personally or by duly authorized agent. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS" BASIS. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Scheduled to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions.

9. The particulars specified in the Schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

S. No.	Details of property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)
1.	Hypothecated vehicle i.e. Cruze/ 2.0 LTZ at bearing registration No. DL-3CCC-7094	1,60,000/-	16,000/-

11. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be determined by the Officer conducting the sale. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put to auction.

12. Intending bidders shall be required to pay Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of pay order/demand draft payable at New Delhi and in favour of Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi before the start of bidding and identity proofs, address proofs etc. The said deposit shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidders; and in the case of unsuccessful bidders the same shall be refunded without interest, on the date of sale.

13. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale proceeds by way of pay order/demand draft favoring the Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Delhi, within 24 hours (next working day) by way of bank draft, after adjusting the EMD stated above, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

14. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds alongwith poundage fee @ 2% upto Rupees 1,000/- @ 1% of the sale price exceeding Rupees 1,000/ within 15 days from the date of auction. The Poundage fees shall be deposited through a demand draft payable in favor of the Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi.

15. In case of default, the amount earlier deposited by the bidder, if the undersigned considers fit, after defraying the expenses of the sale shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold, and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part thereof or of any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

16. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

Schedule of Property			
S. No.	Description of property to be sold with names co-owners where the property belongs to the defaulter and any other persons is co- owners	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrances to which the property is liable
1.	Cruze/2.0 LTZ at bearing registration No. DL-3CCC-7094	No Information	No Information

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at New Delhi on this 27.09.2021.

(Uttam Negi)
Recovery Officer- I
DRT-II, Delhi

ICICI Bank

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 (2) 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.	M/s Hora Tourism and Hospitality Consulting Services/ Ashish Chander Sehgal/ Seema Sehgal/ A/c No. 629805023563	Shop No- 3363, 3rd Floor Angel Mega Mall Commercial Plot No CK-1 Kaushambi Ghaziabad 201001/ October 28, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 16,56,661/-	Delhi

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

Date : October 30, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PARIJAT PAPER MILLS LIMITED
CIN: L21012UP1989PLC010589
Reg. Off: Vill-Jat Mujhera 10.6 Km Stone Bhopa Road, Muzaffarnagar-251308, (U.P)
Website: www.parijatpapermills.com, Email id: parijatpapermills@yahoo.com

STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UN- AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2021

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	(Amount in Rs. Lakhs)					
		QUARTER ENDED		HALF YEAR ENDED		YEAR ENDED	
		30.09.2021	30.06.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	3054.45	2286.41	2043.26	5340.86	2485.48	8101.51
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(188.43)	99.91	4.32	(88.52)	(36.17)	75.65
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	(188.43)	99.91	4.32	(88.52)	(36.17)	75.65
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(172.84)	84.32	3.52	(88.52)	(36.17)	49.48
5	Total comprehensive income for the period(Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) & Other Comprehensive Income(after tax))	(172.84)	84.32	3.52	(88.52)	(36.17)	49.48
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10)	329	329	329	329	329	329
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	520.52	693.36	562.88	520.52	523.17	609.04
8	Earnings per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)	(5.25)	2.56	0.11	(2.69)	1.10	1.50
	(a) Basic (b) Diluted						

NOTES :-

- The above results were reviewed by an Audit Committee and thereafter taken on record by the Board of Directors in their meeting on 30.10.2021 after review by an Audit Committee.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly & year to date financial results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation I 33 of SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly & year to date financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.msei.in) and the Company's website (www.parijatpapermills.com)

For Parijat Paper Mills Limited
Sd/-
Amit Mittal
Whole Time Director
DIN: 00754471

Date : 30.10.2021
Place: Muzaffarnagar

PERFECTPAC LIMITED
Regd. Office: 910, Chiranjiv Tower-43, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019
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CIN No.: L72100DL1972PLC005971, **Phone No.** 011-26441015-18

EXTRACT OF UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

PARTICULAR	Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended		Year Ended
	30.09.2021	30.06.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021
	UN-AUDITED	UN-AUDITED	UN-AUDITED	UN-AUDITED	UN-AUDITED	AUDITED
Total Revenue from operations	2245.81	1749.56	1802.84	3995.37	2422.06	6590.14
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)	77.17	(12.13)	50.07	65.04	(15.22)	107.78
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	77.17	(12.13)	50.07	65.04	(15.22)	107.78
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and Exceptional items	55.60	(6.92)	31.68	48.68	(15.22)	77.17
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	55.60	(6.92)	31.68	48.68	(15.22)	81.58
Equity Share Capital	133.26	133.26	133.26	133.26	133.26	133.26
Earnings Per Share of Rs. 10/- each						
1. Basic (Rs.)	4.17	(0.52)	2.38	3.65	(1.14)	5.79
2. Diluted (Rs.)	4.17	(0.52)	2.38	3.65	(1.14)	5.79

NOTES:

- The above unaudited financial results were, subjected to limited review by the Statutory Auditors of the Company, reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on October 30, 2021.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2021, filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2021 along with review report of the Statutory Auditors is available under the investor section of our website at www.perfectpac.com and on the website of the stock exchanges i.e. www.bseindia.com and www.cse-india.com

For PERFECTPAC LIMITED
SANJAY RAJGARHIA
MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN: 00154167

Place: New Delhi
Date: 30.10.2021

Gold prices expected to reach ₹52-53k mark in next 12 months: MOFS

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

In 2021, prices of the precious metal have been trading between ₹47,000 and 49,000 mark per 10 grams.

However, gold prices had seen a surge during 2019 52 per cent and 25 per cent in 2020.

According to Motilal Oswal Financial Services note, bullion have been in a consolidation mode from last Diwali to this Diwali, and in the past few months have witnessed some choppiness amidst

volatility in US Dollar and bond yields.

Nevertheless, during the first half of the year, better than expected economic data and hawkish outlook from the US Federal Reserve have kept most market participants on the edge.

On the other hand, the second half has witnessed weaker data set and change in US Fed's approach "which could get the gold bulls excited once again."

Climate, Covid and corporate tax on the G-20 agenda in Rome

AP ■ ROME

The leaders of the world's economic powerhouses gathered Saturday for the first in-person summit since the coronavirus pandemic, with climate change, Covid-19 economic recovery and the global minimum corporate tax rate on the agenda.Italian Premier Mario Draghi welcomed the Group of 20 heads of state to Rome's Nuvola cloud-like convention center in the Fascist-era EUR neighborhood, which was

sealed off from the rest of the capital. Saturday's opening session was focused on global health and the economy, with a meeting on the sidelines for key leaders to discuss next steps on Iran's nuclear program.Italy is hoping the G-20 will secure key commitments from countries representing 80% of the global economy — and responsible for around the same amount of global carbon emissions — ahead of the U.N. Climate conference that begins Sunday in Glasgow, Scotland.

Business briefs

SCHOLARSHIP FOR B.SC IN HOSPITALITY & HOTEL ADMIN
New Delhi: Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India in association with Hotel and Restaurant Association of North India has announced the launch of a scholarship programme for students interested in pursuing a 3-year B.Sc in hospitality and hotel administration from the FHRAI Institute of Hospitality Management Greater Noida.

INNOVATION IN CHARCOAL-FREE INCENSE STICK
New Delhi: Innovation is more than just a buzzword for the Indian incense industry. With this in mind, Mysore Deep Perfumery House's Zed Black has launched charcoal-free agarbatti Aromix - 'Fusion Incense Sticks. "This is a next level of innovation," said Anshul Agrawal, Director, Zed Black.

उत्तराखण्ड प्रेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम
कार्यालय: अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, देहरादून शाखा, स्ट्रीट नं 11, राजेन्द्र नगर, देहरादून -248001 फोन नं. : 0135-2751879 ईमेल: sa@circle10@yahoo.com

पत्रांक-5468 / निविदा / 489 दिनांक:- 29.10.2021

“ई-निविदा सूचना”

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड प्रेयजल निगम, देहरादून के पत्रांक 5464 / निविदा / 488, दिनांक 29.10.2021 द्वारा जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत जनपद देहरादून के विकासखण्ड डोईवाला की बडासी ग्राउट प्रेयजल योजना के निर्माण एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्यों हेतु राज्य सरकार की वेबसाईट <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> के माध्यम से दिनांक 01.11.2021 से 18.11.2021 तक ई-निविदा (e-tender) आमंत्रित की जा रही है। निविदा की नियम व शर्त उपरोक्त वेबसाईट से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

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RO. No. 813 e-Tender Notice Date: 30.10.2021

Office of Executive Engineer (Maint.), Khodri Power Station, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites online tenders for following work:

Tender No: 12/EE(Maint.)/Khodri/2021-22 for Procurement of Various pumps for Water supply system of Tons Colony

Estimated Cost: Rs.26,00,000/-

Date of availability of tender on website: 01.11.2021 from 18:00 hrs.

Last date for submission of bid on website: 22.11.2021 up to 16:00 hrs.

For downloading tender documents and other details, please visit e-procurement portal "<https://uktenders.gov.in>"

Executive Engineer(Maint), Khodri
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"



With the onset of winters, poor air quality will make the matter worse with the cases of lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma increasing and the air pollution resulting from Diwali would be the final nail in the coffin. Keeping looming virus, Dengue, skin health and nutrition in mind, SUPRIYA RAMESH speaks with experts on how to be safe this season

With Diwali around the corner, Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) has deteriorated to 353. Currently, Delhi has 13 pollution hot spots including Rohini, Okhla Phase-2, Punjabi Bagh, Vivek Vihar, Wazirpur, Jahangirpuri, RK Puram, and Narela; these were identified by the Central Pollution Control Board in 2018.

The other locations which feature regularly on the top five most polluted hot spots include Nehru Nagar, Mundka, Shadipur and Dilshad Garden.

With the existing poor air quality, the onset of winters have started making the matter worse with the cases of lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma on rise.

Dr Shuchin Bajaj, Founder and Director, Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals tells us that the air pollution resulting from Diwali would be the final nail in the coffin because the festival of light marks the last day of harvest, thereby paving the way for highly-polluted stubble burning in the Northern states.

On top of that the bursting of unregulated firecrackers release huge quantities of toxic chemicals into the air. Dr Bajaj syas, "Health experts have warned people against the bad air quality and said exposure to every slight increase in air pollutants is associated with a substantial increase in the risk of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) like lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and asthma.

In the past too, we have seen how the harmful particulate matter present in the air exacerbates outcomes for those who do have COPD, lung cancer and asthma. They also increase one's risk of developing these diseases if exposed to such bad air quality for a longer period of time.

"Last year, doctors had witnessed many fresh cases of respiratory disorders and NCDs in their OPDs. When there is also a pandemic, we need to act on multiple fronts to get hold of the situation. This is the high time that we should look for sustainable solutions for controlling air pollution as it has been causing considerable deterioration of the vital organs," says Dr Bajaj.

He shares some of the pertinent health issues due to air pollution during Diwali:

Asthma and Pulmonological Problems: Pollutants can cause eye irritation, headaches, pulmonary emphysema, chest and throat blockages, coughs, colds and respiratory allergies are more likely to cause problems in people suffering from asthma. Other problems include bronchial asthma, eye infections, allergic bronchitis, chronic bronchitis, COPD

(chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), allergic rhinitis, laryngitis, sinusitis, pneumonia and the common cold. If you are a patient of asthma, do not light firecrackers. Use a mask or cover your nose and mouth with a wet towel to avoid toxic air.

Cardiovascular issues:

High decibel noise and polluted air during Diwali can bother people with existing heart conditions and high blood pressure. This can further lead to sleep disturbances, and other complications. A sudden loud noise can cause temporary or permanent deafness or even a heart attack. Use earbuds, cotton, or noise-cancelling headphones to reduce cracker noise.

Mental health problems

When it comes to mental health issues, loud Diwali celebrations and polluted air can affect the normal functioning of the brain and result in restlessness, impulsive behaviour, anger, extravagance and overreacting to any situation. It especially occurs in young children, pregnant women, heart patients and people suffering from respiratory problems. In severe cases, people may experience nausea and a temporary state of mind.

Air pollution can lead to DNA mutation:

Air pollution does not only cause considerable deterioration of the vital organs but also damage on the cellular level. Breathing in highly polluted air on a regular basis, or long term exposure can compromise cellular composition, which in turn leads to DNA mutations. Any level of cellular damage can cause organ damage and compromise the body's immune response leading to viral multiplication. Those with organ damage and compromised response are at a higher risk for COVID severity. Various studies have suggested that air pollution can lead to endothelial damage, inflammation, which in turn can lead to clogged arteries and heightened cardiovascular risk. Hypertension, which is one factor which poses risk to cardio health, is bad for COVID. Hypertensive patients tend to be low on some form of receptors in the body, known as ACE2, which coronavirus spike proteins interact with and attack the body.

C for Skin

Keeping one's skin healthy and hydrated is as important. With the festival season upon us, outings are frequent. With so much on our plates, from cleaning our house to moving out for shopping, it is obvious that our skin will come in contact with a lot of dust and pollution but at the same time it is important to keep a check on your skin and take care of it.



AIR POLLUTION RESULTING FROM DIWALI WOULD BE THE FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN BECAUSE THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT MARKS THE LAST DAY OF HARVEST, THEREBY PAVING THE WAY FOR HIGHLY-POLLUTED STUBBLE BURNING IN THE NORTH

— DR SHUCHIN BAJAJ, FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, UJALA CYGNUS GROUP OF HOSPITALS

By including Vitamin C, an antioxidant, in your diet, applying it on your skin directly or consuming it in the form of a capsule can help keep your skin healthy and blooming.

"Vitamin C is an antioxidant that can help us fight the devastating effects of pollution. It can rid our bodies of free radicals that cause our cells to age more rapidly. It can also help us breathe easier," says Dr Karuna Malhotra, Cosmetologist and Homeopath Physician, Cosmetic Skin and Homeo Clinic, Rajouri Garden.

Natural sources for Vitamin C are available in plenty, especially in a diet full of fresh foods and nutrient rich fruits and vegetables. If you're looking for the best sources of Vitamin C,



oranges, pineapples, guavas, papayas, strawberries, amla (gooseberry) are all ideal choices.

"I highly recommend that you make a paste of amla and add it to a litre of drinking water. Sip on this throughout the day," Dr Malhotra adds.

Vitamin C is also found in vegetables, stock up on capsicum, kale (a kind of spinach), broccoli, chilli peppers, cauliflower, and brussel sprouts. For a steadier, more measured dose, chewable tablets of 1000 mg Vitamin C are also an option. For more protection inside and out, try a Vitamin C serum (a lotion with at least 15-20 % Vitamin C), applying it to the face at night, she suggests.

Dengue spread

Delhi-NCR among other states has witnessed rapid increase in the number of dengue cases in the past two weeks. The paucity of beds in both government and private hospitals has worsened the situation even more, such grim circumstances that only those seen bleeding and with platelets fallen till 30,000 are being prioritised and given admissions. With the COVID-19 virus still around and new variants emerging every now and then, Dengue just aggravates the situation.

It is important that with the utmost joy during the celebrations in this festive season, we take care of ourselves and the surroundings. Storing or leaving the water stagnated outside or inside the house can be a breeding ground for Aedes mosquitoes. High time that we stop ourselves and others from doing things that would only give space to such happenings.

"Unlike bacterial infections, we do not have effective antiviral drugs for most viral infections and hence prevention is the best bet," says Dr Hari Kishan Boorugu, Consultant Physician and Diabetologist, Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad.

He tells us that Dengue and Chikungunya viruses are transmitted by the Aedes mosquito. Unlike the Anopheles mosquito which transmits malaria, the Aedes mosquito is predominantly a daytime feeder.

"Aedes mosquitoes can grow in small water collections also. Because of its ability to grow in small water collections and daytime feeding habits, it is difficult to prevent its bites and hence Dengue infection" he says.

To prevent Dengue infection, we need to act both at the public health level and individual level. Dr Boorugu tells us how, "At the public health level, regular spraying of anti-mosquito insecticides, ensuring good drainage, and prevention of waterlogging would be helpful.

At an individual level, simple measures like wearing full-sleeved clothes, trousers instead of shorts, and shoes when we venture out will help prevent mosquito bites to some extent."

‘Along with festivities, comes fear of gaining fat’

Festive season is around the corner! Festivities, positive vibes, social gatherings, sweets and what not. But along with these comes, the fear of gaining fat. "To enjoy the season and ensure that we don't gain a lot of fat, first of all, we should not deem that we would gain fat/weight during this period, which leads to us not taking any action to mitigate the gain," says Yash Vardhan

Swami, Health and Fitness Coach and Nutritionist. So, the first thing which needs to change is our mindset and understanding that we can easily mitigate the festive weight gain by using these simple strategies. First we need to understand the main reason and science behind weight gain. When we consume more calories than what we burn, overtime.

We gain weight/fat. To mitigate this, Swami shares ways: 1. Control the amount of calories being consumed. 2. Control the amount of calories being burnt. . Talking about the caloric intake, we can simply skip one of the meals for the day we are indulging in our favorite foods. We can have another meal with just veg-

etables/fruit and protein source and towards the end of the day, we can have a meal of choice, in moderation (and guilt free as we have already pre compensated). Apart from that, we can pre plan what we would eat during the indulgence, so that we don't 'over eat' food which we don't generally crave for. We can also have a small low calorie meal (with a protein source and vegeta-

bles/salad) before the indulgence, which would again help with caloric control. We can also choose low calorie variants of our favourite sweets. We can also stick to our nutrition plan, if craving levels for the indulgences are not high and keep them to a minimum. On the calorie burning spectrum, we can simply continue our regular workouts or ensure that we are working out at least

three times a week to keep up the calorie burning. Along with that, my favourite calorie burning hack is walking! Aiming to walk at least 8000-10000 steps everyday would ensure that we are burning enough calories to attenuate some of the fat gain. And all of this walking can be done at home too! Just track them and get going!

ATTACKING SOMEONE OVER THEIR RELIGION IS THE MOST, I WOULD SAY, PATHETIC THING THAT A HUMAN BEING CAN DO

— VIRAT KOHLI

KOHLI’S HOUR OF RECKONING

...as India face Kiwis in ‘virtual quarter-final’

PTI ■ DUBAI

Virat Kohli will be facing the most defining test of his captaincy career as he expects his men to be the proverbial “phoenix rising from the ashes” when India take on a ‘do-or-die’ ICC T20 World Cup Super 12 game here on Sunday.

Having endured a nightmare last Sunday against Pakistan, a match that they would like to forget in a hurry, India have a lot of course correction to do against the Kiwis, more so in getting the roles assigned for the players right.

It wont be easy against a quality New Zealand, which will come hard at India having also lost to Pakistan in their opening game. Tim Southee and Trent Boult, especially have been a nemesis for the Indians in big games.

And herein lies India’s chance but for that, their bowlers need to implement the game plans perfectly, something they couldn’t against Pakistan.

Even more important will be execution from two players on whom the team management has heavily invested — a half-fit Hardik Pandya and an out-of-form Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who have been the weak-links of this Indian team.

That he hasn’t exactly been truthful about the status of his bowling capabilities has been



exposed and trying to roll his arm over at the nets speaks volumes of his desperation. His franchise Mumbai Indians are putting him back in the auction pool and time, indeed, is running out for him.

Bhuvneshwar could well be playing his last international tournament. His pace has dropped remarkably in the past two seasons and somewhere he has not been a patch of what his younger competitor Deepak Chahar has been in recent years.

Yet, India have punted on his experience and it’s high-time that he delivers before being shunned into oblivion.

India have shown in recent times, at least, in Test arena that they can come back from brink

with unforgettable performances but Kohli in his last assignment as T20 captain would like to change the script that always seemed to go awry at global events.

More so, because another failure at a mega event could well mean that there will be aspersions cast on his abilities as a white ball skipper and the 50-over leadership will also come under the scanner.

Kohli is a man, who loves it the tough way. He loves a good scrap and a situation where he envisages that the entire world (even if they are not) is out there to get him, conspiring against him and wants to see him fail.

He gets an adrenaline rush thinking about such a situation

from where he is bailing out the team. But of late, Kohli, the skipper and Kohli, the batter haven’t been in sync like it had been in the past.

Now there is a world class performer, who is ready to play the waiting game, anchor the innings and happy to bat at a strike-rate of ‘120-ish’, letting others hog the limelight. It’s an act of self preservation which he is keeping his and Indian cricket’s best interests in mind as he is 33 and at least good six years of top-flight game still left in him. India’s presence till the business end is not just an emotional necessity for its billion fans but also a commercial requirement for the tournament to retain its vigour.

Even after being clubbed in the easier group where three matches, including Afghanistan should be literally walk-in-the-park for these stars who rake in mega moolah per IPL season but are now facing the fear of an early exit from the tournament.

With Pakistan already on six points having played all their tough games (India, New Zealand and Afghanistan) in the first week of Super 12s, they are expected to steamroll Namibia and Scotland en route their expected top place finish in group 2.

This leaves both India and New Zealand in a virtual shoot-out position as whoever wins has a chance to finish on maximum eight points and grab the second place in the group.

However with the dew playing a major role in the evenings, toss is indeed playing a very crucial role in the outcome of night matches. Kohli will be hoping to at least win the toss and may be ensure that KL Rahul and Co don’t have to face Trent Boult’s ‘break back’ swingers first up when some moisture would be on offer.

Suryakumar Yadav would like to put up a better performance and Rishabh Pant would certainly like to finish off in style after the kind of start he got against Pakistan.

In a nutshell, Kohli faces an acid test of his leadership career, which is reaching business end.



Teams:

India: Virat Kohli (c), Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah, Varun Chakravarthy, Shardul Thakur, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ishan Kishan, Rahul Chahar

New Zealand: Kane Williamson (c), Martin Guptill, Daryl Mitchell, Devon Conway, Tim Seifert (wk), James Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi, Trent Boult, Tim Southee, Mark Chapman, Adam Milne, Kyle Jamieson, Todd Astle.



NEW ZEALAND’S PERFECT RECORD AGAINST INDIA IN T20 WORLD CUP

❖ After losing to arch rivals Pakistan in the first match, India take on New Zealand in the second match in a Super-12 Group 2 stage clash at Dubai on Sunday (October 31). Kiwis also lost to Pakistan in their opening match

❖ A win on Sunday might not guarantee either team a place in the semi-final but a defeat might severely hamper their chances of making it to the last 4

❖ India have won six, lost eight and tied two in 16 Twenty-20 Internationals played against New Zealand. They have won both tied matches against Kiwis in Super over, at Hamilton, on January, 29 2020 and at Wellington, two days later

❖ New Zealand has never lost to India in a Twenty-20 World Cup. After the 2003 World

Cup, the Indian team has not been able to beat New Zealand in any ICC tournament so far. In the year 2007, India had to face defeat against New Zealand in the Twenty-20 World Cup. After this, the Indian team was also defeated in the 2016 Twenty-20 World Cup. Apart from this, in the year 2019, a match between the two teams in the 50 overs World Cup was inconclusive, while India was defeated by 18 runs in the semi-finals of the same 50 overs World Cup.

❖ The men in blue have won three and tied two in last five matches played against Kiwis. The last meeting between these two sides happened in the final match of the five-match series at Mount Maunganui on February 2, 2020 and India cruised to seven runs in the game.

INDIA-NEW ZEALAND IN TWENTY-20 INTERNATIONALS SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Venue	Played	Ind won	NZ won	Tied
In India	5	2	3	
In New Zealand	10	4	4	2
In South Africa	1	1	-	
Total	16	6	8	2
In World Cup	2	2	-	
Last five matches	5	3	2	

INDIA DEFEATED NEW ZEALAND BOTH TIMES IN SUPER OVER IN TIED MATCHES

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS:		
India:	208-6 in 20 at Hamilton	10-02-2019
New Zealand:	219-6 in 20 overs at Wellington	06-02-2019
LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS:		
India:	79 in 18.1 overs at Nagpur	15-03-2016
New Zealand:	126-7 in 20 overs atNagpur	15-03-2016
HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES:		
India:	80 Rohit Sharma at Delhi	01-11- 2017
80 Shikhar Dhawan at Delhi	01-11- 2017	
New Zealand:	109* Colin Munro at Rajkot	04-11-2017
BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES:		
India:	3-12 Jasprit Bumrah at Mount Maunganui	02-02-2020
New Zealand:	4-11 Mitchell Santner at Nagpur	15-03-2016
FAISEL FEATURES:		

Both India and NZ eager to open account: Southee

PTI ■ DUBAI

Fast bowler Tim Southee feels coming off losses in their respective tournament openers, both India and New Zealand would be desperate to outwit each other in what promises to be an exciting T20 World Cup Super 12 game between the two “very good sides.”

Both India and New Zealand were handed defeats by Pakistan in their tournament openers. While Virat Kohli’s men were drubbed by 10 wick-

ets in their first Group 2 match, the Black Caps lost by five wickets. And the Kiwi pacer said come Sunday, both the wounded sides would be eager to open their tally in the showpiece.

“They (India) are a quality side. They have shown that for many years and for them as well coming off a loss, they will be eager to win as well. So, it should be a great contest against two very good sides,” Southee said after a practice session on Friday. “It’s always tight in the first game. We went far off

against a quality Pakistan side but we need to look forward in such a short tournament. There are no easy games so it’s now about focus shifting towards India.” Southee, who claimed his 100th T20 wicket in the loss against Pakistan, said adapting to the conditions and wickets is the need of the hour.

New Zealand will be playing at the Dubai International Cricket

Stadium for the first time during the competition, while India lost at the same ground in

their opener. “We knew coming here is different to how we play in New Zealand. So, you have to adapt to those conditions, you also have to adapt to all three grounds as well.

“They offer different assistance for the seamers. We saw in Sharjah slower balls and back of the length worked. In Dubai, the wicket has little more pace in it and seems to be a better wicket,” he observed.

Asked about his 100 T20 wicket milestone, Southee said: “It’s nice when you play for a

while and get a milestone. Not many people have done it so far with T20 not being around for too long.

“Not only T20, but all three formats. It’s a challenge to juggle all three formats and to be able to do that for a long period of time is pretty satisfying,” he said. “Looking at ways to keep improving your game, adapt to different conditions, different formats is something I have looked to do over the years. Hopefully there is many more years to come,” he added.



Miller blitzkrieg powers South Africa to four-wicket win

PTI ■ SHARJAH

David Miller’s two last-over sixes powered South Africa to a four-wicket victory over Sri Lanka despite a hat-trick by Wanindu Hasaranga in a thrilling Super 12 match of the ICC T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

Miller’s 23-run unbeaten cameo off just 13 balls ensured South Africa knock off the required 25 runs in the last two overs, including 15 in the final six deliveries. The Proteas did so with a ball to spare.

In a match where the pendulum swung till the very end, Kasigo Rabada (13 not out off 7 balls) took a single in the first ball of the last over. Then Miller smashed two back-to-back sixes off pacer Lahiri Kumura to seal the game in his team’s favour.

Rabada completed the chase by hitting the winning runs -- a boundary to the third man fence -- as the Proteas continued their fine run to stay afloat in the tournament.

First left-arm spinner Tabraiz Shamsi (3/17) ran through the Sri Lankan batters as South Africa bundled them

out for 142 despite opener Pathum Nissanka’s whirlwind 72 and then chased the tricky target.

Thus, the efforts of young leg-spinner Hasaranga (3/20), who scalped two wickets in the 18th over, went in vain.

Skipper Temba Bavuma (46) played his part to perfection as he took the game deep and then Miller justified his finisher’s tag.

Chasing 143, South African lost Reeza Hendricks (11), Quinton de Kock (12) and Rassie van der Dussen (16) cheaply.

Bavuma and Aiden Markram (19) took the game deep with their crucial 47-run stand, which played a role in the side’s win.

Earlier, left-arm wrist spinner Shamsi spun his web around the Sri Lankan batters as South Africa bowled their opponents out.

On a track that aided spinners, Shamsi rattled the Sri Lankan middle-order to return with fine figures of 3/17 and his scalps included Bhanuka Rajapaksa (0), Avishka Fernando (3) and Hasaranga

(4). The 23-year-old Nissanka was the lone Sri Lankan to shine with the bat, hitting 72 off just 58 balls, with six fours and three sixes.

Put into bat, Kusal Perera (7) and Nissanka, who hit his second T20 fifty, started cautiously. Pacer Kagiso Rabada conceded two boundaries in the second over as the Islanders amassed nine runs.

Pacer Anrich Nortje cleaned up Perera as Sri Lanka lost their first wicket with 20 on the board.

Then in-form Charith Asalanka (21) joined Nissanka and the duo tried to rally the innings with a 41-run stand.

Asalanka struck two successive fours in the sixth over off Nortje, including a straight drive, as Sri Lanka fetched 13 runs from it and cantered to 39/1 after power-play.

After a couple of slow overs, both Asalanka and Nissanka freed their arms, hammering a six each in the 9th over bowled by Keshav Maharaj (0/24).

But South African pegged back the host by scalping four quick wickets.

England crush Aus by 8 wickets

PTI ■ DUBAI

Jos Buttler hammered a brutal 32-ball 71 not out to complement a superlative performance from the bowlers as England crushed Australia by eight wickets in their Super 12 match to inch closer to a semi-final spot at the T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

It was a thoroughly professional display by the ODI world champions as they bundled out Australia for 125 and then returned to overhaul the target of 126 in 11.4 overs to consolidate their top position in the Group 1 points table.

Buttler and Jason Roy (22) hammered the Australian bowlers all around the park to amass 66 runs for no loss in the powerplay, the highest by any team so far in the tournament.

Buttler was the most dangerous of the England batters as he slammed five fours and as many sixes during his unbeaten knock, which is the fastest fifty in the tournament till now.

Australia managed to get rid of Roy and Dawid Malan (8) but it made no difference as Jonny Bairstow joined Buttler in sending their opponents on a leather hunt.

Bairstow smashed two sixes off Adam Zampa during his unbeaten 10-ball 16 run innings as England reached 126 for 2 to win the match with 50 balls to spare.

England thus completed a hat-trick of wins, while Australia suffered their first loss of the tournament after beating South Africa and Sri Lanka in their previous two games.

Earlier, Chris Woakes



(2/23) and Chris Jordan (3/17) rattled Australia’s top-order by removing opener David Warner (1), Steve Smith (1) and Glenn Maxwell (6) in the first four overs before skipper Aaron Finch (44 off 49 balls) resurrected the innings.

Ashton Agar (20), Pat Cummins (12) and Mitchell Starc (13) then hit some lusty blows at the death to give some respectability to the Australian total.

Woakes was in action early on as he induced a nick from Warner to deal the first blow and then pulled off a sensational catch at mid-on to remove Steve Smith off Jordan’s bowling. Woakes then trapped Maxwell in front of wicket as Australia slumped to 15 for 3 in 4 overs.

Leg-spinner Adil Rashid (1/19), who had opened the bowling for England, then returned to trap Marcus Stoinis LBW with a googly as Australia

were tottering at 21 for 4 in 6.1 overs. Matthew Wade (18) then joined skipper Finch, taking Australia to 41 for four in 10 overs. Wade, however, perished in the 12th over after holding out at long-on to Jason Roy off Liam Livingstone.

Finch smashed back-to-back boundaries to cream 10 runs off Tymal Mills, before picking up another boundary off Jordan in the next over.

Agar then exploded in the 17th over as he pulled one from Woakes over deep backward square leg before walloping him for another six over deep midwicket to score 20 runs of the over. He was back to the pavilion after being caught by Livingstone (1/15).

Cummins then clobbered the first two balls he faced for maximums to give Australia momentum. But Jordan returned to remove Finch and Cummins in successive balls.

SUMIT ENTERS PRE-QUARTERS, SACHIN GOES DOWN



PTI ■ BELGRADE

Indian boxer Sumit (75kg) sailed into the pre-quarterfinals of the AIBA Men's World Championships here on Saturday after notching up a comprehensive victory over Tajikistan's Abdumalik Boltayev. Sumit prevailed 5-0 in the bout against Boltayev, who wasn't lacking in intent but was definitely nowhere close to the Indian when it came to punching cleanly. Sumit also copped a warning in the second round for hitting Boltayev on the back of his head repeatedly despite being cautioned by the referee but the docking of one point had no impact on his control over the proceedings as he emerged a unanimous victor. Sumit will face Cuba's Yoennis Hernandez in the pre-quarterfinals on Monday.

However, Sachin (80kg), who got a first-round bye, lost 1-4 to American Robby Gonzales in another last-32 contest.

The Indian seemed up for an intense showdown in the opening round but ran out of steam against Gonzales, who put his long range to good use by poking through the Indian's defences. In a late night bout on Friday, Nishant Dev (71kg) rallied to defeat Mauritian Mervin Clair 4-1 to also secure a pre-quarterfinal berth. He will be up against Mexico's Alvarez Verde in the Last-16 round on Sunday. Later this evening, five-time Asian medallist Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) will fight Sierra Leone's John Brown in the round of 32. Govind Sahani (48kg) will compete in the pre-quarterfinals against Georgia's Sakhil Alakhverdovi. Apart from Nishant, three more Indian boxers will compete in the pre-quarterfinals stage on Sunday. Asian champion Sanjeet (92kg) will take on

Sindhu loses in French Open semifinals

PTI ■ PARIS

India's double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu failed to reach the women's singles summit clash after going down fighting to Japan's Sayaka Takahashi in three games at the French Open badminton tournament here on Saturday. The 26-year-old from Hyderabad squandered a one-game advantage to lose 21-18 16-21 12-21 against the world number 15 Takahashi, a bronze medallist at the 2013 and 2014 Asian Championships. It was her fourth defeat to the 29-year-old Japanese in eight meetings. Sindhu, the reigning world champion, had lost in the quarterfinals at the Denmark Open last week in Odense. The world number 7 Indian started the match on a positive note as there was little to separate the two. The duo played short rallies, trying to outwit each other with their attacking shots. After going neck-and-neck from 5-5 to 9-9 in the opening game, Takahashi unleashed a powerful smash which hit

Sindhu's cheeks, to lead 10-9, but the Indian recovered to level the scores with a cross court smash. The Japanese had a slender one-point advantage at the break. After the interval, Sindhu quickly erased a two-point deficit with a diagonal return before grabbing a one-point lead after winning a 27-shot rally. Takahashi exploited Sindhu's weak backhand to regain the lead. She added another point with a lucky net chord but the Indian unleashed three back-to-back smashes to make it 17-16. A misjudgement at the forecourt and two net errors by Takahashi gave Sindhu four game points. The Indian wasted two of them before slamming down a winner to pocket the first game. After the change of ends, Sindhu continued her momentum, leading 5-2 early on. However, Takahashi again clawed her way back at 6-6, with Sindhu going wide. The Indian showed great defence as she sent one ballooning over Takahashi at the backline and then unleashed a stiff smash to lead 9-6, and had her nose ahead at the interval.

Georgia's Giorgi Tchigladze while Akash Kumar (54kg), who received a walkover in the last round, and

Narender (+92kg) will face Puerto Rico's Caleb Tirado and Tajikistan's Jakhon Qurbonov respectively.

Di Maria leads PSG to 2-1

AP ■ PARIS

Angel Di Maria set up the equalizer and then netted the winning goal himself as Paris Saint-Germain rallied past defending champion Lille 2-1 to stretch its lead at the top of the French league to 10 points. Canada striker Jonathan David gave Lille the lead with a first-time effort in the 31st minute, but Di Maria made the difference in the second half. The Argentina forward provided a clipped pass for Marquinhos, who volleyed home from six yards in the 74th. Di Maria then played a one-two with Neymar before burying the ball into the bottom corner in the 88th. Lille dominated the first half, creating three big chances to just one for the short-handed PSG, which was without a handful of players. The visitors threatened in the opening minute by hitting PSG on the fast break. Jonathan Ikone outpaced Presnel Kimpembe to make a low cross for Burak Yilmaz, whose effort was saved by Gianluigi Donnarumma. Then Yilmaz found Ikone in the 14th, but the Lille winger missed the target from 12 yards as he was put off by Thilo Kehrer. Lionel Messi had been doubtful because of a small muscle problem but still started the game for PSG. However, Messi struggled in the role of a false nine, volleying wide after a cross from Di Maria in the 30th, and was replaced by Mauro Icardi at halftime. "That was a precaution," PSG coach Mauricio Pochettino said about the substitution. "He couldn't keep playing. I hope it's not a big issue and he can be available for the next game." Lille opened the scoring by playing out from the back in the 31st.



The visitors moved the ball from the right wing to the left, where Yilmaz rounded Kehrer to cut the ball back for David, who guided a first-time effort into the top corner. Already the top scorer in the French league this season, David raised his tally to eight goals. The Parisians' only good chance in the first half resulted from intricate passing. Georginio Wijnaldum fed Di Maria, who curled a shot wide from a tight angle in the 40th. Lille had opportunities to double the lead after the break. Ikone slipped a throughball to David, who was denied by Donnarumma in the 47th. Then Lille hit PSG on the fast break in the 56th when David fed Yilmaz, whose lob was palmed away by Donnarumma. With Lille exploiting the space behind the PSG fullbacks, coach Mauricio Pochettino made a tactical switch and replaced Kehrer and Juan Bernat with Colin Dagba and Nuno Mendes in the 65th. "I think it's good to be flexible. Sometimes the plan doesn't work," Pochettino said. "I think, little by little, maybe it's an option that we

need to think about and try to maybe adapt the team." Di Maria was PSG's biggest threat throughout, and forced goalkeeper Ivo Grbic to parry his long-range strike in the 59th. The Argentine then crossed for Icardi, who headed over the bar in the 73rd, before setting up Marquinhos for the equalizer a minute later. PSG finished stronger and Neymar played Icardi clean through on goal in the 85th, but Grbic saved with his leg. Neymar again showed his deft touch when collecting Di Maria's pass in the area and controlling it with one foot before playing it back in the path of the Argentine, who scored with a low shot to preserve PSG's perfect record at home. The Parisians have won all their home games at Parc des Princes in all competitions this season. PSG missed the suspended Achraf Hakimi and Marco Verratti, the injured Sergio Ramos and Leandro Paredes and an infected Kylian Mbappe. On Saturday, second-place Lens visits Lyon while Metz hosts bottom side Saint-Etienne.

India face Kyrgyz Republic in crucial match

PTI ■ DUBAI

India will lock horns with Kyrgyz Republic in a do-or-die last league match of the AFC U-23 Asia Cup qualifiers on Sunday, hoping to qualify for the tournament proper of the continental youth championship. India will not only have to win their match but also hope that result of the other game in Group E too goes in their favour. The Indians beat Oman 2-1 but lost to the hosts UAE in their previous matches. "We are treating the match against Kyrgyz Republic as any other game," head coach Igor Stimac said prior to the crucial game. India have three points from two matches, and a win against Kyrgyz Republic will brighten their chances of qualifying for the



AFC U-23 Asian Cup, scheduled to be held next year in Uzbekistan. "The boys need to try staying concentrated and disciplined, always respectful to the oppo-

nent, but without any fear," the head coach added. "Moving the ball quickly, and switching sides is crucial against aggressive teams like Kyrgyz. So let's hope our boys will stay

focused.

We have seen in our last match against UAE that the pace of the game is much quicker than what our boys are used to, so having more than two

touches on the ball doesn't help," he maintained. India had beaten Oman in their first game and suffered a 0-1 loss against UAE. In contrast, Kyrgyz Republic beat UAE 2-1 in their first match and lost to Oman 0-1 in the second. "Kyrgyz Republic defeated UAE deservedly and were unlucky to lose to Oman in the dying minutes after missing some great chances. They are an aggressive side, and are physically very strong, well prepared and quick in transition," Stimac explained. "They have 4-5 players with great technical abilities so we shouldn't leave time or space for them to operate. Off the ball, they move well and we need to find a way to move the ball before they get to us. It will be a very interesting game," Stimac concluded.

Ramsdale heroics preserve Arsenal

AP ■ LEICESTER

Aaron Ramsdale produced a stunning goalkeeping performance to help Arsenal secure a 2-0 win at Leicester that extended the team's unbeaten run in the Premier League to seven games on Saturday. Goals in the opening 18 minutes by center back Gabriel and midfielder Emile Smith Rowe put Arsenal in command before Ramsdale took center stage at the King Power Stadium. If his save to tip wide Kelechi Iheanacho's curling shot was impressive, it paled in

comparison to a flying leap across his line to palm a free kick by James Maddison onto the crossbar just before half time. Leicester manager Brendan Rodgers was already celebrating a goal in his technical area. Ramsdale, signed from relegated Sheffield United in the summer transfer window, also denied Ademola Lookman and Harvey Barnes with sprawling saves in the second half as Arsenal was forced to defend stoutly to preserve its clean sheet. Arsenal lost its first three league games, putting manag-

er Mikel Arteta under some early-season pressure, but has responded by winning five of its next seven to soar into the top half of the standings. Smith Rowe has been a big part of that and the 21-year-old midfielder made it three goals in his last five league games with the second against Leicester, slotting home from inside the area after the ball broke free when Luke Thomas tackled Alexandre Lacazette. Gabriel put Arsenal ahead by glancing home a header from Bukayo Saka's right-wing corner in the fifth minute.

G Sathiyam and Harmeet Desai win men's double

PTI ■ TUNIS (TUNISIA)

Indian table tennis duo of G Sathiyam and Harmeet Desai notched up a dominating 3-1 win over Emmanuel Lebesson and Alexandre Cassin in the summit clash to claim the men's doubles title at the WTT Contender Tunis here on Saturday. Sathiyam and Desai beat the French duo 11-9 4-11 11-9 11-6. The Indian duo pocketed the first game but they lost momentum and allowed the French pair to level the match.

Sathiyam and Desai, however, clawed their way back by taking the lead once again and then hardly broke a sweat in winning the fourth game and the title. "Doubles victory for Sathiyam Gnanasekaran and Harmeet Desai! #Congratulations for clinching the #WTTTunis Men's Doubles title! #WTT #tabletennis #pingpong," World Table Tennis (WTT), the commercial and events company of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), tweeted.

Aditi top Indian at T-13

PTI ■ DUBAI

Indian golfer Aditi Ashok finished a highly creditable tied 13th after carding a final round 69 at the Dubai Moonlight Classic here. Aditi, who had finished fourth at the Tokyo Olympics, had shot rounds of 69-71 on the first two days on the Ladies European Tour event. Tvesa Malik, who has been having a great season, mirrored her second round 71 for rounds of 70-71-71 and also squeezed into Top-20 at the T-19th place. Diksha Dagar, one of the only two Indians to have won a LET title, had her best round of the week with a 70 after 72-71 on the first two days. She was T-24th. Aditi and Diksha had five birdies against two bogeys each, while Tvesa managed five birdies and four bogeys. A sensational final round of 8-under 64 sealed a one-shot victory for England's Bronte Law. It was a superb day in Dubai with 19 players were within six shots of the lead at the Faldo Course at Emirates Golf Club at the end of the second



round. But it was Law who produced one of the rounds of the day to climb up the leaderboard, and her eagle on the 16th saw her post a winning total of 15-under-par. The 2019 Solheim Cup winner began her round on the 18th on the final day of the shotgun start, but didn't make her first birdie until the fifth hole. However, after rolling in back-to-

back birdies the English star got into the groove and rolled in four birdies in five holes before sinking her eagle putt on 16 to seal the victory – her first on the LET. Her first LET win was made even sweeter by the fact that Law was surrounded by friends that she has grown up playing with. It was overnight leader Maria Fassi who claimed second place with a total of 14-under-par after carding a final round of 4-under 68. The Tokyo 2020 Olympian got off to a slow start but Law went ahead. Germany's Esther Henseleit ended the tournament in third place - three shots off the lead after rounds of 72, 66 and 66. Two LET winners from the 2021 season finished tied for fourth on 11-under-par as Pajaree Anannurukarn and Lee-Anne Pace carded final rounds of 69 and 70, respectively. Thailand's Moriya Jutanugarn was sixth on 10-under-par with Olivia Cowan, Ariya Jutanugarn, Magdalena Simmermacher and Alice Hewson rounding out the top ten on nine-under.

Sports Ministry to hand over trophies to winners of 2020 NSA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Sports Ministry is set to physically hand over trophies to all the winners of last year's National Sports Awards during a function at the Ashoka Hotel here on November 1. According to an official of the Sports Ministry, all the winners of 2020 have already received the cash awards but now they will be presented with their trophies and citation during the event. Last year, the National Sports Awards ceremony was held virtually owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Sports Awards are given away on August 29 every year on the occasion of National Sports Day, celebrated on the birth anniversary of hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand. The National Sports Awards include the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award (earlier Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna), Arjuna award, Dronacharya award, Dhyan Chand award among others.

Christian Eriksen banned from playing for Inter Milan

AP ■ MILAN

Christian Eriksen will not be permitted to play in Italy this season as a result of the cardiac arrest he suffered at Euro 2020, his club Inter Milan said in a statement. Eriksen had an on-field

cardiac arrest during Denmark's opening game of the tournament in June against Finland and received life-saving treatment on the pitch. The Dane later had a cardioverter defibrillator device (ICD) implanted, but the Italian Football Federation

has insisted that he will not be allowed to play in Italy unless the ICD is removed. An early exit from Inter therefore seems likely, and it is unclear whether other countries would allow Eriksen to participate in their respective leagues with the ICD device fitted.

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ANITA RAJ

The actor, who is back on the smallscreen playing Kulwant Kaur Dhillon in Choti Sardarni on Colors, speaks with Shalini Saxena about her role here, the changes she has seen in the industry and her commitment to fitness

'I WANT TO DO
ROLES WHERE
I CAN ADD
SOMETHING
WORTHWHILE'



I am sure people would like to see

WHEN I HEARD ABOUT MY
CHARACTER, I FELL IN
LOVE WITH HER. I LOVED
THAT SHE HAS SUCH A
STRONG PERSONALITY.
SHE IS A WOMAN OF
SUBSTANCE THAT I KNEW
I WOULD HAVE FUN
ESSAYING HER. SHE IS A
WOMAN OF
DETERMINATION; SHE IS A
WOMAN OF CHALLENGES;
SHE IS AMBITIOUS

■ What next?
I am open to roles and waiting for the right kind of projects to come my way. But for now, I am busy with *Choti Sarrdaarni*.

The once-in-a-year experience can be overwhelming and indulgent at the same time. It is the time for introducing an artisanal coffee table along with the balconies, relaxing reading books along the window bays and a close-knit furniture setup staged in the living. Share the cheer with your plants that love the overdose of moisture, bring them closer to your seats and give a whiff of rejuvenating scent from the flowering, aromatic houseplants. Snake plants, Boston Ferns, jade, palm and other hydrophilic greens soak up the excess moisture, leaving ambient indoors. More of interior indulgence comes from a dose of nostalgia reflecting along the souvenirs lining the shelves, lure hidden in the artistic centrepieces and everything bespoke. Listen to the mood and go with a free flow of choices that rewrite all the thumb rules in design. The sensorial connection with the outdoors tops the list.

The Shield Blazer: Give your formalwear extra refinement with this double-breasted Ink blue couture suit-set. It's cut in our comfortable slim fit, from Italian terry rayon that ensures a luxurious air. The nylon lining and bespoke button details are exclusive to the brand, you can style it with a sleek belt around your waist to get an enviable contoured look. Pockets at the front add a smart finishing detail. The versatile look is made for all the modern men who believe in comfortable wear with a bespoke feel.



— Kumari Jyoti AKA The Dragon Lady, Founder, Diermeiss

Add composted cow manure to enrich soil. The vine-like growth requires regular trimming to keep the plant the height you need and the shape you want. Give it a hard pruning in spring — late March to early April. Do not prune after late summer.



SUNDAY PIONEER brings you a few delights to make this Diwali smooth and flavoursome

A glass of layered fruit salad. The bottom layer is white chia seeds in a liquid. The middle layer is a thick, yellow-orange puree, likely mango. The top layer is a mixture of diced kiwi and mango. A small sprig of green mint is garnishing the top.

Healthy mango smoothie which is perfect for a quick breakfast or snack. It's perfectly creamy, fruity, tropical, and oh-so refreshing!

- Non-fat yogurt
- Greek yogurt
- Ice cubes
- Banana
- LQI Mango Mojo
- Unsweetened coconut
- Vanilla extract
- Chia seeds (optional)

Top it off with a little extra coconut, some chunked up mango, or sprinkle on whole-grain chia seeds for a protein boost.

A close-up photograph of a glass filled with orange juice. A slice of lemon is perched on the rim of the glass, and a metal stirrer is visible on the left side. The background is a solid light blue.

- Orange Juice
- Mint leaves
- Lemon Juice
- Ice cubes

Empty LQI Mixed Fixed into a blender. Add in orange juice, a pinch of salt, torn mint leaves and lemon juice. Blend. Add some ice cubes and blend again till the ice gets crushed. Pour the smoothie into glass, use a strawberry to garnish and serve chilled.

Experience was very refreshing, very real actually. I discovered that the kind of upbringing, the kind of humbleness I had in my

Yes, I sing, write, compose, produce and act too. I enjoy singing the most. I enjoy my stage. The stage life is amazing. It is the only area where I am a

'I am a devil when on the stage'



A few years back, Bollywood movies had situational tracks. The plot decided the song and lyrics but now that isn't the case. Punjabi music made a huge splash and it got worldwide recognition. Songs are incorporated not as per situation but for foot tapping and crowd engaging purpose. So now there really is no difference.

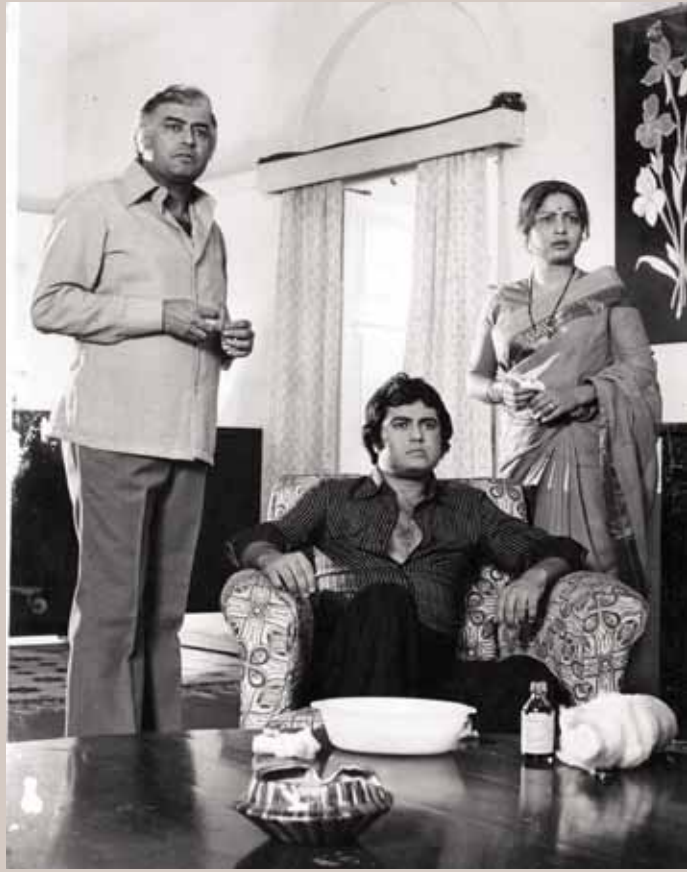
Royals (Lorde)



You have to be confident enough to pick yourself up and go to 30 meetings and be told no every time and not take that to heart
— Jodie Comer



Over 25 years in the industry, Sanjeev Kumar & Rajesh Khanna never visited each other at their homes. However, in November 1985, when Sanjeev Kumar breathed his last, Rajesh Khanna visited to pay his respects, his eyes brimming with tears, write authors **HANIF ZAVERI & SUMANT BATRA** in their book, *An Actor's Actor: An Authorised Biography of Sanjeev Kumar*. An edited excerpt:



(From left) Sanjeev Kumar provided a strong supporting act in the Rajesh Khanna-starrer *Aap Ki Kasam*; A still from *Hamare Tumhare*, Sanjeev Kumar and Rakhee starred in quite a few family melodramas in the 1970s

A LEGENDARY RIVALRY

Eating out is a part of life, be it for leisure or due to travel. However, the more frequently you eat out, the more calories you ingest, getting heavier in the bargain. You don't need me to tell you that, you know it already.

While both Sanjeev and Rajesh hailed from the INT, it was the language that had separated them. Sanjeev mainly performed in Gujarati plays, while Kaka performed in Hindi. Due to the paucity of Gujarati theatre artists of Sanjeev's calibre in Bombay, directors were eager to work with him. Rajesh Khanna, on the other hand, was one of many Hindi-speaking actors desperate for a break. At one time, while Sanjeev was acting in five different plays simultaneously, Rajesh barely had one. Reduced to playing small roles, like that of a doorman in V.K. Sharma's *Mere Desh Ke Gaon*, Kaka had watched from the sidelines as Sanjeev walked away with meatier roles and awards. It took numerous attempts for Rajesh Khanna to finally lay his hands on a college festival award for his role in *Aur Diya Bujh Jaye*. When he won this award, he organized a party to celebrate, and invited Sanjeev Kumar. The latter did not bother to even respond to the invitation, let alone show up.

Notably, although Sanjeev received offers for film roles before Rajesh Khanna did, he had also been struggling for longer. It had taken Sanjeev five years to make the move from theatre to cinema, while Kaka was on stage for barely two years before shifting to the silver screen, according to the director Ramesh Talwar.

Perhaps the two came from worlds so far apart that they could never reconcile their differences. A dishevelled Hari in his ragged kurta pyjamas might have seemed to Rajesh Khanna the very antithesis to the glamorous world of cinema they both were aspiring to enter. Rajesh Khanna, meanwhile, flitting between auditions in his expensive car, would have presented the picture of privilege to the struggling Sanjeev Kumar.

While still a stage actor, Rajesh Khanna was a reticent man, only interacting with his fellow actor Anju Mahendru. He would come to meet her while she was working in B.S. Thapa's *Mehenga Sauda*, but remained aloof from all the other actors present on set, including Sanjeev Kumar. Many assumed that his attitude implied an arrogant belief that he was made for bigger, better things than the Hindi stage.

Anju Mahendru, meanwhile, was good friends with Sanjeev Kumar as well. Rajesh Khanna was often suspicious of their friendship, their easy camaraderie making him believe that they shared a romantic relationship. Although Anju tried to convince him of the contrary, he continued to harbour his suspicions. Sanjeev Kumar had often warned Anju to steer clear of Rajesh Khanna, clearly a

man given to jealous fits of passion. He did not believe it would be possible for her to find a stable life with such a fickle man.

In 1969, setting personal differences aside, Rajesh Khanna and Sanjeev Kumar came together to work with G.P. Sippy for *Bandhan*. Anju Mahendru also acted in the film. Despite the friction, however, they behaved professionally and the movie was completed without any untoward incidents. As time passed, Rajesh Khanna delivered hit after hit, and soon came to be known as the first superstar of Hindi cinema. Sanjeev had made considerable strides as well and was offered roles in numerous critically acclaimed movies. Known for his sensitive, visceral portrayals, he came to play a variety of roles, while Rajesh Khanna carved a niche for himself in the romantic genre.

Towards the end of the 1960s, Hrishikesh Mukherjee had started planning his ambitious project *Anand* (1970) with N.C. Sippy. Based on Raj Kapoor and Hrishikesh Mukherjee's friendship, the film was initially slated to star Kishore Kumar and Mehmood. The title role would go to Kishore Kumar, while Mehmood would play Babu Moshai. Unfortunately, Hrishikesh Mukherjee and Kishore Kumar had a tiff and fell out. Consequently, Kishore left the film and Mehmood followed his friend, although he was unaware of what had transpired. In his biography *Mehmood: A Man of Many Moods*, Mehmood says:

If I had known what had happened with Hrishi-da at that time, I would have spoken to Kishore and sorted the matter.

When Rajesh Khanna heard of *Anand*, he approached the director for the titular role. Delighted at the opportunity to cast the superstar, N.C. Sippy and Hrishikesh Mukherjee readily agreed.

The role of Babu Moshai was still available and Mukherjee decided to approach Sanjeev Kumar, who had already worked with him in *Satyakam* (1969) and *Aashirwad* (1968). Sanjeev, as always, spotted the potential of the script and agreed to do the film. Unfortunately, when Rajesh Khanna was informed of Sanjeev's casting, he grew insecure about his role. Although he had the titular role, the development of Babu Moshai's character was crucial to the plotline. Khanna did not want to share the limelight with Sanjeev. Ultimately, Amitabh Bachchan was cast in the role that Mukherjee had reserved for Sanjeev. This was the first of the two times that Sanjeev Kumar lost a role to Bachchan; the second being for Rajshri Productions' acclaimed project *Saudagar* (1973).

As Anju Mahendru remembers, Rajesh Khanna always remained insecure about his acting prowess in comparison to Sanjeev's. Every time she went to meet Sanjeev, Rajesh would get upset. Sagar Sarhadi remembers this as well. Almost everyone knew the two actors could not stand each other.



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The writer duo Salim-Javed was very close to Rajesh Khanna, having written a screenplay for his film *Haathi Mere Saathi* (1971). Salim Khan and Rajesh Khanna would meet every day at Aashirwad, Khanna's Carter Road residence. On one occasion, when Salim met Rajesh, he was sitting on the bonnet of his car, holding a film magazine. He asked Khan if he had indeed hailed Sanjeev Kumar as one of the best actors of his time in an interview featured therein. A straightforward man, Salim replied that he had. Visibly upset, Rajesh Khanna asked him if he thought Sanjeev was the better actor. Taken aback, Salim Khan explained that his praise for Sanjeev Kumar had been in the context of a specific role, and if he was interviewed about Rajesh Khanna's role, he would have appropriate praise for him as well. Rajesh Khanna was not to be comforted. Brooding, he took off for another shoot, leaving Khan dumbfounded. The incident stayed with Salim Khan for a long time. Chintamani quotes him, saying that Kaka was extremely insecure and possessive. Later, when Salim-Javed started working with other actors, he took it as a betrayal of sorts. As Chintamani writes: "By now, Khanna's insecurity had started taking a toll on him. As a person who by nature was highly insecure and continually sought positive reinforcement, he had surrounded himself yes-men . . ."

Since a palpable tension existed between Sanjeev and Rajesh, very few film-makers were keen on taking on the task of working with them together. However, J. Om Prakash made the surprising choice to cast them both in his directorial debut, *Aap Ki Kasam* (1974), a remake of the Malayalam film *Vazhve Mayam* (1970).

For the lead role, Rajesh Khanna was his first choice. He was a star who could pull huge crowds to the theatre, and following the success of *Anand*, audiences knew him as a capable actor as well. Having decided to cast him, Om Prakash made a small change to the script—an ending similar to that in *Anand*. Armed with his script, Om Prakash met Khanna and narrated the film to him. Aware of Om Prakash's impressive track record, Rajesh Khanna accepted the role eagerly. He was then informed that Sanjeev Kumar would be cast as the second lead. He seemed acquiescent, and Om Prakash went to meet Sanjeev Kumar.

By this time, Sanjeev had started playing lead roles in acclaimed films like *Khilona* (1970), and Om Prakash was worried he would not accept the role. Upon meeting Sanjeev Kumar, however, Om Prakash was impressed with his humility. Before he narrated the script to him, he warned him that he wanted to cast him in the second lead. Sanjeev agreed to the role. Om Prakash signed him on for two other films as well, *Aakraman* (1975) and *Aandhi* (1975). According to one of

Kumar's friends, Sanjeev supposedly signed the film seeing it as an opportunity to sort out his differences with Khanna. Om Prakash was determined to complete his film on time.

He went through every detail with his technicians to ensure that the shoots ran smoothly and with minimal interruptions. The first shoot was held at Mehboob Studios. Prakash decided to begin shooting with the most crucial and tricky scene—where Rajesh Khanna was to slap Sanjeev Kumar. Om Prakash wanted to see whether the actors would be able to work together. Before he started the shoot, he warned the cast and crew that while he was open to suggestions, he would not tolerate interference or indiscipline on his sets. He explained the scene in detail to both actors together, then ordered the cameras to roll. The scene was shot without a hitch, and the actors shared the stage effortlessly. Although a first-time director, Om Prakash handled the shoot so well that Sanjeev Kumar later congratulated him for it.

Om Prakash remembered Sanjeev Kumar as a flawless actor — fluent in Hindi despite being Gujarati, with proper diction and dialogue delivery. The only problem with Kumar was his perpetual tardiness. Prakash got so used to Sanjeev being late that, to save time, he would complete scenes with other actors before Sanjeev arrived.

The climax of the film was shot with Rajesh Khanna's character dying in Sanjeev Kumar's lap. Khanna was sure he would walk away with the laurels for the scene as the dying hero, but Sanjeev's dialogues were so powerful that they stole the show. His screen presence, coupled with the haunting song '*Zindagi Ke Safar Mein*' enchanted the audiences.

Aap Ki Kasam was completed in ten months and released within a year. It was a superhit at the box office, and Prakash worked with Khanna and Kumar again in *Aakraman*. Unfortunately, *Aakraman* did not do very well. Although Sanjeev claimed that he had no problem working with Khanna, putting his craft before petty rivalries, this was the last film in which they would work together. Long after this, Prakash worked with Sanjeev Kumar again for *Apnapan* (1977). His memories of the actor were summed up best, according to the film-maker himself, by the song '*Aadmi Musafir Hai*'.

Over twenty-five years in the industry, Sanjeev Kumar and Rajesh Khanna never visited each other at their homes. However, in November 1985, when Sanjeev Kumar breathed his last, Rajesh Khanna visited to pay his respects, his eyes brimming with tears.

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