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10 VIVACITYThe offices of *The Pioneer* will remain closed on October 15. The next Edition will be available to its readers on October 17.**CAPSULE****BITCOIN COULD CAUSE NEXT FINANCIAL CRASH****New Delhi:** Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies could cause next financial crash, according to a top Bank of England official, *Daily Mail* reported.**CBSE OK'S OFFLINE X-XII TERM-1 BOARD EXAMS****New Delhi:** The first-term board examinations for Classes X and XII will be conducted offline in November-December and date-sheet for same will be announced on October 18, Central Board of Secondary Education said on Thursday.**INFERNO IN KAOHSIUNG CITY KILLS AT LEAST 46****Taipei:** A building fire that raged out of control for hours overnight in a major city in southern Taiwan left 46 people dead and at least 41 others injured.**INDIA, US TO BEGIN MILITARY EXERCISE****New Delhi:** India and US will kickstart a 15-day mega military exercise in Alaska.

More teeth for BSF turn into ache for Congress

Rift widens in Punjab unit, Capt accused of aiding BJP's 'plans'**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI**

The extension of the Border Security Force's (BSF) jurisdiction in States sharing the International Borders (IB) has resulted in turning the intense infighting within the Punjab Congress, uglier. So much so that, on Thursday, one of the State Cabinet Ministers directly accused party stalwart and former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh of being behind the BJP-led Centre's latest move.

"Earlier, when he went to Delhi and met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, paddy procurement was delayed by 10 days and now when he has gone to Delhi again, the BSF's jurisdiction has been increased. What is Captain sahib trying to prove? I always said he is with the BJP," former Olympian and Cabinet Minister in the Charanjit Singh Channi dispensation, Pargat Singh, a known Navjot Singh Sidhu loyalist, told media per-



sons. Pargat said the development reeks of a design to implement Governor's Rule in Punjab by branding it as a disturbed State.

Sulking Sidhu falls in line

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A truce seems to have been struck as a sulking Punjab Congress president Navjot Sidhu on Thursday met the party central leadership and emerged to say that he had expressed his "concerns regarding Punjab and Punjab Congress to the party high-command. I have full faith in Congress president, Priyanka

and Rahul. Whatever decision they'll take, it'll be for the betterment of Congress and Punjab," he said. Sidhu had tendered his resignation over differences over some inductions in the Channi Cabinet. "Sidhu will work as Punjab Congress president and set up an organisational structure. An announcement will be made on Friday," Congress' Punjab in-charge Harish Rawat said.

Bid to standardise BSF's role in States along IB

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre's decision to expand the operational jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF) from 15 km to 50 km in Assam, Punjab and West Bengal, and reduce it from 80 km to 50 km in Gujarat is aimed at standardising the Central paramilitary's role in the States with International Borders (IB) as

also to break the nexus of the local police with the smuggling syndicates patronised by the local politicians.

Officials said the move is also expected to lead to fair investigation in smuggling cases, including through drones which have been reported to be dropping arms and narcotics 30-35 km inside the areas from international boundary. In addition to these,

illegal immigration from bordering countries and their nexus with terror groups is also a major concern for Centre. With latest decision, a BSF officer of rank corresponding to that of lowest rank is now empowered under Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), to exercise and discharge powers and duties without an order from a Magistrate and without a warrant.

Goons attack temples in B'desh during Puja

Paramilitary deployed in 22 districts as 4 killed in riots

PTI ■ DHAKA

Some Hindu temples in Bangladesh were vandalised by unidentified Muslims during Durga Puja celebrations, prompting the Government to deploy paramilitary forces in 22 districts after four people were killed and many others injured in riots, media reports said on Thursday. A Home Ministry spokesperson said that the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) troops have been deployed in 22 districts across the country to stop the spread of violence.

The Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and the armed police were also ordered to be on guard with the BGB in 22 of the 64 administrative districts and elsewhere to contain any violence, he said.

Three people were killed during clashes between Muslims and the police at Hajiganj sub-district in Chandpur, bordering Cumilla while the fourth succumbed to his wounds later. Authorities enforced a ban on rallies in



Haziganj where officials confirmed the deaths of four people in gunshots, adding that two others were critically injured in the clashes. The

police said that a couple of their officials were injured as the mob attacked them and vandalised their and local administrators' cars.

In close touch with Dhaka: MEA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) noted on Thursday that the Indian Mission is in close contact with the Bangladeshi authorities over the reported attacks on Durga Puja pandals and temples. MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi told the media, "We note that the

Government of Bangladesh has reacted promptly to ensure control of the situation, including the deployment of law enforcement machinery. We also understand that the celebrations of Durga Puja continue with the support of Bangladesh Government agencies and majority of the public."

Varun tweets Atal's pro-farmer speech

Wise words from big-hearted leader, writes BJP MP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Continuing with his open defiance of the BJP's official line on the farmers' protest, party's Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha Varun Gandhi on Thursday sought to sent out a "message" to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by posting on social media a 41-year-old speech of the late party patriarch Atal Bihari Vajpayee staunchly backing farmers' demands and saying "oppression of farmers will not be tolerated".

Varun tweeted a video of the speech of Vajpayee with an accompanying text "wise words from a big-hearted leader".

In an apparent message to the top BJP leadership, the BJP MP posted the short and sharp clip of former Prime



Minister who seeks to warn the Government against intimidating and repressing farmers.

"Daman ke tarikhe chod dijiye, darane ki koshish mat kijiye...kisan darne wala nahi.", Vajpayee is heard saying in his speech in Hindi as an Opposition leader in 1980.

"I want to warn the Government against intimidating these farmers. Don't try to scare us. These farmers are not going to be scared. We don't want to use the farmers' movements for politics, we support their genuine demands and if the Government will try to scare us, or misuse the laws, or disregard the peaceful movement of farmers, then we will also become a part of this

Several States hit by power crisis

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh in the northern region, Andhra Pradesh in the southern region, Bihar and Jharkhand in the eastern region and Gujarat in the western region are being adversely affected by the existing power crisis even as the Centre has gone all out to ensure States are not badly hit. There was no outage reported in Delhi, though, on Thursday.

According to the grid regulator, Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO), which regulates and maintains all India data of electricity demand and supply on a day to day basis, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana are the worst affected, registering considerable supply deficits. Bihar and Jharkhand too are registering supply deficits of 5.12 mega units and 4.92 mega units respectively and resorting to eight to 10 hours of power cuts these days. **Detailed report on P4**

India to shout success of jab drive from rooftops

100-cr mark likely by Oct 19; doses sent to neighbours

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As India inches closer to the ambitious 100-crore Covid-19 vaccination mark, the Government has lined up a series of events including announcements from seaports, railway stations, bus stations, metro stations and airports to mark the massive success of the nationwide inoculation drive that was initiated on January 16.

In the meantime, after a pause of almost six months, India-made Coronavirus vaccines have been sent to Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Iran according to the Government's decision to resume their supplies, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday.

MEA spokesperson



People at Dadar market on the eve of Dussehra festival, amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic in Mumbai on Thursday

PTI

Arindam Bagchi said the Government has decided to send the supplies to countries in the neighbourhood initially.

Confident that there is enough stock of vaccines for domestic purposes, the Union Health Ministry expects India to reach the 100-crore milestone by October 19 or 20. Prime Minister Narendra Modi may also address the nation to thank healthcare workers for their immense contribution to India's vaccine

drive. To celebrate the milestone, the BJP has asked its Ministers, MPs, MLAs, and party functionaries to attend events across the country.

The focus of the mega outreach plan would be States that will go to polls next year, including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Punjab. The mega celebration will involve frontline workers, healthcare staff and Covid warriors, who died of the infection while playing a pivotal role in achieving the target of 100 crore doses.

SIT takes Min's son to recreate sequence of events in Lakhimpur

Ashish, 3 others arrested in case taken to scene of killings

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Lakhimpur Kheri violence in which eight people, including four farmers, were killed on October 3, recreated the sequence of events on Thursday with the help of four arrested in the case, including Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra, and his friend Ankit Das. The inves-



SIT recreate the sequence of events leading to the incident in UP's Tikonia village as part of their ongoing investigation in Lakhimpur Kheri killings on Thursday ■ PTI

tigators took Ashish, his friend Das, bodyguard Latif and driver Shekhar Bharti to the site of the incident on Tikonia-Banbirpur road under tight

security and the entire area was cordoned off. During the exercise, a team of Forensic Science Laboratory, Lucknow, was also present along with the

SIT. Personnel of Rapid Action Force (RAF) were also deployed along with the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) jawans on the spot. The accused were questioned about their presence on the spot even though they knew that the farmers were protesting there. The SIT arranged for three SUVs and also mannequins to recreate how the speeding vehicles mowed down farmers on that fateful day.

Ashish alias 'Monu' was arrested in the case on October 9 after 12 hours of questioning, and a court accepted his police custody from October 12 to 15. Bharti was arrested on October 12, while Das and Latif alias Kale were arrested on October 13.

PIA suspends flights to Af after threat from Taliban

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's national flag carrier on Thursday suspended flight operations to Afghanistan due to what it called "security concerns", hours after the Taliban Government threatened to ban the airline unless it reduced the fare on the Kabul-Islamabad route to previous levels.

A spokesperson for the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) confirmed the development, saying Kabul operations of the airline will remain suspended until further notice.

There are currently two airline carriers — PIA and Afghanistan's Kam Air — which operates chartered flights to Kabul with high fares.

Order on Aryan's bail plea on Oct 20

Consuming drugs for last few years, NCB tells court

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A Special Court under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act) on Thursday reserved its order on a bail application filed by Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's eldest son Aryan Khan in the mid-sea drug bust case for October 20, after the prosecution opposed the plea alleging that the prime accused was a regular consumer of drugs for the past few years and that he was part of the conspiracy.

Opposing Aryan's bail application, Additional



Solicitor General (ASG) Anil Singh told the special court that the prime accused had admitted that the seized drug was meant for his and friend's consumption and that the latter could not escape liability on the ground that no recovery was made from him.

India gets re-elected to UNHRC

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India was re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council for the 2022-24 term on Thursday and vowed to continue to work for the promotion and protection of Human Rights through "Samman, Samvad and Sahyog."

"India gets re-elected to the @UN_HRC (2022-24) for a 6th term with overwhelming majority. Heartfelt gratitude to the @UN membership for repositing its faith in India. "We will continue to work for promotion and protection of Human Rights through #Samman #Samvad #Sahyog #Samman #Samvad #Sahyog, India's Permanent Mission to the UN tweeted.

SIMPLIFY LAND LAWS PUNJAB CM DIRECTS CHIEF SECY TO FORM PANEL

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Thursday called for an immediate systematic change in the archaic land laws to safeguard the proprietary ownership rights of people.

He said this initiative would go a long way to streamline the existing procedure of girdawari, mutation, Jamabandi besides division thus saving the people from sheer exploitation through illegal/fraudulent practices to divest them from their proprietary rights.

Chairing a meeting of all Deputy Commissioners here, Channi directed the Chief Secretary to constitute a committee in consultation with the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) comprising Deputy Commissioner, District Revenue Officer, Tehsildar, Kanoongo and Patwari to suggest reforms in the State land laws so as to simplify them. He also asked the Chief Secretary to bring a detailed proposal to abolish the system of girdawari so as to ensure ownership

rights only vests in the legitimate/genuine owner as several States have already done away with this system.

Giving a stern warning to the Deputy Commissioners to stamp out corruption from public life, Channi said it has to be eradicated without showing any complacency. The Chief Minister also asked the DCs to ensure their punctuality in offices from 9 am and even work beyond 5 pm to effectively deliver the goods to the satisfaction of the general public.

He said no one would be allowed to function from their camp offices, asking the DCs to ensure prompt redressal of public grievances and keep their meetings with field officers after 5 pm so that they could exclusively concentrate on the administrative functioning and reserve any two days in a week for field visits to supervise the ongoing development activities.

Attributing clean, responsive and transparent administration as the hallmark of his government, Channi asked the



Deputy Commissioners to organise Suwidha Camps to clear the backlog of social security pensions including old age, disabled, destitute, and widows besides ashirwad shagan. He also directed them to hold these camps on October 20 and 21 besides October 29 and 30 at tehsil, block and district level. Likewise, the next schedule for such Suwidha Camps to be organised would be soon notified by the CMO.

To speed up the ongoing development works and welfare schemes, the Chief Minister also asked the DCs to have meetings with the MLAs to redress their various concerns

related to their respective constituencies on priority. He also asked them to depute field staff to get the prescribed forms filled from all the eligible beneficiaries to waive off pending electricity bills having load upto 2 kw by reaching out to them.

Likewise, he also underscored the need to ensure timely clearance of driving licenses, birth and death certificates, disabled certificates. Channi also warned the DCs to keep a check over the functioning of their subordinate staff in the districts so as to curb the practice of putting unwarranted objections on the files so as to harass the general public.

On the time bound implementation of Basera Scheme and allotment of 5 marla plots to the houseless, the Chief Minister asked the DCs to complete the entire exercise for the allotment for granting proprietary rights to the slum dwellers occupying State Government's land in the slums of urban areas and 5 marla plots to the eligible beneficiaries in the villages in next two weeks so that the property cards (sanads) could be given to them on the auspicious occasion of Diwali by lighting earthen lamps (diyas).

He also asked them to develop at least four play

grounds in each block with the facilities of Gym and other sports equipment to encourage our youth to go for sports in a big way in order to utilise their unbounded energy in a constructive manner.

Coming down heavily on the prevailing system of corruption especially in the registry offices, he specifically asked the DCs not to allow Tehsildar to undertake registration beyond office hours after 5:00 PM, adding he said to ensure the availability of Revenue Officials in their offices from 9am to 5pm in field and only charge the prescribed fee for the registry. The Chief Minister also told the DCs not to unnecessarily delay the registry on frivolous grounds. The DCs would have to ensure that none from general public is forced to bribe for getting their works done like approval of building plans of their houses, driving and arms licenses from the field offices and asked them to put in place a mechanism to check corruption with heavy hand to ensure clean, responsive and trans-

parent governance, which should apparently visible on the ground.

Making a firm resolve to resolve the problems of drug trafficking and mining, the Chief Minister solicited whole-hearted support and cooperation to get the culprits nabbed who are involved in such malpractices with the help of local representatives in both urban and rural areas.

Underlining the significance of health and education being the core sectors, the Chief Minister asked the Deputy Commissioners to often make surprise visits to ensure the punctuality of the Doctors/Paramedics and teachers. Any employee found absent or delinquent in performing his/her duties should be immediately placed under suspension. He also asked the Chief Secretary to issue detailed instructions to all the HODs not to reinstate such erring employees without taking the concerned Deputy Commissioner in confidence.

In a bid to protect the properties of NRIs, the Chief Minister reiterated his

Government's firm commitment that requisite legal framework should be strengthened so that the NRIs are not dispossessed of their properties in the state by illegal/fraudulent practices in connivance with unscrupulous elements. He also asked the District Administrations to prevail upon the NRIs to adopt some schools/hospitals/educational institutions with a sense of belongingness towards their motherland under the State Government scheme, in which matching grant is given.

The Chief Minister also asked the Deputy Commissioners to personally visit the Mandis within their jurisdiction to ensure seamless and prompt procurement and lifting of Paddy besides timely payment to the farmers so that none of any farmer is harassed.

Prominent amongst others who attended the meeting included Chief Secretary Anirudh Tiwari, Principal Secretary to CM Hussan Lal, Special Principal Secretaries to CM Rahul Tewari and Kamal Kishor Yadav.

CHHATH CELEBRATIONS ISSUE

Cong protests at Kejriwal residence

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A large number of Congress workers held a demonstration outside the residence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal against the ban on Chhath celebrations at public places. Hundreds of party workers along with senior Congress leaders participated in the protest.

Congress Delhi unit president Anil Kumar said that the ban on puja has hurt the religious sentiments of lakhs of Poorvanchalis living in Delhi for years. Besides Kumar, prominent others who participated in the demonstration were Former

Union Minister Jagdish Tytler, former MP Ramesh Kumar, Pradesh Purvanchal Congress Chairman Shivji Singh, senior party leaders Jai Kishan, Kunwar and Parvez Alam.

"Chhat Puja is the most important religious festival of Poorvanchalis, and this festival had earned a niche slot in Delhi for the past many years. It was the Congress Government which had made Chhat Ghats on the banks of the Yamuna and at other water bodies to facilitate puja, but the AAP Government denied permission to hold Chhat Puja though the Government did not deny permission to hold other festivals," he said. Kumar said that

the Chief Minister should give permission to hold the Chhat Puja immediately, otherwise he would be treating the hard-working people of Poorvanchal in a step-motherly fashion yet again (as he had done during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns). Kumar said that the AAP Government had no problem liberalizing the excise policy and opening liquor shops everywhere and the mad rush outside liquor outlets violating all the Covid protocols with impunity but the CM was spreading the lie that Chhat Puja will spread the Covid pandemic without any evidence.

HC asks AAP to decide complaint alleging 77 missing trees in Sarvodaya Enclave

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has directed the Delhi Government to decide within six weeks a complaint alleging that 77 trees have gone missing in Sarvodaya Enclave area here over a span of seven years.

Justice Rekha Palli directed that a reasoned and speaking order be passed by DCF (South) & Tree Officer, South Division, Department of Forests & Wildlife on the complaint made by Bhavreen Kandhari in December 2020.

The court was hearing a petition by Khandhari — an environmental activist — seeking a direction that necessary action be taken on her complaint within four weeks.

Delhi government counsel said that there was no objection with respect to deciding the petitioner's complaint expeditiously. "In the light of the aforesaid stand taken by the respondent, the writ petition, along with the pending application, is disposed of by directing the respondent to decide the petitioner's complaint dated 08.12.2020 by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a period of six weeks from today," the court ordered on October 11. The judge clarified that it was not expressing

any opinion on the claims but said that if the petitioner was aggrieved by the order passed by the authorities, it would be open for her to take legal recourse as per law. In her petition, filed through lawyers Aditya N Prasad and Dhriti Chhabra, the petitioner stated that she made a complaint to the concerned official after two Tree Censuses, that were conducted in Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi in 2011-2012 and 2018-2019, showed found that 77 trees had gone missing in the colony.

"The 2012 Census was concluded with the recommendation of the immediate planting of 1000 trees in Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi to ensure that the green cover in the colony was maintained. Nevertheless, another Tree Census that was conducted in the aforesaid colony in the years 2018 and 2019 revealed that the street tree count in the colony had dropped from 784 to 731 trees over a span of 7 years despite the addition of 21 new trees," the petition said.

"The Complaint was predominantly based on the inconsistencies between two Tree Censuses that were conducted in Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi in the years, 2011 & 2012 and 2018 & 2019 as per

DELHI 2020 RIOTS

Court frames charges against accused

Says 'miscarriage of justice' to throw out case over police delay

New Delhi: A Delhi court has framed charges of rioting and arson against nine accused in a February 2020 riots case, saying that it would be a "miscarriage of justice" to throw out the prosecution's case merely because the statements of the public witnesses were recorded after a delay.

Additional Sessions Judge Virender Bhat said that the delay in recording statements of the witnesses by the police was not deliberate or contumacious and was occasioned on account of the situation which prevailed in Delhi's northeast area during and after the alleged rioting.

The nine accused were allegedly part of the unlawful assembly and caused damage, looted properties worth crores of rupees, burnt a large number of houses, shops, schools, and vehicles on February 25, 2020, as per the police. It relied on the statements of four public witnesses. The judge took exception to the submission

made by the defence counsel that the public witnesses were not trustworthy and were planted as their statements were recorded one month after the date of the alleged incident.

The judge noted that there was an atmosphere of terror and trauma for several days even after these riots and the public witnesses were terrified and reluctant to present their version of the incident before the investigating agency.

"Keeping these circumstances in view, it would be a miscarriage of justice to disbelieve the statements of these witnesses at this very stage and throw out the prosecution case merely for the reason that their statements were recorded after about one month of the incident," ASJ Bhat stated in an order dated October 11.

He added, "In the opinion of this court, the delay in recording of the statements of witnesses does not appear to be deliberate or contumacious. It appears to have occasioned on

account of the situation which prevailed in the area during and after the incident of rioting and therefore, the accused cannot claim discharge in this case merely on this score."

During the course of the hearing, Delhi Police apprised the court that the nine accused created disharmony in the society by threatening and terrorizing the public at large and that their action was not only anti-national but also a challenge to Rules of Law in Delhi.

The defence counsels, however, submitted that CCTV video footage which forms part of the charge sheet in the case pertains to the date February 24, whereas the incident admittedly took place on February 25, 2020.

The counsels pointed out that there was no CCTV video footage on record which pertains to the date February 25, a fact not disputed by the senior public prosecutor, according to the court's order. **PTI**

Complete drainage work at earliest in State, directs Haryana CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday directed the officers concerned to ensure drainage of water from the waterlogged areas at the earliest so that farmers can sow the next crop in time.

Presiding over a review meeting held through video conferencing here, the Chief Minister directed the Deputy Commissioners to complete this work within the stipulated time frame. He also directed the Deputy Commissioners to ensure adequate availability of manure too. Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala and Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, JP Dalal were also present in the meeting.

Khattar said if required, adequate arrangements should be made for more pumps so that water could be drained from the fields in time. After drainage, the water should be used for recharging purposes

instead of wasting it in the drain, this will also improve the water level, he said. The Chief Minister also directed the Deputy Commissioners to hold review meetings of departments, corporations, societies and committees regularly with-in the stipulated time period. He further asked them to send daily reports after doing physical verification of the incidents of stubble burning.

He said electric pumps should be used for drainage. He also further directed the Electricity Department to give connections on a priority basis and ensure a 24-hour power supply so that drainage can be done within the set time frame.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister was apprised that in view of the problems being faced by the farmers in some areas, 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal has been opened and farmers can register on this portal till October 17. Khattar directed the DCs that farmers should not face any problem

during the procurement of paddy. He also asked them to ensure adequate availability of gunny, lifting and labor etc in the mandis.

The Chief Minister further directed the officers concerned to give the benefit of Bhavantar Yojna for Bajra crop on priority basis to the smallholding farmers. The amount of Bhavantar compensation should be transferred in the accounts of the farmers at the earliest, he added.

SET UP COMMITTEE FOR STUBBLE MANAGEMENT

The Chief Minister on Thursday directed the Deputy Commissioners to set up a committee for the management of paddy crop residue in the State. He said these Committees should be formed at the local level so that they can make proper arrangements for stubble management. He also directed them to make such a scheme so that farmers can get economic benefits for stubble.



Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar presided over the review meeting of Deputy Commissioners through video conferencing in Chandigarh on Thursday

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Branch: RAIPUR LAN: H454BLP0330429 and H454ECM0403086 Borrower's:/ Co - borrower's 1. KNAGENDARRAO (Borrower) At HNO-BLOCK 01 4 RT FLOOR 4 C SHRI, KRISHNA NAGAR, SHRI KRISHNA NAGAR, RAIPUR-492001 2. S B INFOTECH (Co-Borrower) (Through its proprietor/Authorised Signatory / managing director) At SHOP NO 5, SHANTI DEVI COMPLEX, RAIPUR-492001 3. SWATIRAO KASIREDDY (Co-Borrower) At J 23366 SECTOR 3 NEAR SAI MANDIR, SHIVANAND, RAIPUR, CHATTISGARH-492001	All that piece and parcel of the Non-agricultural Property described as: FLAT NO. 4 BLOCK NO. 1, 4TH FLOOR, SHREE KRISHNA FLAT KHASRA NO. 596, 598, 601, 612, 613, 661, 665, 667, 668, 669, 677, 678, 679, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 697, 698, 699 & 706/1, PHADI CHOWK TO GONDWARA ROADGUDHIYARI RAIPUR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH-492001	20th September 2021 of Rs. 28,14,668/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lac Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Only)
Branch: RAIPUR LAN: H454BHL0330431 and 4540HL47336417 Borrower's:/ Co - borrower's 1. UMESH SINHA (Borrower) At HOUSE NO B 25 AMRAPALI HOUSING AMRAPALI HOUSING SOCIETY RAIPUR-492001 2. NAMRTA SINHA (Co-Borrower) At HOUSE NO B 25 AMRAPALI HOUSING SOCIETY RAIPUR-492001	Schedule of property 1: All that piece and parcel of the Non-agricultural Property described as: PLOT No D- 07 Amrapali SAHKARI GRIH NIRMAN SAMITI, LALPUR (TIKRAPARA), DR RAJENDRA PRASAD WARD NO. 46, PC NO. 114 RAIPUR CHHATTISGARH-492001. NORTH-ROAD EAST-PLOT NO D-08 SOUTH-PLOT NO B 25 WEST-PLOT NO D-06 Schedule of property 2: All that piece and parcel of the Non-agricultural Property described as: Dafodil 241 Parthiv Pacific , Near Ailms Dumar talab, GE Road PC NO. 104 NORTH- FLAT NO.-242 EAST- FLAT NO -244 SOUTH-PASSAGE WEST-PASSAGE	04th Oct 2021 of Rs. 61,53,321/- (Rupees Sixty One Lac Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty One Only)

This step is being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers and/or Co-Borrowers Guarantors) are advised to make the payments of outstanding along with future interest within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which (without prejudice to any other right remedy available with Bajaj Finance Limited) further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets/ mortgaged property will be initiated as per the provisions of Sec. 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above mentioned properties. On which Bajaj Finance Limited has the charge.

Place: Raipur
Date: 15th.Oct.2021

For M/s Bajaj Finance Limited,
(Vinay Sobti) Authorized Officer

CM to launch scheme for medicines on rebate

STAFF REPORTER ■
RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will launch a ‘Shree Dhanwantri Medicine Scheme’ on October 20 to provide 50 per cent or more rebate on the maximum retail price of medicines.

There will be a total of 188 medical stores in 169 cities and towns across the state. On the inauguration day, 85 shops will open. The rest will be operational by the end of October.

In the next phase of the scheme, home delivery of medicines will commence, an official communication said on Thursday.

These shops have been allocated by civic bodies on rent at Rs 2 per square feet based on the decision of the state



government.

There will be 251 kinds of medicines, 27 surgical items and quality herbal products manufactured by the Minor Forest Produce Association available in the shops.

Apart from it, generic medicines of

reputed companies of the country will be sold.

Already in urban area, the Mukhyamantri Slum Health Scheme, City Diagnostic Centre, Dai Didi Clinic and other health schemes are operational.

RMC makes arrangements for idol immersion of Maa Durga

STAFF REPORTER ■
RAIPUR

The Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) has made arrangements for the immersion of Durga and other idols when the Navratri festival ends.

A temporary immersion pool has been made at the banks of Kharun river at Mahadevghat as per the guidelines issued by the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB) and the National Green Tribunal.

Raipur Collector

Saurabh Kumar and RMC Commissioner Prabhat Malik inspected the site, an official communication said on Thursday.

Closed Circuit Television has been installed to cover the entire campus. A control room for police personnel and Raipur Municipal Corporation has been established.

A team of cranes, boats and divers have been deployed. Separate arrangements have been made to dispose of materials used for worship. These will be then converted into compost.

Minister praises people for return of peace in Kawardha

STAFF REPORTER ■
KAWARDHA

Chhattisgarh Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu on Thursday praised the people of Kawardha for helping the administration to restore peace after a bout of communal violence.

He made the comments while meeting senior government officials and social organizations in Kawardha.

The Minister said Kawardha is an island of peace and some miscreants tried to disrupt harmony in the town.

Sahu appreciated the



Sarva Samaj of Kawardha for helping to maintain peace. “They came forward at an appropriate time and assisted the district administration by taking out a peace march,” he said.

“People of Kawardha are peace loving. Only because of them normalcy has been maintained in the town again.”

Congress stresses on creativity, expansion, training

STAFF REPORTER ■
RAIPUR

The Congress executive body on Thursday stressed the need for creativity, expansion and training ahead of Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh due in 2023.

A meeting of the executive body held here was attended by AICC Chhattisgarh in-charges P.L. Punia and Dr Chandan Yadav, Chief Minister



Bhupesh Baghel and PCC chief Mohan Markam.

The meeting underlined the need to maintain coordination between the govern-

ment and the Congress party.

While reviewing the works of district and block units it also stressed on

decentralization of power in organization.

The meeting also finalized programmes for the diamond jubilee of India's independence which will be celebrated throughout the year.

Markam announced that suggestions of the office bearers and workers will be implemented after discussions with Punia and the Chief Minister.



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E-Auction Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rules 8(9) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

E-Auction
Date: 17.11.2021

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer the Canara Bank (secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 17.11.2021 from 12.30 Noon to 2.30 pm for recovery of bank dues to the Canara Bank (secured creditor).

Name and address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Description of Properties & Name of Property Owner	Demand Notice Dt.	Reserve Price	Tel. No. Branch Name Account No. & IFSC Code
		Possession Dt. Out Standing Amt.	EMD Amt. Bid Increment Amt.	
1. M/s Creative Industries Prop: Sri Akbar Haidry, Plot No. 139/15, P.H. No. 113, Shri Ram Vihar Situated in Front of Purna Government School, Rani Durgawati Ward, Ward No. 45, Mouza- Gram- Purna, Teh. & Distt. Raipur (C.G.) Area- 1250 Sqft. Boundaries: North: Plot No. A-03, South: Plot No. A-05, East: Road, West: Other's Plot.	Land Building at Plot No. A-04, Part of Khasra No. 139/15, P.H. No. 113, Shri Ram Vihar Situated in Front of Purna Government School, Rani Durgawati Ward, Ward No. 45, Mouza- Gram- Purna, Teh. & Distt. Raipur (C.G.) Area- 1250 Sqft. Boundaries: North: Plot No. A-03, South: Plot No. A-05, East: Road, West: Other's Plot.	14.03.2018	34,30,000.00	(Ph. 0771-2583705) Devendra Nagar Branch, A/c No. 3705296000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0003705 Email: cb3705@canarabank.com
		02.06.2018	3,43,000.00	
		₹ 21,53,501.00 on 26/02/2020 plus further interest and costs	10,000/-	
2. Mr Rajesh Shukla S/o Mr Somnath Shukla Plot No. 2, Akash Nagar, Behind A/22, Karamachari Nagar, Ward No. 16, Sikola Bhatla, Durg, (C.G.) ZIP-491001	Residential building at part of Khasra No. 57/214, P.H. No. 17/8, Sikola Basti Ward, Ward No. 16 situated at Mouza Gram Sikola Basti, R.N.M Durg, Tehsil & District- Durg (C.G.) Area: 1500 Sq Ft. Boundaries: North: Purchaser Plot, South: Plot No. 08 & House of Santosh Kumari, East : Plot No 05, West: Road.	25.05.2021	46,00,000.00	(PH-0778-2340412) Durg Padmanabhpur Branch, A/c No. 7974295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0007974 Email: cb5731@canarabank.com
		01.09.2021	4,64,600.00	
		₹ 23,69,081.09 on 12/10/2021 plus further interest and costs	10,000/-	
3. Mr Manoj Kumar Thakur, S/o Hans Kumar Thakur, H.No. 174, Annapurna Para, Kanker for loan granted Mr Manoj Kumar Thakur.	All the part and parcel of the property consisting of residential land and building in name of Shri Hansraj S/o Nohar Singh & Shri Manoj Kumar S/o Shri Hansraj at Plot No. 10, area 157 Sq mt. Village- Bhoipara, Sheet No. 17A, Annapurna Para, Kanker (C.G.) Area – 157 Sqmt. Boundaries: North- Shri Ramdayal Sahu, South- Shri Ramratan Yadav, East- Road, West- Shri Keshav Sahu.	03.07.2019	17,00,000.00	(Ph. No. 7868-222287) Canara Kanker Branch, A/c No. 3482296000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0003482 Email: cb3482@canarabank.com
		14.01.2020	1,17,000.00	
		₹ 9,76,239.00 on 03/07/2019 plus further interest and costs	10,000/-	
4. Mr Sachin Dhavre S/O Late Mr Yado Rao Dhavre, 696, Sai Nagar Uria, Ward No.56, Mohan Nagar, Durg, (C.G.) ZIP-491001.	Land and Building at part of Khasra No. 845/552, 845/555, P.H. No. 17/7, Ward No.58 situated at Sai Nagar, Uria East, Mouza Uria, R.N.M Sikola, Tehsil & District- Durg (C.G.) Area: 500 Sq Ft. Boundaries: North- Road, South- House of Sonkar, East- House of Ravindra Choudhari, West- House of Abhilasha Kour.	24.05.2021	15,50,000.00	(PH-0778-2340412) Durg Padmanabhpur Branch, A/c No. 7974295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0007974 Email: cb5731@canarabank.com
		01.09.2021	1,55,000.00	
		₹ 11,10,597.48.00 on 12/10/2021 plus further interest and costs	10,000/-	
5. 1) Mr. Samir Biswas S/o Mr Jagdish Biswas at Vill- Balikonta, Tah- Jagdalpur, Dist-Bastar (Borrower), 2) Mrs Lipika Biswas W/o Mr Samir Biswas at Vill- Balikonta, Tah- Jagdalpur, Dist-Bastar for loan granted Mr. Samir Biswas.	Land & Building- Residential House at Village- Balikonta PH No. 04 R.N.M Jagdalpur the Jagdalpur Distt- Bastar Chhattisgarh Khasra No. 287/3 (Part) New Khasara 287/7 Total Area 2396 Sqft Owned by Shri Sameer Biswas. Boundaries: North- Seller part Bhumi, South- Seller part Bhumi, East- Khasara No. 289, West- CC Road.	07.04.2021	22,25,000.00	(Ph. 9480691777) GHATPADMUR Branch, A/c No. 7974295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0007974 Email: cb1777@canarabank.com
		02.09.2021	2,22,500.00	
		₹ 10,79,362.96/- on 07/04/2021 plus further interest and costs	10,000/-	
6. 1. M/s Soni Construction, proprietor Mr Saurav Soni S/o Mr Chandra Prakash Soni, House No.-15, Ward No.- 20, Street No.-1, Near Bramha Kumari Ashram, Lal Bagh, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh-491441 (Proprietor), 2. Mr Chandra Prakash Soni S/o Narayan Prasad Soni, H.No. 175/1, House No.-15, Ward No.-20, Street No.-1, Near Brahma Kumari Ashram, Lal Bagh, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh-491441 (Guarantor) for loan granted to M/s Soni Construction, proprietor Mr Saurav Soni	All the part and parcel of the property consisting of Land & Building (Residential) Area Gram- Lal Bagh ward no-20, Mahal Parisar, Survey No Khasara No -239/1(K) (Part of) plot no-19 Total Area 1150 Sqft. Owned by Shri Chandra Kumar Soni S/o Narayan Prasad Soni. Boundaries: North: Land of Ram Prasad Soni Plot No.-18, South: Land of BrahmaKumari Plot No.-20, East: Land of Pancha Raghu Taank, West: Road.	25.05.2021	32,30,000.00	(Ph No - 7744-224985) Rajnandgaon Branch, A/c No. 7974295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0007974 Email: cb5146@canarabank.com
		23.09.2021	3,23,000.00	
		₹ 38,78,994.24/- on 25.05.2021 plus further interest and costs	10,000/-	
7. 1. M/s SHEETALA TRADERS Mrs. Rajkumari Prasad w/o Awadh Bihari Prasad, 41 K, Mother Teresa Nagar, ward 1, Camp 01, Supela, Bihilai, Tehsil and District DURG, (C.G.) Zip- 490023 (Authorized Signatory) 2. Awadh Bihari Prasad S/o Laxminarayana Naresh Prasad, 41 K Mother Teresa Nagar, Ward No.-21, Bihilai Supela Dist.- Durg (C.G.) Zip- 490023 (Guarantor) 3. V.K.Jain S/o U.C.Jain, MIG C/482, Padmanabhpur, Durg (C.G.) Zip-491001 (Guarantor) for loan granted to M/s Sheetala Traders Prop.-Mrs.Rajkumari Prasad.	Land & Shed On Plot No. - 09, Block No. - 38, Near Water Tank, In Front Road of Amrapali Vananchali City, Mother Teresa Nagar, Sunder Nagar Camp- 1 Ward No.- 21, RNM Bihilai, Chhawanai, Dist.- Durg (C.G.) Area: 2325 Sq Ft. Boundaries: North: Plot No. 12 & 13 (Other House), South: Road, East: House of Anand Pal, West: Plot No. 10.	24.08.2018	17,95,000.00	(PH-0778-2340412) Durg Padmanabhpur Branch, A/c No. 7974295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0007974 Email: cb5731@canarabank.com
		15.11.2018	1,79,500.00	
		₹ 52,55,806.51/- on 12/10/2021 plus further interest and costs	10,000/-	
8. Mr Radheshyam Sahu, S/o Ram Nath Sahu, Proprietor of Shri Mahaveer Dharamkanta, Kosarangi, House No. 107, Azad Chowk, Village Kosarangi	Khasra No. 2161/2, P.C.No. 36, Total Area 0.13 Hec (13993.08 sqft), Village- Kosrangi, P.S Kharora, Tehsil-Aarang, Dist- Raipur. Boundaries: North: Road, South: Property of Mr Ashok, East: Other property or Khasara No. 2161/2, West: Other property or Khasara No. 2161/3.	19.12.2018	9,90,000.00	(Ph. 9516009442) Budera Branch, A/c No. 7974295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0007974 Email: cb4784@canarabank.com
		06.03.2020	90,000.00	
		₹ 15,99,685.75/- on 08/10/2021 plus further interest and costs	10,000/-	

The Arang, Dist Raipur 493225 for loan granted M/s Shri Mahaveer Dharamkanta Prop.-Mr Radhe Shyam Sahu.

Terms and Conditions: a. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the security interest (enforcement) rules 2002 and to the following conditions: a. The property will be sold in "as is where is and as is what is" basis including encumbrances, if any. There is no encumbrance to the knowledge of the bank. b. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.Indianbankseaction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. c. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer Date on 15.11.2021. d. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. e. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer of above mentioned branches respectively OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of of above mentioned branches respectively on or before 15.11.2021, 4:30 pm. f. Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd., Contact : 9480691777/8553643144, E-mail ID : - eaction@ccsl.co.in. Immediately on the same date of payment of the EMD amount the bidders shall approach the said service provider for obtaining digital signature (If not holding a valid digital signature) g. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 15.11.2021, 3.00 PM, to above mentioned branches respectively by hand or by email. (1) Demand Draft/ Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. (2) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the _me of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (3) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id. (4) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. h. The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.bankauc_ons.com (mention the website address of service provider) and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd., Contact : 9480691777/8553643144, E-mail ID : - eaction@ccsl.co.in i. EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them within 2 days of finalization of sale. The EMD shall not carry any interest. j. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs. 10,000. The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. k. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. l. All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. m. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auc_ on without assigning any reason thereo. n. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auc_ on, they can approach concerned Circle office or above mentioned branches respectively who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. o. For further details contact Branch Manager of respective branches OR Authorised Officer, E-mail id : -cb17848@canarabank.com/for Padmanabhpur Branch, E-mail id :- cb5731@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd., Help Line E-mail ID :- eaction@ccsl.co.in. p. For further details you may contact Canara Bank above mentioned Branch or M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd., E-mail ID : -eaction@ccsl.co.in	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION	
Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.	
Date : 14.10.2021, Place: Regional Office, Naya Raipur (C.G.) Authorized Officer, Canara Bank	

Public Notice for – E-Auction of pledged assets being Gold	
Borrowers, in specific and the public in general are here buy notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank at the below mentioned Branch. The below mentioned Borrowers has availed the credit facility from the Axis Bank Limited against the pledge of gold ornaments ("Gold Loan Facility") in favour of the Bank towards the security. The Demand notices were issued to the Borrowers/Guarantors to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold loan facility availed. As the Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct an e-auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on 25-10-2021 (dated) at 12.30 PM-3.30 PM (time of e-auction) on "As In Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and "No Recourse Basis".	
Details of Borrowers and outstanding amount.	
Branch Name	Customer Name
MUNGELI MGE CT	VIRENDRA KUMAR YADAV
RAIPUR [CT]	CHANDRABHAN SINGH
RAIPUR [CT]	MOHAMMAD NURUL AN CHANGAL
RAIPUR [CT]	NAGENDRA SINGH
RAJNANDGAON [CT]	DHIREN KUMAR PANDA
SEEPAT ROAD, BILASPUR [CT]	KANHAIYA LAL SAHU
TAGORE NAGAR [CT]	MAHESH LAHIRI
VYAPAR VIHAR, BILASPUR [CT]	MANISH KUMAR MOURYA

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Details of Borrowers and outstanding amount.			
Branch Name	Customer Name	Loan A/c No.	Amount Outstanding
MUNGELI MGE CT	VIRENDRA KUMAR YADAV	919060054794660	48673
RAIPUR [CT]	CHANDRABHAN SINGH	920060020286557	184650
RAIPUR [CT]	MOHAMMAD NURUL AN CHANGAL	920060050162078	104726
RAIPUR [CT]	NAGENDRA SINGH	920060050713038	47883
RAJNANDGAON [CT]	DHIREN KUMAR PANDA	918060058393912	232966
SEEPAT ROAD, BILASPUR [CT]	KANHAIYA LAL SAHU	920060049954550	114311
TAGORE NAGAR [CT]	MAHESH LAHIRI	920060050648857	168562
VYAPAR VIHAR, BILASPUR [CT]	MANISH KUMAR MOURYA	919060057429561	263951

Axis Bank Ltd. has the authority to remove account/change the auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online https://gold.samil.in(website of online vendor) between 12.30 pm-3.30pm(time). For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website https://gold.samil.in (website of online vendor)

Place: Kolkata Date : 15.10.2021 Authorized Officer, Axis Bank LTD

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States face power cuts as supply deficits rise

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh in the northern region, Andhra Pradesh in the southern region, Bihar and Jharkhand in the eastern region and Gujarat in the western region are being adversely affected by the existing power crisis even as the Centre has gone all out to ensure States are not badly hit. There was no outage reported in Delhi, though, on Thursday.

According to the grid regulator, Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO), which regulates and maintains all India data of electricity demand and supply on a day to day basis, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana are the worst affected, registering considerable supply deficits. Bihar and Jharkhand too are registering supply deficits of 5.12 mega units and 4.92 mega units respectively and resorting to eight to 10 hours of power cuts these days.

Rajasthan witnessed 17.89 mega unit shortfall on October 13; Punjab 5.25 mega unit; Haryana 8.73 mega unit and Uttar Pradesh 1.92 mega unit. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh regions witnessed a supply deficit of upto 3.45 mega units. There was no outage in Delhi. On Thursday, the maximum demand was recorded 4179



mega watt in Delhi which was met by the discoms. Gujarat faced a shortfall of 3.83 mega units on October 13 and Andhra Pradesh witnessed a shortfall of 3.84 mega units.

The Ministry of Power on Thursday claimed that the coal-based capacity under outage due to coal shortage has reduced. "Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO) has reported that the total capacity of units under outage due to low coal stocks has reduced from 11 GW on 12th Oct to 5 GW on 14th October," it said.

Union Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi continued his visits to different coal mines to take first-hand stock of on-ground situation. After Dipka mines in Chhattisgarh, he visited the Ashoka mines of the Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL) at Piparwar in Chattr district of Jharkhand and held discussions

with officials of CCL and Eastern Coalfields Ltd (ECL) on the prevailing situation.

Increased economic activity after the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic has driven up demand for coal, leading to a supply shortage, forcing northern states such as Bihar, Rajasthan and Jharkhand to cut power for up to 14 hours a day.

According to the POSOCO, the power supply in India fell about 830 mega units short of demand during the first 13 days of October, largely due to a coal shortage, a deficit of 1.6 per cent. The October shortfall was already the biggest in absolute terms for a single month since November 2018, even with 19 days of October still left.

After meeting with the CCL and ECLs officials on Thursday, the minister said the power plants in the country will continue to receive the required amount of coal. "We are witnessing an improvement now," he said, asked about the current situation. The minister said that closure of some mines, and inundation of a few others due to monsoon led to the crisis but there is no need to panic as the situation is improving. "We can produce two million tonnes of coal per day," he said, asserting the need for producing more coal.

Rajnath hails Indira, says led country in times of war

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In an apparent reference to her role in the 1971 war with Pakistan that led to the creation Bangladesh, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday praised former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi saying she not only led the country for a number of years but also during the times of war.

A couple of days ago, Rajnath had kicked off a row by asserting that freedom fighter Savarkar filed mercy petitions to the British after being told to do so by Mahatma Gandhi, prompting certain opposition

leaders to counter him.

In an address at a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) seminar on the role of women in the armed forces, the defence minister also talked about Rani Laxmi Bai and former president Pratibha Patil, and said India has a positive experience in harnessing women's power in national development.

"There are a number of examples of women taking up arms to protect their country and the rights of the people through history. Rani Laxmi Bai is amongst the most revered and respected amongst

them," he said.

"India's former prime minister Indira Gandhi not only led the country for a number of years, she also did so during the times of war. And more recently, Pratibha Patil was the president of India and the supreme commander of the Indian armed forces," the defence minister added.

"If Saraswati is our goddess of knowledge, wisdom and learning, mother Durga remains associated with protection, strength, destruction and war," he said.

"Women have been serving with pride in the Indian

Military Nursing Service for over 100 years now. The Indian Army had commenced commissioning women officers in 1992. It has now moved to inducting women officers in most of the branches of the Army," he said.

"Women are now being accepted for permanent commission and shall be commanding Army units and battalions in the near future," he added. Singh said women will be able to join the premier tri-service pre-commissioning training institute, the National Defence Academy, from next year.

Referring to women's role in the Navy, he said from humble beginnings in the Air Traffic Control in 1993, the women officers graduated to being pilots of maritime reconnaissance aircraft in 2016 and are now being appointed onboard warships since last year.

"The Indian Coast Guard has been employing women officers in combat roles, which include pilots, observers and aviation support services. In the Indian Air Force, women are inducted in all roles, including combat and support roles," Singh said.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh meets 106-year-old BJP worker Narayan aka Bhulai Bhai at Uttar Pradesh Sadan, in New Delhi, on Thursday

Punya Srivastava appointed Additional Secretary in PMO

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Punya Salila Srivastava, a 1993 batch AGMUT cadre officer, was on Thursday appointed as Additional Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office.

She was Additional Secretary in the Union Home Ministry and was holding the charge of spokesperson of the Ministry, especially during Covid times.

Meanwhile, 1994 batch Tamil Nadu cadre officer Amuda Periyasamy, Additional Secretary, has been repatriated



from PMO to her parent cadre. Srivastava's appointment comes a couple of days after former I&B Secretary Amit Khare was appointed as Advisor to the Prime Minister.

Health Minister Mandaviya visits Manmohan Singh at AIIMS

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Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday met former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, admitted to the AIIMS here after complaining of weakness following a fever, and enquired about his health even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished his predecessor a speedy recovery. "I pray for the good health and speedy recovery of Dr Manmohan Singh ji," PM Modi tweeted.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi also visited AIIMS to enquire about the health of the former PM and wished him a speedy recovery. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also prayed for his speedy recovery

Union minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, former Union minister Ashwani Kumar, Congress leader Mukul Wasnik and Shiv Sena leader and Rajya Sabha member Priyanka Chaturvedi also wished Singh a speedy recovery. Among others, former Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh, Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi and NCP's Nawab Malik also prayed for the ex-prime minister's good health.

Singh was Wednesday admitted to the AIIMS owing to weakness and exhaustion. The senior Congress leader, who turned 89 last month, had been undergoing treatment for fever at home for the last couple of days.

Rajnath conducts final breakthrough blast of Sela tunnel in AP

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday virtually conducted the final breakthrough blast of the Sela tunnel — the world's largest bi-lane tunnel at an altitude of more than 13,000 feet—in Arunachal Pradesh and flagged of a 20,000-km-long motorcycle expedition of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). The virtual breakthrough blast and the flagging-off were conducted by the Minister at the National War Memorial here.

The tunnel will not only strengthen national security, but also augment the transportation facilities for the local people and consequently, boost their socio-

economic conditions, he said.

"This tunnel, which has been made with state-of-the-art features, will prove to be the life-line for not just Tawang, but the entire state of Arunachal Pradesh," Singh said.

The tunnel goes through Sela Pass and is expected to cut down the distance to the China border through Tawang district in Arunachal Pradesh by 10 km. The construction work of the tunnel is expected to be over by June 2022.

"The breakthrough blast of the Sela main tunnel shows your (BRO's) hard work and your commitment towards the country's security and socio-economic development," the defence minister said.

Modi to inaugurate 7 Defence firms carved out of OFB today

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver a video address at an event organised by the Defence Ministry to dedicate seven new defence companies, carved out of the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board, to the nation on the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami on Friday, the PMO said on Thursday.

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He also flagged off a motorcycle expedition of the BRO.

Singh said 75 personnel of the BRO and the Army will participate in the motorcycle expedition that will cover a distance of 20,000 km passing through many states and Union territories.

The Sela tunnel would cut

down the travel time between the Army's 4 Corps headquarters at Tezpur in Assam and Tawang by at least an hour. Moreover, it would ensure that National Highway 13, especially the 171-km stretch between Bomdila and Tawang, remains accessible in all weather conditions.



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presides over breakthrough blast of Sela Main Tunnel via video conferencing, at an event organised by BRO India, in New Delhi, Thursday. Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar are also seen

CBSE to hold term-1 Class 10, 12 exams offline in Nov-Dec; date sheet on Oct 18

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The first-term board examinations for Classes 10 and 12 will be conducted offline in November-December and the date-sheet for the same will be announced on October 18, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) said on Thursday.

The board said the exams will be objective-type and the duration of the tests will be 90 minutes. The exams will start from 11.30 am instead of 10.30 am, keeping in view the winter season. Bifurcating the academic session, holding two term-end exams and rationalising the

syllabus were part of the special assessment scheme for Classes 10 and 12 board exams in 2021-22 announced by the CBSE in July in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"After the conduct of the term-1 exams, the results in the form of marks scored will be declared. No student will be placed in the pass, compartment and essential repeat categories after the first term. The final results will be announced after the first and the second-term examination," CBSE Examination Controller Sanyam Bhardwaj said.

"Practical exams or internal assessment will be completed in

schools before the first-term exams are over. The marks allotted will be 50 per cent of the total marks and mentioned in the syllabus. The schools will be informed separately about the full scheme so that they can make the necessary preparations," he added.



Bhardwaj further said the second-term examination would be conducted in March-April, 2022 and whether it will be objective or subjective-type will depend on the Covid situation in the country.

Actor Norah Fatehi appears before ED in money laundering case

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Actor Norah Fatehi on Thursday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here for recording her statement in connection with a money laundering case worth over Rs 200 crore against alleged conman Sukesh Chandrasekar.

Fatehi, 29, appeared before the investigating officer of the case at the ED's office here.

Her statement is being recorded under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with a money laundering case filed against Chandrasekar and his actor wife Leena Maria Paul, sources said.

The ED had earlier questioned actor Jacqueline

Fernandes in this case. She is expected to depose again before the agency.

Both the actors are understood to be cooperating with the agency in taking the money laundering probe forward as they themselves had been allegedly conned in the racket run by Chandrasekar and his wife.

Chandrasekar and his wife were recently arrested by the ED following an order from the PMLA court while they were already lodged in jail after they were arrested by the Delhi Police on charges of cheating some people including some high-profile individuals including former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh's wife Aditi Singh.

In August, the ED had searched some of

Chandrasekar's premises and seized a sea-facing bungalow in Chennai, Rs 82.5 lakh cash and over a dozen luxurious cars.

The agency had claimed in a statement that Chandrasekar is a "known conman" and is being probed by the Delhi Police in a case of alleged criminal conspiracy, cheating and extortion to the tune of about Rs 200 crore.

"Chandrasekar is the mastermind of this fraud. He has been part of the crime world since the age of 17. He has multiple FIRs against him and is presently lodged in Rohini jail (in connection with the Delhi Police case)," the ED had said.

Despite being in the jail, it said, Chandrasekar "did not stop conning" people, the ED said.

India reports surge of 18,987 new Covid cases

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With restrictions easing during the festive season, India's Covid-19 cases and deaths are again surging. As per the Union Health Ministry's data, India on Thursday registered 3000 cases more than what it did on Wednesday.

In the last 24 hours, it added 18,987 cases and 246 deaths while it was 15,823 infections and 226 deaths on

Wednesday, when the country saw the lowest daily rise in Covid cases since early March.

The Ministry has been consistently warning the people not to let their guard down as virus can take ugly shape in view of easing of restrictions in crowded places amidst celebration of festivities.

The active Covid cases in India comprise 0.61 per cent of the total infections, the lowest since March 2020 -- the active

caseload at present is 2,07,653, lowest in 214 days, said the Ministry in a statement.

India's total Covid infection tally has reached 3,40,01,743 while the death count has increased to 4,51,189. A total of 13,25,399 tests were conducted, taking the number of cumulative tests conducted so far to 58,63,63,442.

The national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.06 per cent, highest since March 2020. At least 22,844 recoveries in the last 24 hours took the total number of recoveries to 3,33,42,901 in India.

The daily positivity rate - number of positive cases identified per 100 - stands at 1.19 per cent, less than 3 per cent for last 44 days. The weekly positivity rate stands at 1.46 per cent in India. A total of 13,01,083 tests were conducted on Wednesday, taking the number of cumulative tests conducted so far for detection of Covid-19 in the country to 58,76,64,525.

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The employment and earning generating "Hunar Haats" for artisans and craftsmen may soon be linked with the popular marketing websites like Amazon and Flipkart and will also be increasingly focussing on the artisans belonging to socially backward Muslims.

Continuing improvisation in the "Hunar Haats", the Union Ministry for minority affairs will be setting "Vishwakarma Vatika" in the Haats across the country to promote traditional skills of artisans and craftsmen where they will also be displaying live how India's traditional and indigenous handmade products are made.

Database of artisans is being prepared from across the country to rope-in them from the lowest-rung to the

Haats.

According to the ministry, backward castes among Muslim artisans would be given space in "Vishwakarma Vatika" to showcase their products and sell them directly or through Government e Marketing ((GeM).

Sections of Muslim community such as Kahar, Kewat-Mallah, Kumhar, Kunjda, Gujjar, Gaddi-Ghosi, Qureshi, Jogi, Mali, Teli, Darji, Nut, Banjara, Badhyi, Chudidar, Momini-Julaha, Mansuri, Dhuniya, Rangrej, Lohar, Halwayi, Hajjam, Dhobi, Bhishti, Mochi, Raj-Mistri etc will benefit by this improvisations of Haats, said the Ministry.

According to sources, government is in talks with the marketing sites like Amazon and Flipkart to sell products of the artisans.

Talking to media persons here, Union Minister for

Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said here that the first of "Vishwakarma Vatika", in "Hunar Haat" will come up at Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, which will be inaugurated by Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan on 16th October.

Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal would also be present on the

occasion.

Proficient craftsmen, sculptors, stonemasons, blacksmiths, carpenters, potter and other artisans from across the country, will give live demo of hundreds of India's traditional art and craft at one place in these "Vishwakarma Vatika", Naqvi said.

The minister said that about 700 artisans and craftsmen from more than 30 States and UTs including Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi,

Nagaland, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Goa, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Ladakh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu-Kashmir, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have brought their indigenous products made with wood, brass, bamboo, glass, cloth, paper, clay etc at "Hunar Haat", being organised at Rampur.

Naqvi said that besides "Vocal for Local", the upcoming "Hunar Haats" will also be based on the theme of "Best from Waste". Exquisite products made from used and discarded items in households such as Plastic, paper, ply, wood, glass, ceramic, jute, cotton, wool as well as banana stems, sugarcane pulp, paddy and wheat straw-stems, husk, Tur, rubber, iron, brass, etc will be available in "Hunar Haat" for sale and display.



LAKHIMPUR KILLINGS

Fair probe not possible till Min sacked: Tikait

Aligarh (UP): Voicing dissatisfaction over the probe into the Lakhimpur violence case after the "red-carpet arrest" of MoS Home Ajay Mishra's son, BKU leader Rakesh Tikait on Thursday said a fair investigation is not possible till the minister is removed from his post.

He said the "red-carpet arrest" of Ashish Mishra has fuelled anger among protesting farmers.

Alleging that the investigating agency is going soft on Mishra's interrogation, Tikait termed the probe a 'guldaston wali puch-tach' (investigation where bouquets are being presented).

Ashish Mishra, alleged to be in one of the cars that mowed down the protesters in Lakhimpur Kheri on October 3, was arrested after 12 hours of questioning last week. A court here had granted three-day custody of Ashish to police.

"The red carpet arrest of the minister's son who is the main accused in the incident has fuelled anger among the protesting farmers," the BKU leader told newspersons here.

"The whole world understands that no justice can be given if the minister whose son is

being investigated continues to hold his chair. We are completely dissatisfied by the manner in which investigations are being conducted," Tikait said at a function in Tappal town.

He claimed that the minister was influencing the SIT investigation.

The BKU leader reiterated that the protest against the Lakhimpur violence would intensify if Ajay Mishra was not removed from his post.

The farmers' unions have already given a call for burning the effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home minister Amit Shah on Dussehra, a six-hour nationwide 'rail roko' agitation on October 26 and a 'kisan mahapanchayat' in the state capital on October 26.

"Everybody knows that nothing would come out of the 'red-carpet arrest' of the union minister's son. How can anybody expect anything when the police who are questioning Ashish Mishra also present bouquets to the MoS," Tikait said.

When asked about the arrest of Ankit Das, a friend of Ashish Mishra, he claimed, "More false witnesses will be produced and some will even take responsibility on their head under the influence of Ajay Mishra in the region." **PTI**

AIADMK: A golden jubilee sans fervour and enthusiasm

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) which is formed on 17th October 1972 by matinee idol late M G Ramachandran is entering a crucial phase of its history this Sunday. The year 2022 marks the Golden Jubilee of the party that ruled Tamil Nadu for a total of 25 years (1977-1987, 1991-1996, 2001-2006 and 2011-2016) since its birth in 1972. The AIADMK won all these elections under the leadership of party founder MGR or his chosen heir Jayalalithaa. With the demise of Jayalalithaa in 2016, the AIADM has become like a rudderless ship and was wiped out in the 2019 Lok Sabha election as well as the 2021 Assembly election.

The general view among political commentators in the State is that AIADMK does not have a leader who could match the stature and charisma of MGR or Jayalalithaa. Adding to the woes of the party is the turf war between Leader of the Opposition Edappadi Palaniswami and coordinator of the steering committee O Panneerselvam, sulking over the denial of the post of the LoP to him.

Adding to the woes of the party cadre is V K Sasikala, former aid to Jayalalithaa, who is struggling hard to take control of the party. She is being helped by TTV Dhinakaran, her nephew who had floated the AMMK when he was eased out of the AIADMK. The aunt-nephew duo has taken control of the TV channel Jaya TV and party mouthpiece Namathu MGR through a silent opera-

tion. With Palaniswami, Panneerselvam, Sasikala, and Dhinakaran pulling the party in different directions, skeptics have started doubting whether the AIADMK would remain as a single entity when it is time for the golden jubilee celebration.

That the party does not have any strategists or strategy was proved when it "squandered" two Rajya Sabha seats in 2021 by fielding two sitting members who had more than three years of tenure to complete their term for the Assembly election. Both of them won the assembly election and resigned their Rajya Sabha seats. When the polls to the vacant seats were held the DMK walked away with both the seats. "This itself shows that the party is bereft of quality leaders and ideas," said a senior party leader who had been sidelined by Palaniswamy and Panneerselvam

Chances of Panneerselvam joining hands with Sasikala are not being ruled out by party insiders themselves. In Tamil Nadu what matters most is not ideology but caste. Sasikala and Panneerselvam belong to Thevar sect (a segment of Mukkalathor caste) while Palaniswamy belongs to the Gounder community. Though Jayalalithaa was an Iyengar, she had the total support of the Thevars, a dominant caste in southern Tamil Nadu.

The recent polls to the local bodies in the newly carved out nine districts saw AIADMK getting routed. It will be a tough task for the AIADMK to stage a comeback in time for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

3 NSCN-K YA ultras nabbed near Indo-Myanmar border

New Delhi: Three hardcore militants of the banned NSCN-K (YA) outfit were nabbed from Mon town of Nagaland in an intelligence-led counter-insurgency operation by the Assam Rifles after the ultras crossed over to India from Myanmar, sources in the security establishment said on Thursday.

All the three militants apprehended are residents of Myanmar and they sneaked into the Indian side with the purpose of carrying out a string of attacks, they said.

The militants identified as Yunah Konyak, Tonpho Konyak alias Aton and Songam Konyak were caught by troops of the 35 Assam Rifles in the operation on Monday in the border town with support from local police, the sources said.

While Yunah is a resident of Thela village in Myanmar, Tonpho is from Kamka village and Songam is from the Langkho area of the neighbouring country, they said.

The Indian and Myanmar security forces have been coordinating with each other in keeping a strict vigil over the India-Myanmar border. In October last year, Army Chief Gen MM Naravane, accompanied by Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, paid a crucial visit to Myanmar during which India decided to supply an attack submarine to the Myanmar Navy besides agreeing to further deepen overall military and defence ties.

It is learnt that the overall coordination and cooperation between the India and Myanmar armies on the management of the Indo-Myanmar border has improved following the visit by the Chief of Army Staff. **PTI**

2 soldiers critically hurt in Poonch

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Two Indian soldiers including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) received critical injuries in a second major strike in the last four days by the heavily armed terrorists in the general area of Nar Khas forest in Mendhar sub division of Poonch late Thursday evening. Five Indian soldiers were martyred in the Dera ki Gali area of Surankote on October 11.

Following heavy exchange of firing in the area the vehicular movement on the Rajouri-Poonch National Highway has been halted to prevent any loss of life and injury to commuters. Defence PRO Lt-Col Devender Anand in a statement said, "In an ongoing Counter Terrorist operation in the general area Nar Khas Forest, Mendhar Sub Division, District Poonch there has been exchange of fire between army troops and terrorists during evening hours on Thursday. During the ensuing exchange of fire one JCO and one soldier have been critically injured. The operations are under progress".

It is believed a heavily armed group of terrorists are well entrenched in the thickly forested belt and targeting the patrol parties to inflict injuries. On the other hand, the Army jawans have been combing the area without knowing the exact location of the hiding terrorists. It is also learnt, "the terrorists have been surviving inside the forest belt on the basis of support extended to them by a handful of over ground workers and local guides working with the terrorist outfits in the forward area of Poonch".

Trinamool, Left, Cong in WB oppose Centre's move to expand BSF jurisdiction

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress, Left and Congress have vehemently protested against the Centre's decision to expand the jurisdiction of Border Security Force to 50 kms saying it is a direct infringement of State's rights. The BSF hitherto enjoyed a jurisdiction of 15 km from the international border.

"Law and order is a State subject and that cannot be infringed upon by the Centre ... the Constitution is clear on that ... this move by the Centre to expand BSF's jurisdiction will amount to meddling in law and order matters of the State which is unacceptable," said senior TMC leader and Bengal minister Firhad Hakim.

The Trinbamool Congress Government strongly opposes this high handed decision taken by the Centre ... it is arbitrary and amounts to an infringement on the rights of the state... What was the sudden need to enhance the BSF's jurisdiction without informing the State Government ... is it because they want to compensate for their electoral defeat in Bengal?" TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said.

By amending the BSF Act the Centre has provided the BSF with additional teeth to carry out its works unhindered by the police and without the help from the State police. It can undertake search, seizure and arrest suspects within 50 km inside the border in the States of Bengal, Assam and Punjab.

With Bengal sharing a long

border with Bangladesh a "territorial expansion" for the BSF can mean a "substantial loss" of jurisdiction for the State Police worth a whopping 110,850 square km. This is exclusive of the border distance shared by Nepal and Bhutan. Bengal-Bangladesh has a distance of 2,217 km.

Reacting strongly to the development TMC MP Saugato Roy said that the "State Government is concerned with the development because the Home Ministry under Amit Shah has an unimpressive track record."

Left leaders like Sujan Chakrabarty too opposed the decision attacking the BJP Government for "its expansionist" policies and the Trinamool Congress for "creating a situation where the BJP is feeling encouraged and emboldened to take such actions ... this deplorable."

Congress Lok Sabha leader and PCC president Adhir Chowdhury said that the move would fire resentment in days to come.

He tweeted: "The expansion of BSF area of jurisdiction up to 50 km from border of some states amounts to brazen infringement upon the territory of states. HMO India (ministry of home affairs), you should not indulge in any 'Chherkhani' (meddling) else will face the consequences."

However, the BJP leadership defended the central move saying New Delhi had to take the decision as the State police had failed to block terror transit points and stop arms and drug smuggling.

Kerala logs 9,246 new Covid cases

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Kerala's see-saw battle with Covid-19 continued on Thursday, a closed holiday in the State on account of Vijaya Dasami as the number of new persons diagnosed with the pandemic came down slightly.

According to Veena George, the State's Health Minister, 9246 persons were diagnosed with Covid-19 out of the 88,733 samples tested during the last 24 hours. With the logging of 96 persons during the last 24 hours, death toll till date in the State reached 26,667.

In yet another setback to the administration, Government doctors will begin their indefinite non-cooperation agitation from Friday demanding better working conditions, liberal rest and recovery period and restoration of risk allowance and pay which were 'drastically' reduced by the Government since the pandemic struck the State in January 2020.

Pune airport to remain shut for 14 days from October 16

New Delhi: The Lohegaon airport in Pune will remain closed for 14 days from October 16 as the Indian Air Force (IAF) has taken the runway for resurfacing work, while a chopper firm will operate sorties to and from Mumbai – the nearest operational airport during this period.

"This is to inform all passengers that as per information received from Indian Air Force (IAF), due to runway resurfacing works, all flights from Pune Airport will not operate for 14 days from 16 October 2021 to 29 October 2021," the airport tweeted on its official handle. All commercial flights operating from the airport will remain suspended from October 16 to 29 due to the closure.

The Lohegaon Airport will have a second shut down within 13 years. The existing airport at Lohegaon is owned by the IAF which had earlier said that shutting down the airstrip was "inescapable", as the runway's condition was rapidly deteriorating and needed re-carpeting.

India, US to begin 15-day military exercise in Alaska from today

New Delhi: India and the US will kickstart a 15-day mega military exercise in Alaska from Friday to further deepen bilateral military cooperation.

The 17th edition of the exercise "Yudh Abhyas" will be conducted at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson in Alaska from October 15 to 29, the Indian Army said on Thursday.

The Indian contingent at the exercise will comprise 350 personnel of an infantry battalion group of the Indian Army.

The previous edition of the exercise took place at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Bikaner in February.

"This exercise is another step in the growing military cooperation between the two countries. The exercise aims at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between two armies," the Army said.

It said the exercise will focus on "combined arms

manoeuvres in cold climatic conditions and is primarily aimed at sharing tactical level drills and learning best practices from each other".

The Indo-US defence ties have been on an upswing in the last few years.

In June 2016, the US had designated India a "Major Defence Partner".

The two countries have also signed key defence and security pacts over the past few years, including the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) in 2016 that allows their militaries to use each other's bases for repair and replenishment of supplies as well as provides for deeper cooperation.

The two sides also signed COMCASA (Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement) in 2018 that provides for interoperability between the two militaries and provides for the sale of high-end technology from the US to India. **PTI**

Anti-drone technology developed, transferred to industries: DRDO chief

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

DRDO has developed counter-drone technology and transferred it to industries, which have taken orders from the armed forces and security forces of the country, a senior official of the organisation said on Thursday. "DRDO has developed anti-drone technology. It has all the necessary elements required to counter drones, whether it is detection, tracking or surveillance and even a process called software and hardware," Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chief G Satheesh Reddy said.

He was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the DRDO-sponsored Kalam Centre for Science and Technology (KCST) at the Central University of Jammu in Samba. Reddy said the technology has been transferred to multiple industries, which have taken orders from the armed forces and security forces of the country.

"They are providing it to them. They will be delivering it to them (security and armed forces) to tackle the drones that are coming in (from across the border)," he added. Reddy said the capability of the anti-drone

system has been demonstrated multiple times, adding, "It was deployed on the Independence Day and the Republic Day also." Earlier, Reddy laid the foundation stone of Kalam Centre for Science and Technology (KCST) at the sprawling campus of Central University of Jammu.

Work on the ambitious project is scheduled to be over in two and a half years. Once completed the centre will emerge as a focussed research centre and prominent work centre in the country.

Speaking on the occasion The Chairman, DRDO Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy emphasised the importance of two verticals in KCST i.e. Computational System Security and Sensors in the present scenario.

He also mentioned that the protection of Cyber-Physical System and Data Security during the routing is of utmost importance and emphasized the need for skill development in computational security. Further, he mentioned that sensors developed in this research centre should come as a product with state-of-art technology.

Prof. Ashok Aima Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu thanked Chairman DRDO for this venture which opens up a new chapter in CUJ. He said such collaboration of

CUJ with DRDO would unfold in time to come to a new institutional collaboration by synchronizing experience and expertise to create a new pathway for research and innovations in this region.

The Governing Council unanimously sanctioned 3 research projects of Rs. 30 Crore under Computational System Security vertical. Vice-Chancellor congratulated PI's of the projects and Coordinators of Research Verticals Dr. Yashwant Singh, HoD Computer Science & IT, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences and Prof. B.S. Bhau Director KCST for this achievement.

The foundation stone laying ceremony was also attended by Hari Babu Srivastava, Director General (TM), Dr. Sudhir Kamath, Director General (MED & CoS), Amit Sharma, Advisor Cyber (Govt. of India), Dr. Shiv Kumar, Director, ER & IPR, Kailash Kumar Pathak, Director, DFTM, U Jeya Santhi, Director, SAG, Rajesh Pillai, Scientist G, SAG, J.S. Rawat, SSPL, Renu Sharma, Scientist F, DFTM, Dipak Gupta, Scientist E, Office of Advisor (Cyber), and other distinguished scientists of DRDO headquarter and SAG and SSPL DRDO Labs.

Bihar priest shot dead over 'mobile phone dispute'

Darbhanga (Bihar): A 45-year-old priest was shot dead over a dispute regarding a mobile phone in Bihar's Darbhanga district on Thursday, following which one of the alleged assailants was lynched by locals and two others were arrested by the police.

The incident took place early in the morning when four armed men barged into Kankali temple in the University police station area and shot dead priest Rajeev Kumar Jha and injured a devotee, Station House Officer Satya Prakash Jha said.

The injured devotee, identified as Shambhu Choudhary, has been hospitalised and his condition is stated to be stable, he said.

After the incident, locals chased the alleged assailants and nabbed three of them, while one managed to escape. The trio was brutally thrashed by the locals, as a result of which, one of them – identified as Pulkrit Singh – died, while the other two were arrested by the police, the officer said.

"Preliminary investigation suggests that the deceased assailant had some dispute over a mobile phone with the priest's son," he said, adding further investigation is underway.

Locals, however, claimed that the slain priest had lodged a police complaint against the lynched man a few days ago but no further action was taken against him. Police, though, remained tight-lipped over the charge. **PTI**

Villagers worship Ravana in some parts of UP

PTI ■ ALIGARH

Dussehra is celebrated all over country as a symbol of the victory of good deeds represented by Lord Rama over evils symbolised by Ravana.

But in the sasani town of Hathras, Tribal communities of Aligarh and village Bisrikh of Gautam Budh Nagar worship Ravan even today. Entire village is worshipper of Ravana and they have dedicated a temple to Ravana wherein Ravana is deity. They observe this day (Dussehra) in mourning. Bisrikh is located at only 29 Km away from Aligarh Border.

It is being claimed that the village is linked to historic era. Father of Ravana, Vishvasarva was born there and the village too derived its name from him. Villagers believe that Ravana was his ancestor, so they observe grief and mourn on Dussehra. Located at 65 km from National Capital, the village Bisrikh comes in limelight during Dussehra every year.

Sanjay Singh, a resident of Bisrikh told "our village is a historic one. He told that Ravana of the epic era was from here. Thousands of villagers believe that Ravana was their ancestor. Residents of village have constructed a very beautiful temple and Ravana is worshiped in its ritually".

Another resident of Bisrikh, Reeta Devi says that Ravana was most scholarist person of his era. He was

ditched by his own brothers who passed his tactics and strategies to Rama otherwise he would not had been killed. She says that Ravana was treasure house of knowledge, we worship him as god of knowledge.

Like Bisrikh, the tribal communities celebrate the Maha Puja of Ravan in several villages in Aligarh like Akkrabad, Dhanipur, Utasani and Kutubpur. The tribal population has been worshipping Ravana as its Deity and symbol of intellectual prosperity since ages.

Ramesh, a resident of Akkrabad said "Ravana is deity of around 55 Tribal Communities like Gihara , Gond Aharia , Bhilla, bha-haliya, Kanjar and Praja Communities and they have been celebrating Ravan as God. We never celebrate Dushehra, we condemn the burning of effige of Ravan on the day of Dushehra. Gihara community want that government should take care of their religious feeling."

Ravana is also worshiped by one section of Kanyakubja Braamans in Sasni town and their adjoining villages , which is 16 km from Aligarh. Here also devotees of Ravana mourn the killing of Ravana on Dussehra. Here Ravan is personified as a symbol of prosperity and regarded as a survivor by Kanyakubja Bharamans, a Bharamans sub cast to which Ravan is believed to belong.

Maharashtra reports 2,384 new Covid cases

Mumbai: Maharashtra reported 2,384 new Covid-19 cases on Thursday, up 165 from a day ago, while 35 more patients succumbed to the infection in the state, down from nearly 50 the previous day, said an official from the health department.

With the latest additions, the state's case-load increased to 65,86,280, while death toll rose to 1,39,705, he said. The State has been reporting an upward trend in new cases since Monday. There were 1,736 Covid-19 cases on Monday, which increased to 2,069 on Tuesday, while Wednesday saw 2,219 fresh infections. However, fresh deaths reported a drop from 49 on Wednesday to 35 in the last 24 hours. The official said 2,343 patients were discharged from hospitals in the last 24 hours, pushing the count of recovered cases to 64,13,418. Maharashtra now has 29,560 coronavirus patients under treatment. The state has 2,26,249 people in home quarantine and another 1,070 in institutional quarantine, he said.

The official said Maharashtra's Covid-19 recovery rate stands at 97.38 per cent, while the fatality rate is 2.12 per cent. The cumulative number of coronavirus tests conducted in the state climbed to 6,06,83,524 after 1,36,952 samples were examined in the last 24 hours, he said. Among districts, Mumbai reported the



highest new infections at 558 besides five deaths, taking the state capital's cumulative infection figure to 7,50,494 and the toll to 16,172, he said.

Among the eight regions of Maharashtra, the Mumbai region reported the highest 998 new Covid-19 cases, followed by 689 from the Pune region. The Nashik region reported 429 new cases, Kolhapur 153, Latur 64, Aurangabad 36, Nagpur 12 and the Akola region three, he said. According to the official, among the 35 fresh fatalities, the highest 10 were reported from the Mumbai region, followed by seven each from Pune and Nashik regions. **PTI**



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Burning sensation

Innovative ways to deal with stubble burning instead of cash incentives are needed

It is the second week of October and the annual problem of stubble burning has resurfaced around Delhi. The Central Pollution Control Board says the air quality in Delhi has already reduced over the last week. The air quality index (AQI) on October 13 was 171. It falls under the 'moderate' category of 101-200 AQI. The index has jumped from the 'satisfactory' since the last week of September and crossed three digits to 125 on October 7. Between now and the end of November every year, Punjab, Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh record a high number of stubble burnings. This year, however, the burning is delayed; NASA images show a lesser number of fires in Punjab and Haryana. In Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar of UP, however, instances of stubble burning are increasing. The response of the UP administration is simply to lodge an FIR against persons involved in the crop residue burning and impose fines ranging from ₹2,500 to ₹15,000. That hardly deters the farmers who feel their losses will be more if they don't burn the stubble and get the field ready for the next crop in the small window available for doing so. The solution lies not in punitive measures and ordinances and laws but in innovation. Certain steps that Delhi, Punjab and Haryana are taking this year may show the way.



The crux of the problem is that around 20 million tonnes of paddy straw was generated in the monsoon harvest. There is a 55-day window to clear it for the winter wheat crop. The straw cannot be used as fodder and burning it is the easiest and cheapest method. However, that badly pollutes the air, in and around Delhi. Governments have introduced effective machines to remove the stubble but the farmers find them expensive. Innovation has now come into the picture. The Delhi Government has started using the Pusa Decomposer this month. Developed by the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), it is a low-cost microbial bio-enzyme that decomposes crop residues, including stubble. Thousands of farmers in Punjab and Haryana have registered with a firm to use the decomposer. A Bengaluru-based start-up has tied up with the IARI to simplify the use of the decomposer. It provides the mixture in capsule form that can be transformed into a ready-to-use powder that can be mixed with water and sprayed instantly. There are other experiments that States are undertaking. Farmers are being persuaded to diversify into Basmati paddy that can be used as fodder. Scientists are exploring microbial solutions that can dissolve the stubble and convert it into soil nutrients. Trials are underway to generate bio-CNG and bioethanol from the stubble. Paper and sugar mills are being incentivised to install boilers that use stubble as fuel. It is time the innovation leads the anti-stubble war instead of impractical solutions like giving farmers a cash incentive of ₹100 per quintal for not burning stubble.

PICTALK



Street vendors sell effigies by the roadside ahead of Dussehra, in Delhi

Ranjana Dimri | The Pioneer

Not there yet

The TMC has brighter prospects after winning West Bengal, but Delhi is still far away

In July, when after her resounding success in Bengal elections Mamata Banerjee told the media in Delhi that she was a mere cog in the anti-BJP wheel even a nitwit knew she was testing waters. Three months later, the Trinamool Congress mouthpiece *Jago Bangla* projected her as the woman behind the Opposition wheel who could take down Narendra Modi in 2024 general elections — dismissing Rahul Gandhi's claim to it all. But can she do in Delhi what she did in Kolkata? The TMC has no doubts that with the help of team PK — read Prashant Kishor — she will succeed where Jyoti Basu and Pranab Mukherjee failed. No doubt the TMC think tank is walking on a presumptive trajectory. According to them, in the absence of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, Banerjee has emerged as the undisputed leader of Bengal with 42 parliamentary seats. Bengal is the third largest State after Uttar Pradesh (80) and Maharashtra (48) in terms of the MPs. The TMC is convinced that her thumping success in Bengal and Rahul Gandhi's repetitive failure elsewhere to jack up a decomposing Congress keeps her ahead of the grand old outfit.

However, the proverbial "pros" notwithstanding, the bacterial "cons" may erode Didi's prospects because winning Bengal and grabbing Delhi are different ball games. First of all, she has to offer a viable Bengal Model for PM Modi's Gujarat Model. Industry is her Achilles Heels. Despite her having "convened" yearly global business summits with huge fanfare, the resultant investment is in the vicinity of a regulation zero. Back from one such summit meeting in Kolkata, a mighty big industry captain from Gujarat privately told his board of directors that investing in Bengal was equivalent to putting necks on railway tracks. Didi must be running her ploys in Singur and Nandigram that brought her to power but that remain the cause of her biggest woes as a Chief Minister. Secondly, though Banerjee has blasted Modi for selling out national assets and cutting down Government jobs, her own Government is responsible for eating up more than 5.5 lakh posts. Unlike Jyoti Basu, who commanded respect by his politics, trustworthiness, untainted image and age, the contemporary heartland politicians with their own ambitions and personal ego may not accept Mamata's suzerainty. Hence Delhi is very much visible from Kolkata but it is still far away. *Dilli abhi door hai, Didi!*

Beijing not really the bigger fish

The aggressive behaviour of China has antagonised many countries. North Korea and Pakistan apart, it is difficult to think of a Chinese ally



PRAFULL GORADIA

It is true that Xi Jinping's China is by now sufficiently worked up, for whatever reasons. It also is increasingly apparent that China has to be stopped in its tracks, if the world is not to plunge into a devastating war. Had Europe, Britain and France in particular, done likewise in 1936, WWII would have probably been averted. Notwithstanding Germany being bound by the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, forced to downsize its military and remain peaceful, its Fuhrer Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to seize the demilitarised Rhineland — formerly German territory — in 1936, in complete violation of the Treaty. No European power did or even said anything. Germany's generals, who were then reluctant to precipitate another armed conflict, began having faith in their Fuhrer's supposed strategic calibre.

In 1938, just two years after Rhineland, Britain's Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and France's PM Edouard Daladier promptly accepted Hitler's invitation to a conference in Munich to settle the Sudetenland issue. This Czechoslovakian province was substantially German-speaking. The Fuhrer wanted it for the greater glory of his fatherland. The visiting leaders promptly conceded this demand without so much as even consulting the Czechoslovaks. Chamberlain publicly eulogised the success of this conference as having achieved "peace in our time". This conclusively convinced the Germans that their Fuhrer knew what he was doing.

The inevitable happened thereafter. Austria was the next to be gobbled, as part of greater Germany, without a shot. In September next year, Poland was overrun in less than six weeks, with France capitulating in a similar duration in 1940. Had the French and British resisted Nazi Germany, which was militarily less prepared in 1936, Hitler would possibly have lost power or stayed away from such military adventures.

China is much better prepared, economically and militarily. It has progressed leaps and bounds, particularly after Deng



Xiao Ping. But how far would it have gone had the American gates for its goods not opened up? China's goods are not products of its own technology, but the result of very diligent copying, politely called 'reverse engineering'. The cheap cost of Chinese goods can be attributed to virtually free grants of land and throwaway interest rates for term loans to local entrepreneurs and of course, low wages to its workers, at least in the early phase of China's meteoric rise.

This is in contrast to Japan's manufactures — automobiles, electronic goods, computers, watches, et al. These are not only original but also largely unsurpassed by other countries. Militarily too, unlike Japan, China does not have a sufficient tradition. Strangely, the People's Liberation Army (PLA; China's armed forces) belongs to the Communist Party of China and *not* to the country. Moreover, China's armed forces are not made up of volunteers but mostly conscripts. It is one thing for anyone to be prepared to give his life for his country; it is difficult to fight with the same spirit for a political party, which can rise and fall, like the Congress in India, for instance. Else, there can be factional

STRANGELY, THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY BELONGS TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA AND NOT TO THE COUNTRY. AS A SOLDIER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIGHT WITH THE SAME SPIRIT FOR A POLITICAL PARTY

feuds too within a party, which partly explains a vast number of Chinese soldiers losing their lives in most skirmishes and small battles they have been involved in, over the last few decades. Also, more crucially, the Chinese armed forces have not been involved in fighting since 1979 when they invaded Vietnam, a war where the yellow giant took a beating.

Battle experience is more important than training, in order to be a soldier. A battle hardened soldier is far more dependable than a well-trained recruit. Anyone who has not faced bullets is unpredictable in a combat situation, as to how he would react when the shooting begins. Today's PLA may not have a single soldier who has faced actual combat.

In the meantime, the aggressive behaviour displayed by China's political leadership has antagonised many countries. North Korea and Pakistan apart, it is difficult to think of a Chinese ally. While North Korea's army is large and marches excellently in military parades, it has not felt a bullet since 1953, which is 68 years hence. In contrast, the Indian army was originally founded by the British, who were amongst the best trained armed forces

other than the German ones. The country has fought five wars, as well as continual insurgencies in eastern India and Kashmir.

China is presumably militarily as mighty as most people worry. Taiwan is a major issue with the current leadership in Beijing. The South China Sea is another flashpoint. The Himalayas in India's north are potentially the third one. There are Japan and Taiwan, which for their size have excellent air forces. There is Australia further south. All that is necessary is for the USA to open its treasury of advanced weaponry. The rest of the allies are strong enough to halt the yellow giant from going any farther, if not actually force it to take a few steps back in its aggressiveness.

This is also imperative because China's much-hyped rise has already happened. In other words, China is no longer rising but has risen. The window of opportunity to grab global hegemony is closing. And that makes the situation as dangerous as it was in 1914.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIGHTING THE TINY-MIGHTY DEMON

Sir — As the matter stands, we are making a pertinent move to get rid of the COVID-19 pandemic as the number of deaths and the number of cases are reducing day by day. We are taking resolute actions to reduce the caseload and the people's cooperation is needed in this direction. As the COVID-19 hangs over the Dussehra celebrations, we must not fall prey to the eyeing 'rakshasa' in the form of the virus. Celebrations are a necessary part of social living as they spread an ethos of joy and togetherness. However, reckless celebrations can lead to consequences that we would not want.

We are all waiting for the D-Day with baited breath when the nation will announce the clearance of the outbreak. The Genie will be out of the bottle and Coronavirus will take its place. Once bottled, it will be thrown deep into the sea never to be found again. Until then, we must celebrate the triumph of good over evil in a safe and planned way.

Jayanthi Subramaniam | Coimbatore

A BLAST FROM THE ARCHIVES

Sir — Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's claim that Vinayak Damodar Savarkar submitted mercy petitions to the British at Mahatma Gandhi's behest is not corroborated by historical facts. It was a vain attempt at whitewashing Savarkar's reputation as part of the project to rewrite history to present Hindu Right's past in a good light. Rajnath Singh's claim was a distortion of facts; it is demolished by the fact that the mercy petitions submitted by Savarkar in 1911 and 1913 preceded Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa and his joining the freedom movement in 1915. The mercy petitions predated Mahatma Gandhi's article.

The words in his petitions were not worthy of being called a freedom fighter. He pledged loyalty to the British crown and appealed to its 'manifest beneficence' to secure his release from the Andaman Cellular Jail. It cannot be helped if the Hindutva brigade suffers from a sense of inferiority due to its non-participation in

A humble man with wisdom



The nation celebrates the birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India who was famously known as the "Missile Man of India, on Oct 15. To acknowledge the efforts of Dr Kalam and the stupendous role he played as a teacher throughout his scientific and political careers, the day is celebrated as 'World Students' Day'. He was a great scientist, a writer, an impeccable teacher, and a man of exceptional qualities. He described educa-

tion as the means of progress and believed that education alone can remove poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition from our life. He always believed that a strong society can be built only when the students are made proficient in their subjects.

Dr. Kalam, who won the highest civilian award the Bharat Ratna, considered himself a teacher and felt very pleased when he addressed students. He emphasised that students should have an aim in life, grasp knowledge from everywhere, work hard towards their goal and never accept defeat. Dr Kalam's strong commitment to education made him excel in his academics and multifaceted career. He always inspired the youth of the country to think and do new things. His ideas will keep inspiring the youth for generations to come. He will always be remembered as an eminent scientist, an incredible teacher, and a great man who inspired millions through his philosophy of simple living and high thinking.

Krishna K Vepakomma | Hyderabad

the freedom struggle and worse, its collaboration with the British colonials in India. At this rate, the BJP may soon project and celebrate Savarkar as India's foremost freedom fighter, relegating the true freedom fighters who refused to cower before the might of the British Empire.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

AN IRRITATING NEIGHBOUR

Sir — Outlandishly, India's contiguous neighbour China's expansionist shenanigans are far from over with as many as 13 rounds of military talks between the two sides coming to naught. Ironically, China comes to the table every time with new conditions for de-escalation on Ladakh borders. As if this was not enough, Beijing, in a bid to dishearten Indian delegations for the confabulations on Sunday, has also taken an irrational exception to a visit by India's Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu to Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday.

In a reaction, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi has also read the Chinese side the Riot Act, asserting that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India and, hence, Indian leaders keep visiting the State at will or when an occasion demands. He further reminded that the unilateral attempts by the Chinese side to alter the status quo on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western side of India-China border against the bilateral agreements, are responsible for the ongoing imbroglio. Ironically, in a 'pot calling the kettle black' scenario, the Western Command of China's People's Liberation Army's (PLA) has blamed that India insisted on 'unreasonable and unrealistic demands to add difficulties to the negotiations'.

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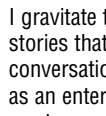


Congress leader — P Chidambaram



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The State Government is in constant touch with the Centre to increase the supply of coal so that power generation can run smoothly.

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PLI SCHEMES: NOT A LONG-TERM ANSWER

Straightening out our manufacturing inefficiencies is the key to boost growth



HIMA BINDU KOTA

The COVID-19 pandemic has created awareness of the vulnerabilities of supply chains and shortage in essential products not only in India but worldwide. This has led to renewed sense of economic nationalism with Governments pushing domestic companies to produce and employ more. The Union Government's latest ₹26,058 crore package to boost production of automobiles, auto parts and drones is part of the strategy to make India a manufacturing hub. Known as Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, this an element of the much larger Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative to make India self-reliant in key products across sectors that are critical and important for India's future growth, by reducing its dependency on imports and developing globally as an export hub. Particularly designed to improve manufacturing capacities in both sunrise and strategic sectors, this scheme aims to reduce import bills, enhance cost competitiveness, and generate employment across skill categories. By achieving these objectives, India wants to expand



the contribution of its manufacturing sector to the GDP, from 17 per cent to 25 percent. The scheme also intends to encourage foreign investors who may want to inject capital into or establish business relationships with companies that have access to PLI incentives. As many as 13 sectors have been identified as intended beneficiaries of the PLI scheme. Taking the example of mobile manufacturing and electronic components industry, a total of 16 applications worth ₹35,541 crore have been approved so far. Five of them were from the global champions category, another five companies were from the domestic champions category and the remaining six companies were from the electronic components category. These companies together invested approximately ₹1,300 crores under this scheme in the first six months of operation inspite of tough times prevailing at the time, and added upto 22,000 jobs. This, in a way, fulfils the very reason for which the scheme was conceived.

Samsung, Foxconn, Hon Hai, Rising Star, Wistron and Pegatron are some of the global electronics giants who have started their operations under the scheme. As contract manufacturers for Apple iPhones, their presence will enhance the manufacturing base in India immensely. There are high expectations from domestic companies alike. After getting approval under PLI scheme, it is anticipated that Indian companies shall expand significantly by increasing their manufacturing operations and gain recognition as national champion companies in mobile phone production. There is an expectation that there would be high demand for mobile phones in future. This is evident from the latest mobile export figures of ₹4,600 crore for the quarter ending April-June 2021. This was a growth of 250 per cent over the previous period. The imports also nose-dived by 80 percent to ₹600 crore from ₹3,200 crore. These figures would jump immensely when Pegatron commences production this year. In this context, the PLI scheme is anticipated to head to a production of approximately ₹10.5 lakh crore with over 60 per cent of this to be exported. This scheme was extended from FY 2025 to FY 2026 at the request of the industry and allows applicants to pick FY 2022 as the base year. With the additional investment of ₹11,000 crore, over the next five years, direct employment would increase by two lakh and indirect employment by three times. Overall, the PLI Scheme bodes well for the mobile phone industry. However, the same cannot be said about other industries like solar manufacturing. These schemes are at best short-term in nature and cannot be regarded as replacement for straightening out manufacturing inefficiencies and business complexity. Both the industry and the Government should work together during this time period to develop competitiveness and quality.

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India towards the space and beyond

Opening space programmes to private players is a breakthrough act and the world is watching keenly to see how feasible it will be to set up shop here



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THE ENTRY OF LARGE ORGANISATIONS HAS ENABLED THE STARTUPS TO PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE VALUE CHAIN. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE AROUND 500 FIRMS DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY ENGAGED WITH SPACE TECHNOLOGIES AND A SCORE OF STARTUPS ARE ENGAGED WITH THE GOVERNMENT

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micro-satellites, advanced rocket propulsion, launch vehicles, AI, Robotics, deep intelligence, etc., this segment is ready to find its wings given the right conditions. However, despite having 60 years of experience and expertise in space missions and satellite communications, India lacks on many fronts.

The start-ups lack resources and technology to handle independent space programmes. And even though the private sector firms can now use ISRO's infrastructure and resources, there is no clarity on the processes involved, the time frame for the sanctions and permissions etc. An easier facilitation center to deal and help the Start-ups in a time bound manner will go a long way in helping in this.

Lack of enabling policies makes the start-ups move to other geographies to set shop -- regulatory and financial barriers create uncertainty for young businesses which is detrimental in this large-investment and slow ROI segment. These barriers force the young entrepreneurs to look for environment that offers easier prospects.

Access to satellite spectrum is a basic issue across the industry and is a critical to the success of this segment. Presently there is no clarity on the availability of satcom spectrum. Without policy level certainty on spectrum allocation the young start-ups will find it very difficult to conduct routine telemetry, telecommand and payload data operations.

There are three distinct authorisations/licenses that are required, viz., GMPCS, VSAT, INSAT MSS and the license categories under the Universal Licensing do not offer any clarity for satellite services for the business in the upstream and

downstream sectors. It is time for India to consider start-up-friendly licensing regime like the short-term experimental licensing by ISRO for their tie ups with the Universities for their Satellite Missions.

The Department of Space's current combined role as licensor, market regulator and satellite operator, is causing a conflict of interest with private satellite builders and satcom service providers. Further there is DOT, DOS, WPC, INSPACE, and NSIL creating multiple layers permissions and asks, hampering the ease of doing business scenario for the sector. A clear delineation of functions is necessary for the commercial units to not seek places elsewhere to start their entity.

The new rules allow foreign companies to set-up facilities in India and enables 100 per cent FDI in the space sector which is a positive move and could give rise to several joint ventures. This paves the way for collaborative development of satellites, huge investment, job creation leading to enhanced GDP growth.

Currently, too many layers of taxes at various levels including GST, revenue share, multiple DOT, DOS charges and withholding tax, etc., has led to almost one third of the entrepreneurs actively looking at relocating out of India to reduce compliance and tax burdens. Countries like Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia offer a far more structured and rationalised tax structure than India and it makes more business sense for the entrepreneurs to shift base there.

There are several accelerator programmes run by the Government to promote the start-up ecosystem. India is the third largest start-up ecosystem in the

world after the US and China and this is one more chance for the segment to grab their chance at succeeding.

There are challenges ahead, there is no doubt. India has 140 incubators and accelerators compared to China and the US which have over 2,400 and 1,500 incubators and accelerators, respectively. There is an urgent need to simplify regulation around registrations, bankruptcy laws, grants, investments etc to get entrepreneurs back into the system.

ISRO and the Government have a crucial role to play in resolving the policy gaps and loopholes by assuring the star-tups and private sector of a lucrative market for their products and services. A large-scale market opportunity awaits the private players in the upstream sector to engage in the manufacturing design and development of high-tech spacecrafts and in proliferation of the satcom applications in downstream sector. Regulators and relevant authorities need to work closely with emerging start-ups to bring about much needed reforms and incentives that allow industry to operate locally for the country to benefit from their success.

Space is a global phenomenon and India must not allow itself to miss the opportunity to be at the top of this frontier. Policies must be harmonised with the global best practices. Developments and standards need to be on par with the rest of the world.

The industry has the wherewithal to grow and contribute significantly both in terms of technological development and GDP growth, thus becoming a true partner to the Government on India's journey towards space and beyond.

Climate negotiations need an innovative approach

Over the past several decades, key indicators of the climate system are changing at rates unprecedented in at least the last 2,000 years



VK BAHUGUNA

The climate change negotiations are held periodically under the banner of United Nations Forum for Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) among participating countries through Conferences of Parties (CoP). The next CoP is the 26th and scheduled to be held in Glasgow in November. Former British Cabinet Minister Alok Sharma, chairperson for CoP 26, has exhorted the countries to agree for ambitious emission reduction targets that will lead to net zero emission by 2050. He had red-flagged the sixth report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report published in 2021. World leaders will arrive in Glasgow like a jamboree and with several thousand negotiators, Government and business



representatives in tow for twelve days of talks.

One of the important features of this year's CoP will be taking stock of the Nationally Determined Contributions of the countries they were asked to bring after five years since the Paris agreement. One of the issues will be to see how the countries are going to fare in controlling the rise in atmospheric temperature to 1.5 degree Celsius. The participants in CoP 26 will have to agree to step-up phasing out coal, curtail deforestation, speed up the switch to electric vehicles and encourage investment in renewables. Apart from mobilising finances for climate change adaptations, it will be necessary to build warning systems and resilient infrastructure and agriculture

rise in temperature and consequent climatic vagaries being notices every year with increasing intensity resulting in acute hardship to the poor and disadvantaged sections of the world population.

It would be interesting to quote the sixth assessment report of the IPCC for larger public demonstration and stern warning to the policy makers. It says: "Observed changes in the atmosphere, oceans, cryosphere and biosphere provide unequivocal evidence of a world that has warmed. Over the past several decades, key indicators of the climate system are increasingly at levels unseen in centuries to millennia, and are changing at rates unprecedented in at least the last 2,000 years."

Specifically, global mean surface temperature has increased by 1.09 C between the pre-industrial baseline period 1850-1900 and the most recent decade of 2011-20. This was more likely than not the warmest in roughly 125,000 years. Similarly, the rainfall pattern will change to extremities in volume and intensity resulting in excessive rainfall within few days and then prolong draughts in all over the world. As for sea ice, between the decades of 1979-88 and 2010-19, the average monthly August-October Arctic sea ice area shrunk by around one quarter with a loss of around two million square kilometres of ice.

In a nutshell, this assessment of IPCC is a grim reminder for the world leaders to have a time-bound action plan for the next five to 10 years to achieve the targets set by the Paris agreement for 2030. In this regard, the United States after returning to the negotiating table, must shoulder the responsibility to lead the developed world.

The negotiators must draw lessons from 'Carbix' a company co-founded by an Indian, Vinit Dighe, and J. Sammy in Quincy, Massachusetts, USA. They develop reactors to harness carbon dioxide from emission streams generated by waste to energy plants, geo-thermal plants, water desalination and natural gas plants. They target cement manufacturing which alone contribute to eight percent carbon emission. They use the emissions to produce minerals like calcium carbonate and limestone while at the same time remaining carbon negative.

It is like catching the emissions and converting them into valuable minerals. There is a huge scope for a permanent carbon sequestration market. It would be appropriate if Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav invites the Indian innovator who is breaking new ground on climate change innovation but also effectively control pollutants and use pollution as a raw material for mineral production.

China warns against ‘manipulation’ of WHO virus probe

Beijing: China's Foreign Ministry on Thursday warned against what it called possible “political manipulation” of a renewed probe by the World Health Organization into the origins of the coronavirus, while saying it would support the international body's efforts.

The WHO on Wednesday released a proposed list of 25 experts to advise it on next steps in the search for the

virus's origins after its earlier efforts were attacked for going too easy on China, where the first human cases were detected in late 2019.

Beijing was accused of withholding raw data on early cases during a visit by a WHO team in February and has since resisted calls for further investigation, saying the US and others were politicising the matter.

Foreign Ministry spokesper-

son Zhao Lijian said China would “continue to support and participate in global scientific tracing and firmly oppose any forms of political manipulation.”

“We hope that all parties concerned, including the WHO secretariat and the advisory group, will effectively uphold an objective and responsible scientific attitude,” Zhao told reporters at a daily

briefing.

The experts proposed by the UN health agency include some who were on the original team that went to the central Chinese city of Wuhan to investigate the origins of Covid-19.

The findings of the original WHO-led team were inconclusive, and the experts released a report concluding it was “extremely unlikely” that

the coronavirus leaked from a Wuhan lab, prompting criticism from outside scientists that the theory had not been properly vetted. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus later acknowledged it had been “pre-mature” to dismiss the lab theory.

Beijing has repeatedly questioned whether the virus did indeed originate in China,

and has called for investigations into US military laboratories without providing any solid evidence.

China has largely stamped out cases of local transmission of Covid-19 infections through mask wearing, quarantining and electronic case tracing, along with sometimes draconian measures including lockdowns and mandatory mass testing. **AP**

US, Israel exploring ‘Plan B’ for Iran

Washington:The United States and Israel said on Wednesday they are exploring a “Plan B” for dealing with Iran if the Islamic Republic does not return in good faith to negotiations to salvage the languishing landmark 2015 nuclear deal.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid said discussions between their two countries have begun on “other options” should Iran reject an offer to come back into compliance with the agreement if the U.S. rejoins it.

They did not elaborate on what those options might be, but there are a wide range of non-diplomatic options that could be considered, ranging from stepped up sanctions to covert or military actions. A Biden administration priority has been to revive the deal and abandoning that goal would be a blow to its foreign policy objectives.

The remarks were a rare acknowledgment by the U.S. that it is looking at what to do in the event diplomacy with Iran fails. Israel has never been

a party to the nuclear deal, which former President Donald Trump withdrew from in 2018, and its former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was a vocal opponent of the agreement negotiated by the Obama administration.

Blinken and Lapid made the remarks at a joint news conference at the State Department with the foreign minister of the United Arab Emirates at which all three agreed to try to expand on the so-called “Abraham Accords,” the Trump-era agreements that normalized relations between Israel and the UAE and other Arab States. Their comments came as Iran has hinted it's ready to return to indirect negotiations with the U.S. in Vienna but has not committed to a date. Iran has also continued to blow through limits on its nuclear activities that had been constrained by the deal.

Blinken reiterated that the window for Iran to return to the agreement is closing but again declined to give a date at which it would be too late. “Time is running short,” he said.

At UN court, Armenia accuses Azerbaijan of ethnic hatred

The Hague: Armenia accused neighbouring Azerbaijan of systematically promoting ethnic hatred against Armenia citizens, as the two nations that fought a six-week war last year faced off at a UN court on Thursday.

Armenian representative Yeghishe Kirakosyan made the accusation as a hearing opened at the International Court of Justice into a request by Armenia for judges to impose urgent interim measures to prevent Azerbaijan breaching an international convention to stamp out ethnic discrimination.

The case stems from long-standing enmity that boiled over into last year's war over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh that left more than 6,600 people dead. The region is within Azerbaijan but had been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since the end of a separatist war in 1994.

Kirakosyan said Armenia

wasn't asking the court to rule on the root causes of the war, but “seeks to prevent and remedy the cycle of violence and hatred perpetrated against ethnic Armenians.”

Lawyers representing Azerbaijan were scheduled to address the court later Thursday.

Azerbaijan also has filed a similar case alleging discrimination against its citizens by Armenia and also has requested the world court to impose interim measures. Hearings in the Azerbaijan case are scheduled to start next Monday. Rulings on both requests will likely be issued in coming weeks.

Both nations' cases alleging breaches of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will likely take years to reach their conclusion at the Hague-based court.

Last year's conflict ended

when Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan signed a Russia-brokered ceasefire agreement that granted Azerbaijan control over parts of Nagorno-Karabakh as well as adjacent territories occupied by Armenians.

Armenia says more than 3,700 Armenians and Nagorno-Karabakh residents died in the war. Azerbaijan said it lost 2,900 people.

Kirakosyan told the court that despite the deal that ended last year's conflict, “Azerbaijan continues to espouse and actively promote ethnic hatred against Armenians.”

He said that Azerbaijan has “captured, tortured, and arbitrarily detained numerous members of Armenian armed forces and civilians of ethnic Armenian origin” and “continues to destroy Armenian cultural heritage and religious sites or negate the Armenian character, and the territory's economic controls.” **AP**

John Kerry says UN climate talks may miss target

Washington: Crucial UN climate talks next month likely will end short of the global target for cutting coal, gas and oil emissions, US climate envoy John Kerry says, after nearly a year of climate diplomacy that helped win deeper cuts from allies but has so far failed to move some of the world's biggest polluters to act fast enough.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Kerry credited the United States, the European Union, Japan and others that over the past year have pledged bigger, faster cuts in climate-wrecking fossil fuel emissions-ahead of the talks in Glasgow, Scotland, under nudging from Kerry and the Biden administration.

He expressed hope enough nations would join in over the next couple of years. “By the time Glasgow's over, we're going to know who is doing their fair share, and who isn't,” he said.

Kerry also spoke of the impact if the US Congress — under a slim Democratic majority — fails to pass legislation for significant action on climate by the United States itself, as the Biden administration aims to regain leadership on climate action.

“It would be like President Trump pulling out of the Paris agreement, again,” Kerry said.

Kerry spoke to the AP on Wednesday in a conference room down the hall from his office at the State Department, its upper corridors still eerily shy of people in the coronavirus pandemic.

Kerry's comments came after nine months of intensive climate diplomacy by plane, phone and computer screen aimed at nailing down the most global commitments of action on climate possible ahead of the UN climate summit, which opens October 31 in Scotland. **AP**

5 killed in Beirut during protest over judge in blast probe

Beirut: Lebanon's interior minister says five people have been killed in armed clashes in Beirut that erupted Thursday during protests against the lead investigator into last year's massive blast at the city's port.

Bassam Mawlawi told reporters Thursday that many of those injured were shot by snipers from buildings. He called the events, “a very dangerous sign.” The protest was organized by the militant Shiite group Hezbollah and its ally, the Shiite Amal Movement. **AP**

Syrian allies vow response to Israeli strike, also blame US

Damascus: Syria's defense ministry said on Thursday that one of its soldiers has been killed and three injured in an overnight Israeli airstrike on a telecommunication tower in the central province of Homs.

A military official said the strike shortly before midnight in the Palmyra region hit the tower and some posts around it. The official did not identify the targets further. Syrian air defenses were activated to respond to the incoming missiles, which the defense ministry said originated from the Tanf region in southeast Syria.

In a rare acknowledgement, their bases had been struck, Iran-backed groups in Syria vowed retaliation. The


groups said they will “have a harsh response” to the Israeli strikes in Palmyra.

The groups also blamed the United States for the strikes, which originated from Tanf, where the U.S. has a small outpost in the area that straddles the Baghdad-Damascus highway.

The groups said the strikes hit service and youth centers, causing a number of casualties, between dead and wounded. **AP**

NORTHERN RAILWAY			
TENDER NOTICE			
The Sr. Divisional Engineer/Cord, Northern Railway, DRM Office, Delhi Division, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed open electronic-tenders for the under noted works :-			
S. No.	Name of work	Approximate Cost of work	Completion period
1.	Hiring of GPS Trackers for monitoring of track inspection/patrolling over Delhi division for a period of two years. (Cost is exclusive of GST)	Rs. 71,44,564.07/-	24 Months
			09.11.2021
Note :- 1. The e-tender is to be submit through railway website ‘ http://ireps.gov.in ’. The tenders can be opened on website Up to 15:00 hrs. on 09.11.2021 and shall be opened after No. 128-W/SR.DEN/C/NIT No. 4/21-22/WD Cl. 14.10.2021			2352/2021
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PUBLIC NOTICE	
Last page of original sale deed duly registered vide Registration No. 10,639, Book No. 1, Volume No. 3071, at Pages 37 to 47, Registered on 22.10.2007, in the office of Sub- Registrar VIII, New Delhi in respect of Property Bearing No. 179, Ground Floor, Jagriti Enclave, Delhi-110092 executed in favour of Smt. Meenu Jain belonging to Mr. Pawan Jain S/o Padam Chand Jain, R/o 29, Rishabh Vihar, Karkardooma, East Delhi-110092 got lost on 15.09.2021. NCR has been lodged vide LR no. 7667/2021, in Crime Branch, Delhi dated 29.09.2021. Whosoever finds the same within 97 days from the date of publication shall communicate to Mr. Pawan Jain S/o Padam Chand Jain R/o 29, Rishabh Vihar, Karkardooma, East Delhi-110092. Contact no. : 9810200459.	



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3 rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi- 110005

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Somya Jain (Borrower) LBNOD00002007549	C-3/125, Tower- C3, 12th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area-1555 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 69,70,108/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs. 36,00,000/- Rs. 3,60,000/-	October 22 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 11. 00 AM Onwards
2.	Dharmendra Kumar (Borrower) / Sumita Singh (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002029333	C-4/121, Tower- 12th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1548 sq. Ft.	Rs. 66,83,838/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs.25,00,000/- Rs.2,50,000/-	October 22 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 11.30 AM Onwards
3.	Dharmendra Kumar (Borrower) / Sumita Singh (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002030018	D-5/134, Tower- D5, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area - 1207 sq. Ft.	Rs. 59,76,138/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs.28,00,000/- Rs.2,80,000/-	October 22, 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 12:00 Noon Onwards
4.	Mange Ram Jain (Borrower) / Anamika Jain (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002011506	D-2/134, Tower- D2, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area-1207 Sq. Ft	Rs. 53,16,335/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs.19,00,000/- Rs.1,90,000/-	October 22, 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 12:30 PM Onwards
5.	Mange Ram Jain (Borrower) /Anamika Jain (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002029715	D-2/131, Tower- D2, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1207 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 51,81,418/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs.28,00,000/- Rs.2,80,000/-	October 22, 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 12-30 PM Onwards

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com/>) of our auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited**. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **November 06, 2021 before 05:00 P.M.** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi-110005**, and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **November 06, 2021 before 05:00 P.M** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi-110005** on or before **November 06, 2021 before 05:00 P.M.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "**ICICI Bank Limited**" payable at Delhi For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited on 8657476284** or **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/ 9810029926/ 01244233933**
Please note that Marketing agencies 1. **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited**. 2. **Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd.** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
Date: October 14, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

WESTERN RAILWAY	
CORRIGENDUM NO. 3 TO TENDERS NOTICE NO. WTR/17/2021/08 DT.30.08.2021	
Tender No.	Item description
WTR/17/2021/6017	6.2 mm thick CGRSP to RDSO drg. T-6618
WTR/17/2021/6018	CMS Crossing 1 in 12, 52 Kg. to RDSO drg T-4734
WTR/17/2021/6019	CMS Crossing 60 Kg. 1 in 8.5 to RDSO drg T-4967
WTR/17/2021/6020	CMS Crossing 52 Kg.1 in 8.5 to RDSO drg T-4867
WTR/17/2021/6022	6.2 mm thickCGRSP to RDSO drg. T-8327
Item to be modified	Tender document Section- B
From	Existing
To	Revised Section-B Para-14.9 - Statutory Variation,16.1 & 16.2 -(Other Taxes/Duties)
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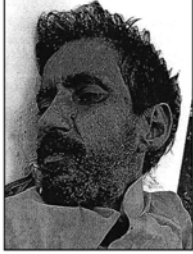


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पत्रांक: 758 e-Tender Notice (NCB) दिनांक: 13.10.2021
Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M), Asan Barrage, Jal Shakti Bhawan, Dhakrani, Dehradun invites online bid from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
1. Tender No. :- NCB/04/EE (E&M)/Asan : Barrage/2021-22 Upgradation of SCADA system
2. Tender No. :- NCB/05/EE (E&M)/Asan Barrage/2021-22 : Protective coating on spillway gates & HR gates
Estimated cost: Rs. 13.07 Lakh +GST & 159.43 Lakh +GST respectively
Date of availability of bid document on website: 16.10.2021
Last date for submission of bids on website: 17.11.2021 upto 1700 Hrs
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "<https://uktenders.gov.in>"
Executive Engineer (E&M)

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age: Approx 45 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'4", Built: Normal, was wearing Light Blue colour Shirt and Dark Blue colour Pant, ID Mark: Mole at face,** was found in DDU Complex, Hari Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 37A, dated 11.09.2021, has been registered at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-28125719, 8750871128

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING WORK

Srl. No. (1) E-Tender No. DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-108-21-22. Date : 06.10.2021
Work : Provision of bituminous road from BK-52 to Bridge No. 87 between NIQ-JTI. Toilet with water supply in CSM/ Sm's panel room at BHTK, Cover shed over LHS at BK-11 in KLTR - KGB section and one room with attached toilet for lady RPF staff in PND under the jurisdiction of ADEN/ Pendra of Bilaspur Division.
Tender Value : ₹ 1,44,93,501.91/-
Completion Period : 12 Months.

Srl. No. (2) E-Tender No. DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-109-21-22. Date : 06.10.2021
Work : Creation of siding facilities for working of heavy duty rail Grinding Machine (RGM) at Khongsara and Harri stations and Provision of RCC drain in yards under the jurisdiction of ADEN/ Pendra of Bilaspur Division.
Tender Value : ₹ 2,62,62,886.29/-
Completion Period : 12 Months.

Srl. No. (3) E-Tender No. DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-110-21-22. Date : 06.10.2021
Work : Provision of Bridge protection work of bridge no. 45 (5x40' UP and 3x40' ARCH DN) at km 792/3-9 between Khongsara - Bhanwartank station under the jurisdiction of ADEN/ Pendra of Bilaspur Division.
Tender Value : ₹ 1,68,61,708.79/-
Completion Period : 12 Months.

Start Date of Submission of Tender: From 11.00 hours. on **01-11-2021. Last Date of Submission of Tender:** Upto 11.00 hours. on **15-11-2021.**

The complete information of above e-Tender Notices is available over website **<https://www.ireps.gov.in>**. Bids other than e-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders.

Divl. Railway Manager (Engg.)
CPR/10/205 S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspur.
[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SoutheastCentralRailway) [Twitter](https://www.twitter.com/seccrail)

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one person namely **Kishan Mishra S/o Ashok Mishra, R/o H. No. 2088/1-D, Gali No. 19, Prem Nagar, Anand Parbat, Delhi** has been missing since 05.10.2021 at 11:30 AM from his house. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 02-A** dated **06.10.2021** has been Lodged at PS. Anand Parbat, Delhi.

The description of missing person is as under : **Age :** 27 yrs., **Built:** Medium, **Height :** 5'6", **Face :** Long, **Complexion :** Fair, **Wearing :** Yellow colour T-Shirt and light blue colour pant, black shoes in feet and not mentally fit.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform to the following:-

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Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/1041/CD/2021

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P.S., Anand Parbat, Delhi
Ph : 011-28762468
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SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that this person **Namely: Dharampal, S/o Lal Mai, R/o H. No. 1757, Gali Khatikan, Himmat Garh, Delhi, Age: 40 Years, Height: 5'2", Face: Long, Built: thin, Complexion: Fair Wearing: White shirt, Black Pant and Plastic slippers in his feet,** has been missing since 29.08.2021 from the area of P.S. Hauz Qazi,

Delhi.
In this regard a DD No.83A, dated 29.09.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Hauz Qazi, New Delhi.

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 kindly inform to the following.

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Petrol, diesel prices hiked again; touch record levels

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Petrol and diesel prices rose again on Thursday after a two-day break, taking its retail rates to record high levels across the country.

Accordingly, in the national capital, petrol and diesel prices increased by 35 paise per litre to ₹104.79 per litre and ₹93.53 per litre respectively.

In India's financial capital, Mumbai, petrol became costlier by 34 paise per litre to ₹110.75 a litre on Thursday, the highest across all the four metro cities. Diesel also costs Rs 101.40 for one litre in Mumbai.

The price increase on

Thursday has come after fuel prices remained static for the past couple of days.

Diesel prices have now increased 16 out of the last 20 days taking up its retail price by Rs 4.90 per litre in Delhi. The price of diesel has increased between 20-30 paise per litre so far, but, since Wednesday last week it has been increasing by 35 paise per litre.

With diesel prices rising sharply, the fuel is now available at over Rs 100 a litre in several parts of the country. This dubious distinction was earlier available to petrol that had crossed Rs 100 a litre-mark across the country a few months earlier.

Petrol prices had maintained stability since September 5 but oil companies finally raised the pump prices last week and this week given a spurt in the product prices lately. Petrol prices have also risen on 13 of the previous 16 days taking up the pump price by Rs 3.60 per litre.

OMCs had preferred to maintain their watch prices on global oil situation before making any revision in prices. This is the reason why petrol prices were not revised for the last three weeks. But extreme volatility in global oil price movement has now pushed OMCs to effect the increase.

Sensex, Nifty continue record spree on upbeat macro data

Mumbai: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty trade to fresh record highs by notching their sixth straight session of gains on Thursday as participants cheered improving macroeconomic data and positive global cues.

Going past the 61,000-mark for the first time here, the BSE Sensex soared 568.90 points or 0.94 per cent to finish at a new closing peak of 61,305.95. The index also marked its fresh intraday record of 61,353.25 during the day's trade.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty surged 176.80 points or 0.97 per cent to a new lifetime closing high of 18,338.55.

PTI

WPI inflation at 6-month low of 10.66% in Sep; food prices ease

New Delhi: The wholesale price-based inflation eased to a six-month low of 10.66 per cent in September, helped by moderating food prices even as crude petroleum witnessed a spike.

"The high rate of inflation in September 2021 is primarily due to rise in prices of mineral oils, basic metals, non-food articles, food products, crude petroleum & natural gas, chemicals and chemical products etc. As compared to the corresponding month of the previous year," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement.

PTI

USIBC meets FM Sitharaman; praises India's reform trajectory

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Members of the influential US India Business Council in their meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Wednesday praised India's reform trajectory and exuded confidence in the growing Indian economy.

"We praised her reform trajectory and discussed new opportunities to strengthen commercial ties between the US and India," USIBC said after they along with CII hosted the visiting finance minister for an interactive session.

Economic pickup will support borrowers, says Moody's

Covid risks will remain high

Mumbai: Over the next three to six months, auto loan delinquency rates will stay elevated, though broadly stable from current levels, Moody's Investors Service said in its comment on auto loans.

Indian auto loan asset backed securities (ABS) delinquency rates have improved alongside the easing of coronavirus restrictions over recent months, but remain elevated.

Delinquency rates will stabilise at high levels as coronavirus

restrictions ease, Moody's said, citing that Indian auto ABS delinquency and collection rates improved in June and July as economic activity picked up after coronavirus restrictions eased.

"While economic conditions have improved, this year's virus outbreak has eroded borrowers' financial reserves. Over the next three to six months, we expect delinquency rates will stay elevated at around current levels as many borrowers continue to deal with the pandemic's economic after effects," the ratings agency said.

"The Indian auto ABS we rate benefit from non-amortizing cash reserves and sub-

stantial excess spread," Moody's said, adding that these features mitigate risks from elevated delinquency rates for Indian auto ABS, because they provide deals with liquidity and buffers against losses.

Auto ABS performance improved because the pickup in economic activity over recent months raised demand and rates for goods transportation. Improving conditions for goods transportation are positive for the Indian auto ABS sector, because deals mostly securitise loans to commercial vehicle operators who earn income by moving freight.

IAN S

Punit Goenka questions Invesco's silence on merger proposal with Reliance

Mumbai: In the ongoing Zee-Invesco tussle, the company's Managing Director and CEO Punit Goenka has now broken his silence charging the company's largest shareholder with hiding facts that prevented it from bringing facts about a merger proposal earlier.

"...on a personal note, I have some questions as well. Why didn't Invesco make its plans public earlier? Does good corporate governance only apply to corporates and not their institutional investors?" Goenka asked in a statement issued by his office.

The statement talks about a merger proposal brought for-

ward by Invesco in February involving Reliance Industries, which was rejected by him as it would have resulted in loss of shareholder value to the tune of Rs 10,000 crore.

"During my briefing to the Board, I emphasised on the points pertaining to the proposal from Invesco. My attention was on the imbalance observed in the valuation and how it was not in the best interest of our shareholders. The only reason I did not agree to the proposal was because the shareholder value was getting compromised," Goenka said in his statement.

IAN S

NLCIL's Talabira project commences supply of coal to NTPC

New Delhi: NLC India Limited, A Navratna Company, Government of India Enterprise under administrative control of Ministry of Coal is operating Talabira II&III OCP (20.00 MTPA capacity) in Odisha State.

Talabira II&III OCP has commenced the coal production from FY 2020-21 and supplying coal to its End Use plant, NTPC, Tuticorin, T.N. Further to fulfill the requirement of country's coal supply, the excess coal quantity after fulfilling the requirement of end use plant selling the coal to open market through E-auction with due permission from MOC.

HUDCO makes final dividend payout

New Delhi: Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, Hardeep Singh Puri was presented the final dividend cheque of ₹174.23 crore at the rate of 14.25% for the year 2020-21, by Kamran Rizvi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Chairman & Managing Director, HUDCO in the presence of Shri DS Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA, M Nagaraj, Director (Corporate Planning), HUDCO, D Guhan, Director (Finance), HUDCO.

PNS

Producing States told to bring down prices of edible oils

PNS ■ NEW DELHI:

After slashing the import duty, the Department of Food and Public Distribution has asked all major oil producing states to take appropriate and immediate action to bring down the prices of edible oils in line with the import duty

reductions. This would also help in bringing down the prices of edible oils by ₹15-20 per kg in the retail markets. The Department has written to Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

The direction states that the state government has to now ensure that full benefit of duty reduction made by the Centre is passed on to the consumers in order to provide immediate relief from the prevailing high prices of edible oils, especially during the ensuing festival season.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender No. PAY AND USE-MTJ-2021-4 Date:- 05-10-2021

FIRST CORRIGENDUM

E-Tender for Awarding of Normal Pay & Use Toilet complex between PP 01 & 07 in front of GRP Thana & Third Entry Circulating Area New Toilet Complex at Mathura Jn. Railway Station on Operation and Maintenance (O&M) basis with E-Tender No. **PAY AND USE-MTJ-2021-4 Date:- 05-10-2021.** The Earnest Money Deposit **Rs. 9,88,206/-** was published in National and Local Newspaper. It should be read and understood as Rs. 98,900/-

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[f] North Central Railways [e] @CPRONCR

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Esham Singh S/o Late Sh. Charan Singh and his wife Gagan, Jee Kaur both Rtd. WZ-492A, Mukherjee Park, Chauhanchand Road, Tikar Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have severed all their relation with their son Mr. Manmeet Singh (unnamed) due to his unacceptable behaviour and conducts. Both of my clients have also disowned & debarred their said son from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Mr. Manmeet Singh will do so and have done so at his/her own risk and responsibilities and my clients and their properties will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing including financial dealing done by Mr. Manmeet Singh.

Santosh Kumar (Advocate)
WZ-64A, Mukherjee Park, Tikar Nagar, New Delhi-13

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to General Public that Park Industries Pvt. Ltd. is absolute owner of property having Khewat No. 162, Khatoni No. 181, Kharsa No. 142/2723-0, 1468/1(4-5), 1649/2(2-16) in Village-Besumip, Tensi-Chiroudi, Karnali, Haryana ('Said Property') purchased vide Registered Sale Deed having Vaska No.338 dated 01.05.2019 from Park Non Woven Pvt. Ltd. ('Seller') Back Chain title deed of Said Property having Vaska No. 711 dt. 15-7-2010 in name of Seller is lost and report for lost/FIR for same lodged on dated 25.08.2021. If any person found/claims to have the said original deed Vaska No.711 dt. 15-7-2010 or has any right, title, interest or claim in said Property, is required to notify to us at the address given hereunder in writing with the proof within 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants)
200, 1st Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, N. Delhi-15
Ph. 011-4113297-9, kumarsocietyservices@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that M/s Radha Govind Sami is the owner and in possession of Property bearing No. A-2, area measuring 75 sq. yds., Shankar Garden, New Delhi. 'Said Property'. Further, original Sale Deed dated 30.10.1986 executed by Mr. M. Ram in favour of Mrs. Mohinder Kaur in respect of the said property is lost. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner intends to sell the said property to a buyer/customer who intends to take a loan from our client i.e. ICICI Bank by mortgaging the said property to our client, if any body has any objection/s upon said property / its ownership & Title/ its Sale and Mortgage, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days of the present.

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लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड सूरजपुर जिला (छ.ग.)

ई – प्रोक्युरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

एकोकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत द्वारा निविदा प्रपत्र "अ" में जल जीवन मिशन हर घर नल से जल अंतर्गत एकल ग्राम में रोड्रोफिटिंग योजना के कार्य हेतु आनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

निविदा सूचना क्रमांक / दिनांक	टेंडर सिरटम नम्बर	ग्राम का नाम	अनुमति लागत (रु. लाख में)
41 / 10.10.2021	85329	जल जीवन मिशन हर घर नल से जल अंतर्गत जल अंतर्गत एकल ग्राम लटोरी विकासखण्ड सूरजपुर में रोड्रोफिटिंग योजना का कार्य	रु. 259.40 लाख

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य की निविदा दिनांक – 30.10.2021 तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज एवं अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> पर देखी जा सकती है।

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOYS



General public is hereby informed that three boys (1) Namely: Piyush, S/o Ram Kumar, Age: 17 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Medium, ID Mark: Mark on forehead and has difficulty in Speaking, Wearing: White shirt, Blue Trouser and Slippers in fit (2) Namely: Mohammed Mehtab, S/o Haider, Age:16 Years, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Height: 5'7", Wearing: Sky Blue T-shirt, Black Pants and Slippers in feet (3) Namely: Nazru, S/o Sukur Miyan, Age:17 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: Black Colour T-shirt, Red Pants and Slippers in feet has been missing since 03.08.2021 from Bal Sahyog Connaught Circus, Opposite L Block Market, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 99/2021 dated 07.08.2021 has been registered at P.S. Barakhamba Road, New Delhi.

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

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO P.S. Barakhamba Road, New Delhi Ph. 011-23413800, 8750870527 DP/341/ND/2021

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER , CONSTRUCTION WING, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Haldwani

DURGAPAL GARDEN NEAR SINTHYA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, PILIKOTHI ROAD, BARI MUKHANI HALDWANI, DISTT.- NAINITAL(PIN 263139)

Letter No. Camp/Haldwani/01 Date : 14.10.2021

E-Tender Notice

- 1.Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED MULTISTOREY PARKING AT NAGAR PALIKA TANAKPUR , DISTT CHAMPAWAT.
- 2.Estimated Cost:- Rs. 263.40 Lakh
- 3.Period of Completion:- 12 Month
- 4.Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 14.10.2021 (17.00 hrs)
- 5.Last date/Time of receipt of bids in the portal:- 08.11.2021 (17.00 hrs)
- 6.Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 11.11.2021 (11.00hrs)
- 7.Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid:- General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Laxmi Niwas, Durgapal Garden, Pilikothi, Haldwani.
- 8.Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place:- 25.10.2021 (11.00 hrs) Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Lohaghat (Champawat).
- 9.For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.ukttenders.gov.in GENERAL MANAGER

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Riya, D/o: Bunty, R/O: B-5, Double Storey, Raghubir Nagar, Vishal Enclave, Delhi, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Built: Strong, Face: Round, ID Marks: A scar on forehead, Wearing: Purple Colour Top and Black Colour Lower & Slipper in feet has been missing since 05.10.2021 from H.No. 10218/23, Bhagat Singh Nagar, Manakpura, Karol Bagh, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 414/21, U/s 363 IPC, Dated 06.10.2021, has been registered at P.S. DBG Road, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform to the following:-

Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in> E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph: 011-23011334 Ph: 011-23613252, 23537374

SHO P.S. DBG Road, Delhi

SUPERIOR FINLEASE LIMITED

CIN : L74899DL1994PLC061995

Regd. Off. NS-92, Khasra No-33/21, Ranaji Enclave, Najafgarh, Near Arjun Park Bus Stand, New Delhi -110043

Email id : superiorfinlease@gmail.com; Website : www.superiorfinlease.com

Extract of Statement of Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2021

Sl No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Half Year ended		31-03-21 Audited
		30-09-21 Unaudited	30-06-21 Unaudited	30-09-20 Unaudited	30-06-20 Unaudited	
1	Total Income from operations	32.12	17.16	57.51	49.28	80.61
2	Net Profit for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	25.75	11.13	45.24	36.88	61.00
3	Net Profit for the period Before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	25.75	11.13	45.24	36.88	61.00
4	Net Profit for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	25.75	11.13	45.24	36.88	61.00
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	25.75	11.13	45.24	36.88	61.00
6	Equity Share Capital	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the previous year	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31
8	Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
	(a) Basic (In Rs.)	0.88	0.37	1.51	1.23	2.03
	(b) Diluted (In Rs.)	0.88	0.37	1.51	1.23	2.03

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Half Yearly Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Results are available on the Stock Exchange Website (www.mseil.in and www.bseindia.com) and Company's website www.superiorfinlease.com.

For Superior Finlease Limited Sd/- Sd/-

Rajneesh Kumar Director DIN: 02463693

Date : 14.10.2021 Place : New Delhi

The Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam Ranikhet (Almora) 263645

Letter No. 2074 / NIVIDA / 125 Date: 06-10-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

The Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam Ranikhet (Almora) 263645, on behalf of Chairman Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam invites sealed item rate tender on e- Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. <http://www.ukttenders.gov.in>, for the following works-

Sl No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (Rs. in lacs)
1	REPAIRING OF NON RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS OF BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT KHUMAD SULT, DISTRICT – ALMORA.	74.44 lacs
2	CONSTRUCTION OF MINI STADIUM AT TARIKHET DISTRICT - ALMORA.	71.14 lacs

The tender form can be downloaded from e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. <http://www.ukttenders.gov.in> from 13.10.2021 at 13:00 hrs. to 28.10.2021 at 17:00 hrs. Other information can be seen in tender form or office notice board or obtained from office or phone no. 05966 220690 of office of tender inviting authority.

PROJECT MANAGER

BRANCH NAME: SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]

50.	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RAVI PAL	92006004997236	235713	12-Aug-21	16
51.	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	SHUBHAM	921060051016050	70056	20-May-21	26.8
52.	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RAVI KUMAR	920060038583491	186099	27-Nov-20	10.8
53.	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	YOGESH KUMAR SHARMA	919060083641432	144105	20-May-21	84.7
54.	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RAJESH KUMAR	919060051288135	91121	15-Mar-21	48.5
55.	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	AJAY KUMAR	919060095748019	60000	30-Apr-21	31

BRANCH NAME: TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]

56.	TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]	MUNAZIR HUSSAIN	920060053210563	93107	16-Sep-21	55.5
57.	TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]	RODRADEV PANDEY	921060052974102	66970	22-Jun-21	10.3
58.	TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]	TARNISH KUMAR SHARMA	920060049712534	330732	16-Sep-21	122.2
59.	TILAK NAGAR, DELHI [DL]	SANDEEP KUMAR	920060050264789	106884	20-May-21	62.5

BRANCH NAME: VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]

60.	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	DINESH KUMAR	921060051070047	506962	22-Jun-21	9.6
61.	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	AMIT RAI	920060050035772	278138	20-May-21	88.6
62.	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	RAJAI SAIJA	920060049658472	70016	16-Apr-21	26.2
63.	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	PRAMENDRA SINGH	920060052680622	337669	22-Jun-21	35.4
64.	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	NASIM	920060051603741	190788	26-Dec-20	69
65.	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	SANTOSH KUMAR	919060039830389	137004	30-Apr-21	29.4
66.	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	ANKIT GARG	920060053017924	64810	25-Mar-21	19.9
67.	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	ADITYA GANJOO	920060052037864	44361	22-Jun-21	14
68.	VAISHALI, GHAZIABAD [UP]	DHEERENDRA SINGH SURYAVANSHI	920060050462255	36747	19-Jul-21	13.2

BRANCH NAME: VIKAS PURI, NEW DELHI [DL]

69.	VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI [DL]	NAMRITA JHA	921060050169856	407947	12-Aug-21	130.3
70.	VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI [DL]	JOENDER SINGH	921060051567312	247364	20-May-21	90
71.	VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI [DL]	HAJARI LAL SAIN	920060049640141	174667	16-Sep-21	69.9

RAUNAK KHOSLA advocates substituting conventional coffee with coffee honey to live a healthier life



I can't start my morning without a strong cup of coffee!" is what most people of the current generation wallow about, first thing in the morning.

It's fairly common to find people sipping hot coffee, cold coffee, latte, or any other variety of coffee beverages and revelling in its bitter-sweet taste. However, it is also com-

HEALTH V/S TASTE BUDS



mon to find the same people complaining of exhaustion and dehydration.

According to experts, more than four cups of coffee a day can cause headaches, anxiety, irregular heartbeats, and even chest pain. However, despite knowing that even a moderate amount of coffee can be detrimental to health, the caffeine addiction is real and compels people to never give up on this savory brew.

The question is, in the age-long war between health and taste buds, who will emerge victorious? However, no one should be forced to make such a decision when both health and taste buds can co-exist together, right? This is where coffee

honey is revolutionising the world for coffee lovers.

The goodness of honey and mental alertness of coffee

Along with relishing the taste and resinous aroma of coffee and sweetness of honey, a coffee honey drink is perfect for triggering psychological activity in the morning, afternoon, or evening, but without the side effects of a cup of coffee. Coffee honey doesn't mean that it's simply coffee with honey instead of white or brown sugar. No, it's something more magical than that.

To be precise, honeybees are naturally attracted to coffee flowers. These flowers contain caffeine in the

nectar part, which attracts honeybees instinctively. However, it is quite challenging to harvest as the pollination period of coffee flowers is extremely limited. Nevertheless, the bees skillfully draw out the sugar-rich liquid from coffee plants, and a flavorful dark, rich coffee bean color honey is extracted.

Like most coffee, coffee honey efficiently relieves mental and physical fatigue, alerts the brain, and keeps consumers perked up throughout the day. It also stimulates the central nervous system, boosts immunity, and controls insulin levels to elevate the overall wellbeing and productivity of the consumer. Having said that, it doesn't bring the nega-

tive baggage of conventional coffee beans. In fact, coffee honey consists of high volumes of antioxidants and can be highly beneficial in regulating the common cold and cough.

Furthermore, it has endless health benefits for humans and the caffeine nectar of coffee plants is incredibly beneficial for honeybees. It activates their memory process and enables bees to return to the same flower and collect more nectar.

Moving forward

On a daily basis, more than one billion people worldwide drink coffee. Imagine how many cups of coffee everyone must be consuming. Although, it's the most widely consumed beverage in the world, it's still not everyone's cup of coffee. Honey coffee, on the other hand, not only soothes consumers' hectic nerves but also aids in weight loss.

The conventional charm of honey coupled with new-age innovations has opened doors for several ventures diving deeper into the world of nectar and organic honey. Honey-based products like coffee honey are usually free of sugar, additives, and artificial flavors. The latest food technology is specially designed for such alternatives that keep the original taste intact while enhancing the healthy attributes of natural products. And coffee honey is an apt example under this category.

The aforementioned data clearly states that because caffeine addiction has become an integral part of most people's lifestyle, it is crucial to opt for healthy, sustainable, and nutritious options. Coffee honey fits the bill perfectly.

So, when are you switching to 100 per cent organic coffee honey?

(The author is the founder of Bee My Boo, an online store for natural products.)



To eat less or enough?

With diet culture leading to eating disorders, mood swings, guilt and anxiety, PALLAVI MOULICK suggests ways to heal your relationship with food by attaining balance

The most ironic fact about intuitive eating, is that it is not very intuitive for most of us. It takes intentional effort to get to that point.

80 per cent of women in the US alone are dissatisfied with their bodies. Moreover, longing for a thin and ideal body has an international demand.

The impact of diet culture has some rippling effects. But here are some of the top ones to consider:

■Certain groups of food are heavily demonised.

■Makes you feel unworthy of enjoying the good moments of life.

■Pressure on every woman, especially brides and new mothers, to lose weight is immense.

■Excessive emotional eating behaviours — if your weight does not reduce in the timeline you have set.

Now, the list is endless. The by-products of the impacts are feelings of lethargy, eating disorders, mood swings, guilt, shame and anxiety.

Chronic dieters know that they will always gain the weight back. Dieting has a negative connotation to it, even while thinking about it. Now that the supposed villain is floating around everywhere in the world, it is time to find the main protagonist.

Unfortunately, like a hero in a film, science and the human body is not black and white. There are multiple perspectives that come into play when considering intuitive eating.

The basic principle is to put weight loss on the back burner and pay more attention to the cues of hunger. It shows you the path to heal your relationship with food. It encourages tapping into your inner wisdom of

what your body needs. It also leads to acceptance of your ancestral form of eating. It values fullness over starvation. It nudges you to respect your body.

But the reality is, as of now, that most focus is on just losing weight. So how do we find a common ground between intuitive eating and weight loss?

The best way to look at diet culture vs intuitive eating is by asking the right questions —

■How many kgs did I lose vs am I feeling stronger every day?

■How can I avoid carbs in this meal vs am I feeling satisfied with my meal?

■What will others think when they see my body vs am I feeling healthy in my body?

■Am I eating a 1,200 calorie diet vs am I eating according to what my body and mind need to function properly?

The thought of losing weight is weighing on pretty much every woman's mind. There are deeper roots of the diet mentality than what may seem on the surface. To a certain extent, it stems from the patriarchal viewpoint of seeing beauty in thin bodies. The body does its best to conform to massive changes in life and protect itself. But if the main source of fuel is heavily restricted, the body responds back in the same non-loving manner.

Good things take time. There is a reason this statement has proved to be true time and again. So let's make small shifts in our eating mindset, daily movements for optimised health, and make nutrition and fitness a lifestyle instead of a short-term weight loss goal.

(The author is the founder of HFA and a holistic health coach for women.)

—IANS

Want to get rid of the hassle of multiple ingredients to lose weight? We've got just the right choice for you! Yes, you guessed it right, it's the mighty oats! More specifically, oat bran.

Oat bran is the outer layer of the oat groat or seed. In order to make oat bran, the outer shell of the whole oat groat is removed and separated from the endosperm during the processing phase.

Oat bran offers a number of health benefits, including its ability to reduce cholesterol levels, inflammation of the arteries and risk of coronary heart disease. Having said that, oat bran's biggest attribute perhaps is its soluble fibre content. This promotes its ability to benefit digestion, heart health, weight management and cholesterol levels. In addition, the outer layer of the oat seed is also an excellent source of plant-based protein and micronutrients.

Including ample fibre-rich foods in your diet, such as oat bran, can be exactly what you need. Oats are widely known as one of the healthiest grains out there, as they're packed with many crucial vitamins, minerals, and fibre. Although oat

Shed those extra festive pounds

RAGHAV GUPTA shares five ways to turn oat bran into your go-to kitchen ingredient for weight loss

groats and steel-cut oats naturally contain bran, oat bran is also sold as an individual product. Fibre has several benefits for weight loss, including increased satiety, appetite control and blood sugar regulation. Combine a regular intake of oat bran with a healthy diet and some regular exercise and you are successfully on the path to weight loss.

From the moment it is consumed, the fibre in the oat bran firstly absorbs the saliva, eventually expanding in the stomach. It then, absorb fluids, twenty-five times its volume. This brings about a feeling of fullness that lasts longer, thus helping us to avoid unnecessary snack breaks in-between meals.

Oat bran is easily available in many health food outlets and online stores. It typically comes ground, and can be prepared on a stove, in the microwave or a slow cooker. Keep reading for five quick ways to include oat bran in your diet—



■Add to your smoothies

Is your morning smoothie too light, making you go hungry even before your lunchtime? Then you may want to consider adding some oat bran to your smoothie jar.

Take half a cup of oat bran and grind it before adding the rest of your smoothie ingredients and blend until combined well. The resulting mixture is

thicker, giving you a more filling smoothie, which is sure to keep you full, well until your lunchtime.

■Use it as a thickening agent

If you want to increase the thickness, or add a boost of nutrition to your soup or a sauce, oat bran is the answer.

Ditch that corn starch and get yourself some oat bran, a

healthy thickening agent. But before you toss the oat bran into your soup, make sure to grind it into a fine powder to avoid that lumpy consistency.

■Substitute oat bran for breadcrumbs when cooking.

You can replace breadcrumbs, that are used as binding agents, with oat bran.

For instance, instead of using dry or fresh breadcrumbs for coating your burgers and fish fingers, use an equal portion of oat bran instead.

You can also swap out oat bran for breadcrumbs to make a crunchy topping for your casserole.

Combine half a cup of oat bran with salt, pepper, garlic powder, and grated parmesan cheese. Coat chicken tenders or fillets of fish such as salmon or basa with the oat bran coating.

■Sprinkle some into omelettes, yoghurt, or cottage cheese

While oat bran is usually cooked, you can also add it raw

into some dishes. Stir one or two tablespoons into your omelette, plain or flavoured yoghurt, cottage cheese or some tofu. This will add a slightly nutty flavour and increase the fibre in your snack.

Snacking on handfuls of bran all through the day can aid in feeling fuller for longer periods of time and curb future snacking habits.

■Use them in cakes and cookies

Using oat bran to bake your cakes and cookies not only adds a healthy quotient to your favourite desserts but also give you that crunchy texture. So go ahead and whip away your almond date biscotti, date bran muffins or even date squares, adding oat bran provides a soft, chewy texture to these scrumptious baked goods.

So, cut off the hassle of buying multiple ingredients to make your favourite dishes and make that nutritious switch to oat bran!

(The author is the founder and MD of Oateo Oats, a brand which strives to make every oatmeal an exciting affair.)

R E C I P E S



ORANGE ICED COFFEE

- WHAT YOU NEED**
- Brewed coffee (French press/Chemex): 150 ml
 - Orange (medium-sized): 1
 - Sugar syrup: 20 ml
 - Ice cubes 6-8

- METHOD**
- Brew your coffee, strain it and cool it down.
 - Extract juice from the orange and pour into your glass.
 - Fill the glass with ice cubes and pour brewed coffee over it.
 - Add sugar syrup and stir before you sip.
- Courtesy: Head trainer Abdul Sahid Khan at Lavazza India

PEPPERMINT GIN & TONIC

- WHAT YOU NEED**
- Bombay Sapphire: 50 ml
 - Peppermint tea: 40 ml
 - Premium tonic water: 60 ml
 - Mint sprig
 - Star anise

- METHOD**
- Fill a balloon glass with ice.
 - Add Bombay Sapphire and the peppermint tea.
 - Top the glass with the premium tonic water.
 - Garnish with a mint sprig and a star anise.
- Courtesy: Bombay Sapphire



CHANDANI CHOWK KI MOONG DAL KACHORI

- WHAT YOU NEED**
- For the kachori:**
- Whole wheat flour: 30 gm
 - Jowar atta: 30 gm
 - Salt as per taste
 - Baking soda: ¼ tsp
 - Oleev's olive pomace oil: 1.5 tsp
- For the filling:**
- Yellow moong dal: 30 gm
 - Ginger: 1-inch clove
 - Green chili: 1
 - Pinch of asafoetida



- Coriander powder: 1 tsp
- Cumin powder: ½ tsp
- Red chili powder: ½ tsp
- Fennel seeds: ¼ tsp
- Lime juice: 1 tsp
- Salt as per taste

METHOD

- For the kachori's dough:**
- Sieve whole wheat flour, jowar atta, salt, baking soda and add the Oleev's olive pomace oil.
 - Knead into a soft dough using water as desired and keep it aside covered with muslin cloth.
- For the filling:**
- Soak the moong dal for about an hour. Drain and

coarsely grind along with ginger and green chilli.

- Heat some oil in a pan and add coarse dal, ginger, chilli, asafoetida, coriander powder, cumin seeds, red chili powder and fennel seeds.

- Cook until the moisture has dried up, add lemon juice and mix well.

- Roll out small puris of dough and stuff moong dal filling and flatten slightly using palms.

- Bake/air fry the prepared kachoris and serve hot with mint chutney.

Courtesy: Nutritionist Nmami Agarwal

JAGGERY TAPIOCA PUDDING WITH CANDIED PUMPKIN SEED PRALINE

- WHAT YOU NEED**
- Tapioca pearls (sabudana): ½ cup
 - Coconut milk: 2.5 cups
 - Jaggery: ¾ cup
 - Del Monte pumpkin seeds: ½ cup
 - Coconut sugar: ¾ cup
 - Water: ¼ cup
 - Rose petals to garnish

METHOD

- Soak tapioca pearls in coconut milk for an hour to soften and bloom.



- In a saucepan, add the soaked tapioca pearls, remaining coconut milk and jaggery and heat over medium heat till it reaches a simmer. Then reduce the heat and let it cook for 15 minutes until the pearls are cooked through and it has all thickened. Keep stirring occasionally to prevent the tapioca from sticking to the bottom. If you wish to have it much thinner, add another cup of coconut milk. Pour into bowls or ramekins to the top and let cool in the refrigerator.
- Toast the pumpkin seeds on a pan for three-four minutes

and place on a silicon mat.

- Cook water and coconut sugar in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring slowly with a metal fork, until melted and golden. Cook caramel without stirring, until deep golden.

- Immediately stir it over pumpkin seeds placed on the silicon mat, spreading it all over so it hardens. Let it cool down and set at room temperature for about 15 minutes. Then break shards of the praline and add that over the tapioca pudding. Garnish with rose petals.
- Courtesy: Del Monte



IAN S ■ DUBAI

MS Dhoni's experienced Chennai Super Kings will lock horns with resurgent Kolkata Knight Riders, led by Eoin Morgan, in the high-octane grand finale of IPL 2021 at Dubai International Stadium, here on Friday.

It will be a record ninth final appearance in 12 editions for Chennai, who have won three titles in 2010, 2011, and 2018 while KKR, who have won the trophy in 2012 and 2014 under the captaincy of Gautam Gambhir, will play their third final. It will also be a repeat of the 2012 IPL final, where both teams faced each other.

CSK beat Delhi Capitals by four wickets in Qualifier 1 in Dubai and became the first team to reach IPL 2021 final and Kolkata also defeated the same team by three wickets in Qualifier 2 on Wednesday to set up the blockbuster final showdown against MS Dhoni's team.

The summit clash on Friday will also be a battle between the two best white-ball captains MS Dhoni and Eoin Morgan, who might be short of runs but have been smart in their tactics on the field.

Openers Faf du Plessis and Ruturaj Gaikwad along with Moeen Ali, Ravindra Jadeja have done exceedingly well with

HEAD TO HEAD (CSK VS KKR)			
Matches:	24	◆ Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 6 wickets at Sharjah	
Chennai Super Kings won:	16	◆ Lost to Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets at Abu Dhabi	
Kolkata Knight Riders won:	8	◆ Lost to Delhi Capitals by 3 wickets at Dubai	
THIS SEASON'S MATCHES			
◆ Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 18 runs at Mumbai			
◆ Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 2 wickets at Abu Dhabi			
FOR THE RECORD			
◆ Kolkata Knight Riders never loss a final match in IPL. They reached finals on two previous occasions, and won the title both times. They beat Chennai Super Kings in the final in 2012 and defeated Punjab Kings in the 2014 final.			
◆ Chennai Super Kings have won three times in eight previous finals. Their last title came in 2018.			
◆ Chennai Super Kings have won four and lost one in last five matches played against Kolkata Knight Riders.			
ROAD TO THE FINAL:			
CHENNAI SUPER KINGS:			
◆ Lost to Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets at Mumbai			
◆ Beat Punjab Kings by 6 wickets at Mumbai			
◆ Beat Rajasthan Royals by 45 runs at Mumbai			
◆ Beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 18 runs at Mumbai			
◆ Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 69 runs at Mumbai			
◆ Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 7 wickets at Delhi			
◆ Lost to Mumbai Indians by 4 wickets at Delhi			
◆ Beat Mumbai Indians by 20 runs at Dubai			
◆ Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 6 wickets at Sharjah			
◆ Beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 2 wickets at Abu Dhabi			
KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS			
◆ Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 10 runs at Chennai			
◆ Lost to Mumbai Indians by 10 runs at Chennai			
◆ Lost to Royal Challengers Bangalore by 38 runs at Chennai			
◆ Lost to Chennai Super Kings by 18 runs at Mumbai			
◆ Lost to Rajasthan Royals by 6 wickets at Mumbai			
◆ Beat Punjab Kings by 5 wickets at Ahmedabad			
◆ Lost to Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets at Ahmedabad			
◆ Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 9 wickets at Abu Dhabi			
◆ Beat Mumbai Indians by 7 wickets at Abu Dhabi			
◆ Lost to Chennai Super Kings by 2 wickets at Abu Dhabi			
◆ Beat Delhi Capitals by 3 wickets at Sharjah			
◆ Lost to Punjab Kings by 5 wickets at Dubai			
◆ Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 6 wickets at Dubai			
◆ Beat Rajasthan Royals by 86 runs at Sharjah			
◆ Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 4 wickets at Sharjah (Eliminator)			
◆ Beat Delhi Capitals by 3 wickets at Sharjah (Qualifier 2)			
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the bat for CSK. But, how they deal with the 12 quality overs from KKR's spin trio of Varun Chakravarthy, Shakib Al Hasan, and Sunil Narine, can decide the outcome of the final.

However, the final match will be played on a better pitch in Dubai in comparison to a slow and sluggish tack of Sharjah. And the likes of Ambati Rayudu, Robin Uthappa and MS Dhoni in middle overs can heave a sigh of relief.

Deepak Chahar, Shardul Thakur, Dwayne Bravo, and Josh Hazlewood have been good with the ball for CSK. But they have also crumbled under pressure especially while defending the target. The experience of playing in Dubai in the last couple of games may help CSK bowlers to acclimatise well with angles of ground and pitch.

On the other hand, Eoin Morgan-led KKR have been on a fairytale ride since the UAE leg of the tournament began. A bulk of



Kolkata's success in the UAE leg has been due to the fearless approach by their youngsters. Openers Shubman Gill and Venkatesh Iyer have given them fantastic starts and Rahul Tripathi and Nitish Rana have also chipped in with useful inn'ngs.

Shakib's all-round abilities have provided more balance to KKR in absence of Andre Russell, who sustained a hamstring injury. It will be interesting to see whether Russell becomes fit to play in the final or not. Their pacers Lockie Ferguson, Shivam Mavi have picked wickets at regular intervals while spinners Varun Chakravarthy, and Sunil Narine have stifled opposition batsmen with disciplined bowling.

However, the big concern for the McCullum-coached side going into the final will be the form of Dinesh Karthik and Eoin Morgan, both of whom registered ducks in the Qualifier 2 against DC on Wednesday and continue to have a poor season with the bat.

Squads:
Kolkata Knight Riders: Eoin Morgan (C), Andre Russell, Dinesh Karthik (W), Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Kuldeep Yadav, Lockie Ferguson, Nitish Rana, Pat Cummins, Prasidh Krishna, Rahul Tripathi, Sandeep Warrier, Shivam Mavi, Shubman Gill, Sunil Narine, Tim Seifert, Varun Chakravarthy, Shakib Al Hasan, Sheldon Jackson, Vaibhav Arora, Karun Nair, Harbhajan Singh, Ben Cutting, Venkatesh Iyer, Pawan Negi, Gurkeerat Mann Singh, Tim Southee

Chennai Super Kings: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Suresh Raina, Ambati Rayudu, KM Asif, Deepak Chahar, Dwayne Bravo, Faf du Plessis, Imran Tahir, N Jagadeesan, Karn Sharma, Lungi Ngidi, Mitchell Santner, Ravindra Jadeja, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shardul Thakur, R Sai Kishore, Moeen Ali, K Gowtham, Cheteshwar Pujara, Harishankar Reddy, Bhagath Varma, C Hari Nishaanth.

Indian team's new jersey showcased at Burj Khalifa



IAN S ■ DUBAI

A couple of hours after its launch, the new jersey of the Indian cricket team was showcased in a scintillating light show on Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, in Dubai. MPL Sports, the official kit sponsor for the Indian cricket team, posted the video of the light show at the Burj Khalifa with the new jersey late on Wednesday night.

"For the first time ever, a Team India Jersey lit up the @BurjKhalifa. The #BillionCheers jersey inspired by the cheers of a billion fans reached new heights, quite literally.

Are you ready to #ShowYourGame and back Team India?" tweeted the MPL Sports on Thursday.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) also shared the video on its Twitter handle, reading as "The Team India World Cup jersey unveil gets bigger and better with a projection on the iconic Burj Khalifa. Watch the historic moment here!"

The new jersey, unveiled ahead of the men's T20 World Cup in the UAE and Oman, features soundwaves designs inspired from the cheers of the fans. During the show, larger-than-life renditions of captain Virat Kohli, vice-captain Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah in the new jersey.

India will kick off their men's T20 World Cup campaign against Pakistan in a Group 2 match of Super 12 on October 24 in the Dubai International Stadium.

Pakistan will have to be fearless against India in T20 WC opener: Miandad

PTI ■ KARACHI

Former Pakistan captain Javed Miandad believes a fearless approach would be crucial to his country's chances of upstaging a star-studded India when the two arch-rivals clash in their highly-anticipated T20 World Cup opener on October 24.

India have never lost to Pakistan in an ICC World Cup, either 50-over or T20.

"The match against India will be crucial to getting momentum in the tournament. They are a strong side and have several top players but if we can play without fear and pressure and everyone does his bit we can beat them," he said.

Miandad believes that the Pakistan team has the capability of doing well in the event if it puts in a collective effort.

"T20 format is one where people think that one or two play-

ers can win you matches but I look at it this way that in this format everyone needs to contribute in some way or the other for a team to be a winning outfit," Miandad said.

The former batter retired from all cricket in 1997/98 before the T20 format was introduced internationally.

He said that Pakistan can't just rely on an in-form Babar Azam to steer them ahead.



Chhetri double strike helps India beat Maldives 3-1

PTI ■ MALE

Talismanic captain Sunil Chhetri struck twice to lead a beleaguered India to a 3-1 win over hosts Maldives in their final league match and enter the final of the SAFF Championships here on Wednesday.

Chhetri scored in the 62nd and 71st minutes after Manvir Singh had given India the lead in the 33rd minute in the must-win match for India. Ali Ashfaq pulled one back for Maldives in the 45th minute from a spot kick.

The 37-year-old Chhetri, who was playing in his 124th

match, is just one goal shy of Argentine maestro Lionel Messi (80), who is the second highest international goal scorer among active players behind Portugal superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (115).

Seven-time champions India, who finished on top of the five-team table with eight points, face Nepal in the final on October 16.

Nepal drew 1-1 with Bangladesh in the earlier match of the day to finish second in the round-robin league with seven points.

India had beaten Nepal 1-0 in a league stage.

Ended in heartbreak: Pant after IPL ouster



PTI ■ SHARJAH

Delhi Capitals captain Rishabh Pant on Thursday said he is proud of his side despite its ouster from the IPL after a close loss to Kolkata Knight Riders in Qualifier 2 and described his teammates as "exceptional warriors".

Delhi lost by three wickets, primarily undone by an underwhelming batting show which put up just 135 runs on the board for KKR to chase. Delhi fought hard with the ball but KKR edged home with one ball to spare after losing five wickets for seven runs at one stage. "It ended in heartbreak last night, but I could not be more proud of leading this team of exceptional warriors. We battled hard through the season, and while we may have fallen short on some days, we always gave 100 per cent," Pant tweeted. "To the owners, management, staff, my teammates and most importantly, our passionate fans, I want to say thank you from my heart. You all made this season special.

India's last group match lost to China

PTI ■ AARHUS (DENMARK)

Already through to the quarterfinals, the Indian men's badminton team suffered a defeat at the hands of formidable China in its last group match of the Thomas Cup here on Thursday.

Only the doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty could manage a win in the men's team championship tie as they beat He Ji Ting and Zhou Hao Dong 21-14 21-14 in a 41-minute contest.

The win by Rankireddy and Shetty duo boosted the confidence of the Indian team after a struggling Kidambi Srikanth began the day for India with a 12-21 16-21 loss to Shi Yu Qi in 36



minutes.

Sameer Verma gave a tough fight to Lu Guang Ju but eventually lost his singles match 21-14 9-21 22-24 after one hour and 23 minutes as India trailed 1-2.

The other doubles pair of M R Arjun and Dhruv Kapila went down fighting 24-26 19-21 to Liu Cheng and Wang Yi Lyu in 52 minutes before

Kiran George lost to Li Shi Feng 15-21 17-21 in the 43-minute singles match.

The defeat against China was the first for the men's team in the tournament.

It had beaten the Netherlands 5-0 on Sunday before notching up a victory against Tahiti by an identical margin on Tuesday to qualify for Thomas Cup quarterfinals for the first time since 2010. The women's team plays against Japan in the Uber Cup quarter-final match later in the day.

Shafali makes quiet WBBL debut

PTI ■ HOBART

Young Indian batter Shafali Verma endured an underwhelming Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) debut in her team Sydney Sixers' six-wicket win over Melbourne Stars on the opening day of the competition at the Bellerive Oval here on Thursday.

Chasing 100 runs to win in 11 overs in the rain-hit match, the 17-year-old right-handed opener fell for 8 (10 balls, 1 four) in the fourth over.

Her first-wicket partnership with Alyssa Healy, who hit a

superb 57 (27 balls, 11 fours), yielded 40 runs before Shafali was bowled by Annabel Sutherland attempting a big heave.

The Sixers appeared to be on their way to a comfortable win before losing three wickets including that of Healy. But Nicole Bolton (7 not out) and Angela Reakes (3 not out) steered them home.

Earlier, sent in to bat by Sixers captain Ellyse Perry, the Melbourne Stars rode on a quick-fire 54 not out (31 balls, 5 fours, 1 six) by Elyse Villani to make 99 for 1 in 11 overs.

Skipper Meg Lanning contributed 23 (17 balls, 4 fours).



SINGLES

BARCELONA STARTS CRITICAL HOME STINT

Barcelona: Ronald Koeman got a reprieve. Now he needs to make it last. A visit from Valencia on Sunday kicks off a three-game home stint that the Barcelona coach said must mark a turnaround for his beleaguered team. After facing Valencia, Barcelona will host Dynamo Kyiv and Real Madrid within a week. The run of games at Camp Nou comes after an international break that gave Koeman a chance to regroup following a tumultuous period for a team struggling to win without Lionel Messi. Two weeks ago, Koeman's job was considered in serious jeopardy after Barcelona had lost both of its Champions League games by an identical 3-0 score.

HOCKEY INDIA TO BE HELD IN JHANSI

New Delhi: The 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship will be held in Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh from October 21 to 30 with 28 teams taking part in the tournament. The championship will provide a platform for the domestic players to showcase their talent. The 28 participating teams will be divided into eight groups. The group winners will qualify for the quarterfinals. After six days of group matches, the quarterfinals will be played on October 27, the semifinals on October 29 and the medal matches the next day.

HIMA DAS TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID -19

Ace Indian sprinter Hima Das, who is making a comeback from a hamstring injury, on Wednesday revealed that she has tested positive for COVID-19 but is stable in isolation. Das, 21, reported to the national camp at National Institute of Sport (NIS) in Patiala recently. "I would like to inform everyone that I have been tested positive for Covid-19. I am stable and at the moment in isolation. I look forward to utilising this time to recover and come back stronger than before," Das tweeted. "A gentle reminder for everyone to stay safe and wear mask." Das could not make the cut for the Tokyo Olympics after missing the 200m qualification mark of 22.80s as she clocked 23.21s in the Federation Cup in March this year.

JK TYRE TO FEATURE CONTINENTAL GT CUP

New Delhi: JK Tyre, India's leading tyre manufacturer and pioneer of motorsports in India, has partnered with Royal Enfield for the first edition of Continental GT Cup - India's first retro racing format. The track racing championship will be part of the upcoming season of JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship (JKNRC) 2021. JKNRC continues to lead as India's flagship racing Championship for the past 24 years. Since its inception, the platform has witnessed participation from the country's leading automobile manufacturers, including Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai Motors India, General Motors, and Suzuki Motorcycles besides leading Superbike manufacturers.

INDIAN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL AGAINST SWEDEN

Manama: Buoyed by the win against higher-ranked Chinese Taipei in the last match of its international tour, the Indian women's football team will play against two Swedish sides later this month as part of its preparations for next year's Asian Cup in the country. The team will play against two top tier 1 sides Hammarby IF (October 20) and Djurgarden IF (October 23) in Sweden. India head coach Thomas Dennerby was earlier at the helm of affairs of both the clubs. The team has already played four international friendlies against the UAE (4-1), Tunisia (0-1), Bahrain (5-0) and Chinese Taipei (1-0) over the last few weeks in Dubai and Manama.