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Vax feat is New India's show: PM

Modi says 100-cr milestone is a befitting reply to those doubting India's capabilities

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday lauded the 100-crore vaccination "milestone" achieved by India and said it is "the answer to every question and doubts raised about India's ability over it".

Addressing the nation on the occasion, Modi said, "100-crore vaccinations are not just a figure, but a reflection of the strength of the country, it is the creation of a new chapter of history. This is a picture of a new India that sets difficult goals and knows how to achieve them."

The Prime Minister's praise for the country reaching a long way in its fight against the pandemic has come against the Congress-led Opposition's criticism of the Modi Government's handling of coronavirus and the large number of deaths taking place due to the shortage of life-saving Oxygen across the country.

He said the speed with which India crossed the 100-crore mark is also being appreciated across the world. However, he pointed out, in this analysis the point of beginning for India is often missed. He said developed countries

had decades of expertise in researching and developing vaccines. India mostly depended on vaccines made by these countries.

He said for "this reason when the biggest pandemic of the century struck, various questions were raised about India's ability to fight the global pandemic. Questions like from where India will get the money to buy so many vaccines from other countries, when India will get the vaccine, whether the people of India will get the vaccine or not, and whether India will be able to vaccinate enough people to stop the pandemic from spreading were all answered by achieving this feat of administering 100 crore vaccinations."

He stressed that India has not only administered 100 crore vaccine doses to its citizens "but has also done that free of cost." He said the acceptance that India enjoys in the world as a pharma hub will be further strengthened.

The Prime Minister said at the beginning of the corona pandemic, people were anxious that it would be very difficult to fight this pandemic in a democracy like India.

He said that the country



has only one mantra that if the disease did not discriminate, then there cannot be any discrimination in the vaccination.

Modi said that was the reason why "it was ensured that the VIP culture of entitlement does not dominate the vaccination campaign."

The Prime Minister said questions were raised that most of the people in India would not go to the vaccination centre to get vaccinated.

"Vaccine hesitancy remains a major challenge even today in many major developed countries of the world. But the people of India have answered it by taking 100 crore vaccine doses", Modi said.

He said a campaign is "everybody's effort" and if

everyone's efforts are synergised, the results are amazing. The Government made public participation the first line of defence in the country's fight against the pandemic.

The Prime Minister said India's "entire vaccination program is born in the womb of science, has grown on scientific grounds and has reached all four directions through scientific methods."

The PM said resources were increased with extraordinary speed and the Cowin platform not only gave convenience to the common people but also made the work of our medical staff easier.

As against the Opposition parties' criticism of the Government for its "mishandling" of the economy during the onslaught of the Covid-19, the Prime Minister said experts and many agencies from home and abroad are very positive about India's economy.

"Today not only are record investments coming in Indian companies but new employment opportunities are also being created for the youth. With record investment in start-ups, unicorns are being made. New energy is also visible in the housing sector", he said.

Modi said many reforms and initiatives taken in the last few months will play a big role in making India's economy grow faster.

In the backdrop of about 10-month-old farmers' agitation and demand for scrapping three farm laws intending to open up the agriculture sector to private traders, Modi said during the pandemic, the agriculture sector kept our economy strong.

"Today Government procurement of food grains is happening at a record level. The money is going directly into the bank accounts of the farmers," he said.

Modi stuck a note of caution against Covid-19 despite 100 crore vaccination saying "we need to be constantly careful no matter how good the cover is, no matter how modern the armour is, even if armour gives a complete guarantee of protection, weapons are not given up while the battle is on."

Scrap consumer Act if you don't want tribunals, SC tells Centre

Court angry over appointment delay

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The delay in filling vacancies in tribunals again invited the Supreme Court's wrath against the Centre.

Expressing displeasure over delay in appointments in the districts and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions, the apex court on Friday said if the Government did not want the tribunals then it should abolish the Consumer Protection Act.

The bench comprising Justices SK Kaul and MM Sundresh said it is unfortunate that the top court is being called upon to examine and see that vacancies in tribunals are filled up.

"If the Government does not want the tribunals then abolish the act... We are stretching our jurisdiction to see the vacancies are filled in. Normally we should not spend time on this and the posts should be filled. Unfortunately, the judiciary is called upon to see that these posts are manned. This is not a very happy situation," the bench said.

The SC was hearing a suo motu case on the inaction of the Governments in appointing president and members/staff of Districts and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions and inadequate



infrastructure across India.

The apex court in its order directed that the process of filling up vacancies in the State Consumer Commissions as per its earlier directions must not be impeded by the judgement of the Bombay High Court which had quashed certain Consumer Protection Rules.

As the hearing commenced, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appointed as amicus curiae in the case, apprised the court of the judgement passed by the Bombay High Court at Nagpur Bench quashing certain Consumer Protection Rules.

He said the Centre introduced the Tribunal Reforms Act in violation of the apex court judgement in the Madras Bar Association case. Additional Solicitor General Aman Lekhi, appearing for the Centre, said the Government is in the process of filing an appeal against the Bombay High Court order which quashed certain provisions of Consumer Protection Rules.

He told the bench that the Tribunal Reforms Act introduced by the Centre was not in

consonance with the Madras Bar Association judgement of the apex court.

The apex court, however, remarked, "It seems that the bench says something and you do something else and some kind of embargo is being created and in this process, the citizens of the country are suffering.

These are places for remedy like consumer forums. These are small issues that people deal with and these are not high stake matters."

The very purpose of setting up these tribunals to provide consumer remedy is not being met, the bench remarked.

The apex court also directed the States to submit data in a prescribed form within one week failing which the concerned secretary has to remain present before it.

After the conclusion of the hearing in the case, Justice Sundresh said there is a need to look into the problem from a different perspective and permanent consumer courts should replace consumer commissions which are manned by retired judicial officers on an ad-hoc basis.

CAPSULE

MAN FALLS TO DEATH FROM 19TH FLOOR



Mumbai: A 30-year-old security guard fell to death from the balcony of a flat located on the 19th floor of a 61-storey residential building in central Mumbai after a major fire broke out there on Friday, a fire brigade official said.

INDIA SUCCESSFULLY FLIGHT-TESTS ABHYAS



Balalore: India on Friday successfully flight-tested the endogenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT), ABHYAS, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Bay of Bengal in Odisha, a DRDO source said.

Koregaon panel summons 'missing' Mumbai ex-top cop

Former Pune CP Rashmi Shukla to also appear as a witness

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

At a time when he has gone "missing" and not responded to warrants issued to him in two important cases, the Koregaon Bhima commission of inquiry on Friday issued summons against Mumbai's former Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh to appear before it as a witness in the ongoing investigations into the manner in which the previous BJP-led Government handled the 2018 Bhima Koregaon-Elgaar Parishad case.

The Commission headed by JN Patel, retired chief justice of Kolkata High Court, and comprising Sumit Mullick, former Maharashtra Chief

Secretary, also summoned Pune's former Police Commissioner Rashmi Shukla to appear as a witness in the ongoing proceedings before it.

The summons issued by the commission to both Param Bir and Shukla read thus: "Considering that Param Bir was ADG (law and order) State of Maharashtra at the relevant time when the incident of violence took place at Bhima Koregaon on January 1, 2018 and sometime prior and after that date in some parts of the State.

As such he must have received valuable inputs concerning terms of reference before the commission."

"Under the tenure of Shukla who was the police commissioner for Pune city, some incidents of violence had taken place in and around Pune city. The CP office must have received valuable inputs/information concerning the terms of reference before the commission.

Harish replaces Harish! Raj Min named Punjab Congress' incharge

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

After witnessing a colossal transformation in the Congress party's Punjab unit, Uttarakhand's former Chief Minister Harish Rawat was relieved of the charge of the State party affairs' general secretary in-charge on Friday.

Rajasthan's Revenue Minister Harish Chaudhary will be the new Congress in-charge of poll-veteran Punjab replacing veteran Congress leader.

The development came after Rawat had requested the party high command to relieve him of the responsibility of Punjab as his home State, Uttarakhand, will also go to polls along with Punjab early next year.

Chaudhary's name was being speculated as Rawat's replacement for some time as Rajasthan MLA was appointed observer to oversee the change



Newly appointed AICC in-charge of Punjab and Chandigarh Harish Chaudhary, during a public meeting at Nimbola Biswa village in Nagaur district on Friday

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Governor Ramesh Bais receives a bouquet from Health Minister Banna Gupta during a courtesy meet at Raj Bhawan in Ranchi on Friday

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Winter Session of Parl from 4th week of Nov

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The Winter Session of Parliament is likely to start in the fourth week of November. The month-long Session, which is likely to have around 20 sittings, would conclude ahead of Christmas.

Though an official decision

has not been taken yet, the sources said the session could commence from November 29 and would end around December 23.

In the wake of the pandemic, the Winter Session of Parliament was not held last year and all the subsequent sessions — Budget and Monsoon

— were curtailed due to Covid.

The Winter session assumes significance as it will be held just months before the assembly elections in five states, including politically crucial Uttar Pradesh, which is seen as a semi-final for the 2024 general elections.

CM Soren interacts with party's districts presidents, secretaries

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister cum Jharkhand Mukti Morcha Executive President Hemant Soren today chaired a meeting of the party's district presidents and district secretaries here.

The public welfare works done by the District Committees during the pandemic period were discussed in the meeting, as well as the work done for the successful implementation of Covid 19 vaccination in the districts were analysed in the meeting of the District President and District Secretaries.

Information was taken on the status of the public welfare schemes run by the State government in the district. It was also discussed to bring these down to the ground and take these schemes' benefits to the



Chief Minister Hemant Soren cum Executive President, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha holds a meeting with party officials of all districts in Ranchi on Friday

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last person standing, as well as the strength of the organization from the panchayat level to the district level.

The meeting was mainly attended by the party's Central General Secretary cum spokesperson Vinod Kumar Pandey, Central Spokesperson Abhishek Prasad Pintu, District

President Ramdas Soren, Bhushan Tirkey, Mustafa Alam, Vinod Kisku, Rajendra Prasad Sinha, Pankaj Prajapati, Ramesh Tudu, Shambhu Lal Yadav, Many District Presidents and District Secretaries including Lal Moti Nath Shahdeo, Zubair Ahmed, Mozammil Ahmed attended.

DHANBAD JUDGE MURDER CASE

HC slams CBI for filing 'stereotyped charge sheet'

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand High Court is hugely disappointed over alleged poor quality of investigation being carried by the CBI in Dhanbad judge Uttam Anand alleged murder case, in which the agency filed charge sheet on Wednesday against two auto rickshaw drivers.

A bench of Chief Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan and Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad supervising CBI investigation slammed the CBI during the course of hearing on Friday.

The CBI has charge sheeted Lakhman Verma and Rahul Verma for deliberately hitting the judge on the morning of July 28 in Dhanbad when the judge was on way to home following morning walk.

Calling the charge sheet as stereotyped the court said: "The CBI has once again disappointed. Investigation is at

the same place where it was earlier. It looks like the CBI is working like bus in the secretariat."

The bench said that investigation of the case was handed over to the CBI believing it as a professional agency, which will carry out investigation in a professional manner to bring out the truth.

The court had even directed the CBI director to appear before the court during the next virtual hearing scheduled on next Friday. But the court changed its mind on the request of the CBI counsel, who sought some more time.

The court expressed displeasure over the CBI for not taking the High Court into confidence before filing the charge sheet in this matter before a special CBI court in Dhanbad.

The court said a court monitored probe made no



A view of Jharkhand High Court Building in Ranchi

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sense if the agency keeps the case in the dark.

The court observed that the CBI seemed to be taking the case too lightly despite a judicial official being murdered. The court asked as to why the CBI kept the court in dark while filing the charge sheet.

The court further observed

that the CBI messed up the case adding that there was no evidence to support section 302 (murder) of IPC slapped against accused.

Court wondered how the case would sustain the trial when the motive of the crime remained unexplained. In the lack of the motive it may turn-up into a case under section

304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of IPC.

As a SIT of the CBI is investigating the case the court has demanded the SIT to come with a concrete report.

From the first day the case was handed over to the CBI, the agency carried a mammoth exercise to catch culprits.

It questioned history-sheeter criminals of Dhanbad and announced a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh for anyone giving useful information about this case. The agency also examined all criminal cases the deceased judge was hearing. It conducted a narco-test upon the accused to get the truth and took them on police remand. Besides, the CBI is also investigating two other cases related to theft of mobile phones of an auto rickshaw by the accused. That stolen auto rickshaw was used to hit the judge.

Chhath ghats cleaning drive on

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

The steel city is gearing up for the Chhath festival. The administration has come into action to clean up ghats that, after a whole year of neglect and lack of any care or upkeep, will need an army of workers toiling round the clock to make it usable and safe for devotees.

A delegation recently inspected different ghats. Sources informed that DC ordered authorities to carry cleanliness drives at different ghats. Administration has called the corporates like Tata Steel UJSL to provide manual and machinery assistance to the administrative officials in carrying out the exercise before the festival. "We have asked all the socially responsible corporate institutions to extend their cooperation in carrying out the drive," said an official.

Particularly, Tata Steel UJSL has been asked to provide electricity and make lighting arrangements in the low lying areas of the city, or for that matter, at the approaching paths to



the two rivers. The most important task before the administration is to barricade the danger zone and stop the devotees and revellers from breaching into that area.

In the light of past incidents of drowning the administration has got serious with this issue and has taken firm measures in this regard particularly, in Mango, Sonari and Kadma where the possibility of accidents are high.

Meanwhile officials of Chhath Ghat Committee said that people take bath in water tanks and rivers and therefore it is essential that the cleaning work of these water bodies is completed on time.

"This year the situation is just the opposite so we are making adequate arrangements to make the festival an incident free celebration," said a district administration official.

Social worker conferred 'Best Civilian' award

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Amarpreet Singh Kale, a well-known social worker of the city and former state spokesperson of BJP, has been honoured with the best civilian award.

He was awarded at a function organized on the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of the first Chief Minister of undivided Bihar Dr. Shri Krishna Sinha on Thursday at Dr. Shri Krishna Sinha Institute located in Bistupur.

Hari Ballabh Singh Arsi, general secretary of Shri Krishna Sinha Sansthan honored Amarpreet Singh Kale with a shawl and a memento.

After this, the chief guest Dr. SS Razi, Vice Chancellor of Arka Jain University honored Prof. Arvind Pandey, Dr. Manoj Pathak, Prof. Ashwini Kumar Singh, Kishore Yadav, Dharmendra Chauhan, Jugun Pandey and Suraj Sah for their



excellent work in the field of social service and education. A book titled Yug Sangharsh was also released on this occasion.

The Chief Guest Dr Razi, while highlighting the sacrifice and patriotism of Sribabu, described him as the immortal personality of the country. He said that Bihar Kesari Dr. Shri Krishna Sinha led the freedom movement in Bihar at the behest of Mahatma Gandhi. He was a great leader. His contribution in the political and social field is invaluable. He said that today's leaders need to learn from Sribabu, I see glimpses of the image of great personalities in the personality of Amarpreet Singh Kale.

Kale said that the service and dedication of Shri Babu

cannot be forgotten. Shri Krishna Babu will always be known for information, hard work and exemplary work method.

Rajdev Sinha, secretary of the institute and general secretary of Benipuri Sahitya Parishad, said that Sribabu was a determined person. For the independence of the country, he had taken a pledge by sitting in the river Ganges.

Giving the presidential address, Dr. SK Singh said that Dr. Shri Krishna Sinha made an invaluable contribution in the development of the state by establishing industries in Bihar. On this occasion, school teachers Neelam Kumari, Rinki Matharu and Dr. Angad Tiwari, director of Arka Jain University also gave their views.

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A S Gangwar bestowed 'Best International Principal' award

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A.S. Gangwar, Principal, ADPS Bokaro has been conferred with the 'Best International Principal Award' for the year 2020-21 by Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF).

In recognition of the leadership qualities, path-breaking initiatives for the cause of education, and academic excellence of the students, the Academic Council of SOF has bestowed this honour on Gangwar.

This award is all the more special this year as during the session 2020-21, the education sector has faced an unprecedented onslaught by the pandemic. As a leader, his role in motivating the team of teachers to stay focused on the education of the students with perseverance and dedication



was highly appreciated all over the country.

SOF conducts the National Science Olympiad, Indian Economics Olympiad, National Computer Olympiad, International Mathematics Olympiad examinations in 42800 schools from over 14000 cities spread across 22 countries of the world conducted every year.

Gangwar is among the very few Principals from the Eastern zone to receive this award this year. Gangwar has also received several coveted recognitions for his service in education, including Sandipani Vishishth Gurujan Samman, Vidyapati Sikshak Samman, Progressive Principal Award, and International Principal Award (2019-20), and the list goes on.

Expressing gratitude, A. S. Gangwar thanked all the stakeholders and said, "It is indeed ennobling to be acknowledged as the Best International Principal. However, no success is complete without the support of a dedicated team of staff, enthusiastic students and supportive parents."

"It is the collaborative awareness and commitment that has helped us to achieve what we are today. Every achievement is just another milestone that impels us to do better," he added.

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- इच्छुक संस्थान को Annexure-I के साथ संस्थान से संबंधित सभी दस्तावेज कार्यालय में जमा करना होगा।
- दिनांक 27.10.2021 अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक संबंधित संस्थान को चौक चौराहों का प्रस्ताव कार्यालय में जमा करना होगा, तत्पश्चात उन्हें presentation देने हेतु आमंत्रित किया जाएगा।
- चौक चौराहों की सूची Annexure-II में संघारित है।
- अन्य जानकारी वेबसाइट www.ranchimunicipal.com पर उपलब्ध है।

PR 255322 Ranchi Municipal Corporation(21-22)#D

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (TENDERING) M-3 DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
H-BLOCK: SECTOR-15: ROHINI: DELHI-89
E-mail Id:- eetenderingm3.djb@gmail.com

"STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand hygiene"

PRESS NIT NO: 26(2021-22)
Press Notice Tender

S. No.	Name of work	Amount Put to tender/ Estimated Cost	Tender Fee	Date of release of tender procurement solution/D.No.	Last date/time of receipt of bid through e-procurement solution
1.	Boring and installation of tube wells at Narela UGR/ BPS in AC-01 Narela under EE(Nw)-II (Presently under AGE(M)-3)	Rs. 29,40,439/-	Rs. 500/-	21.10.2021 2021_DJB_209949_1	02-11-2021 Upto 3.00 P.M.

Further details in this regard can be seen at <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.

ISSUED BY P.R.O.(WATER) Advt.No. J.S.V.506(2021-22) Sd/- (SUDHIR KUMAR) Executive Engineer (T) M-3

"STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand hygiene"

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M)-10
H-BLOCK UDYOG NAGAR INDL. AREA PEERA GARHI CHOWK NEW DELHI-41

NIT No- 35/EE(M)10(2021-22)
Press Notice Tender

S. N.	Name of work	Amount Put to tender (Rs.)	EMD	Tender Fee's	DL of release of tender procurement solution I.D. No.	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Improvement of water supply by replacement of old/damaged/corroded water line in Plot A-3 Sec-3 Rohini AC-12 Mangolpuri Under EE(NW)/AE(M)12	37,62,135/-	Exempted vide office memorandum No. F9/4/2020-PPD 12-11-2020 and DUB/endorsement No. DUB/2020-21/Misc-II/PT/971 Dated: 23.12.2020	500/-	21/10/2021 2021_DJB_209959_1	08-11-2021 at 3.00 P.M.

Further details in the regards can be sent at <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O.(WATER) Advt.No. J.S.V.506(2021-22) Sd/- (Himanshu Agarwal) Ex. Engineer (M)-10

राजस्व पर्षद, झारखण्ड, राँची
प्रेस विज्ञापित

झारखण्ड सचिवालय लिपिकीय सेवा की विभागीय परीक्षा (कम्प्यूटर पर टंकण एवं कम्प्यूटर कार्य दक्षता परीक्षण)-2020 में उत्तीर्ण परीक्षार्थियों की सूची

दिनांक 30.09.2021 को सम्पन्न झारखण्ड सचिवालय लिपिकीय सेवा की विभागीय परीक्षा (कम्प्यूटर पर टंकण एवं कम्प्यूटर कार्य दक्षता परीक्षण)-2020 में उत्तीर्ण परीक्षार्थियों की सूची राजस्व पर्षद, झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्रांक- 833/रा०प० दिनांक- 22.10.2021 द्वारा प्रकाशित कर दिया गया है।

उत्तीर्ण परीक्षार्थियों की सूची झारखण्ड सरकार की वेबसाइट- Jharkhand.gov.in → Department → Department of Revenue, Registration & Land Reforms → Assistant Section Officer Departmental Result पर भी देखी एवं डाउनलोड (Download) की जा सकती है।

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(चितरंजन कुमार, प्रा०प्र०से०) सचिव, राजस्व पर्षद, झारखण्ड, राँची।

PR 255345 (Revenue Board) 21-22 (D)

उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी का कार्यालय, गिरिडीह (जिला पंचायत शाखा)
Email Id :- dpro-giridih@nic.in Contact No. 06532228326

नगरपालिका आम/उप चुनाव 2021 एवं त्रिस्तरीय पंचायत निर्वाचन 2021 के निमित्त अति अल्पकालिन निविदा का आमंत्रण की सूचना

आगामी नगरपालिका आम/उप चुनाव 2021 एवं त्रिस्तरीय पंचायत निर्वाचन आम निर्वाचन चुनाव 2021 के सफल संचालन हेतु निम्न पैकेज का अतिअल्पकालिन निविदा आमंत्रित किया जा रहा है:-

क्रमा	आमंत्रित सामग्री की विवरणी	निविदा डालने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	निविदा खोलने का स्थल
1	अस्थायी विद्युतीकरण कार्य हेतु	30/10/2021 पूर्वाह्न 11:30 बजे तक	30/10/2021 अपराह्न 03:00 बजे	जिला समाह्वारालय समाकष, गिरिडीह।

उपरोक्त पैकेज आमंत्रित की जा रही निविदा की पूर्ण विवरणी जिला के वेबसाइट www.giridih.nic.in पर अपलोड कर दिया गया है।

अतः वेसे निविदादाता जो निविदा शर्त के अनुरूप निविदा भरने के इच्छुक हैं, वे अपना भरा हुआ निविदा लिफाफा दिनांक 30/10/2021 के पूर्वाह्न 11:30 बजे तक जिला पंचायत राज कार्यालय, गिरिडीह में जमा कर सकते हैं।

जिला निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी(पंचायत) सह उपायुक्त, गिरिडीह।

PR.NO.255341 Panchayati Raj(21-22):D

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
CIN No. U40108JH2013SGC001702
Regd. Office : Engineering Building, H.E.C., Dhuurwa, Ranchi-834004
Telephone :-0651-2400799 & Fax : 0651-2400799
Email- cecr2018@gmail.com <https://www.jbvnl.co.in>

Tender Cancellation Notice

E-tender was invited by General Manager (IT), JBVNL for 'Supply, Installation, Operation and FMS of pre-paid AMI system for consumers having load above 10kW in JBVNL' with an estimated cost of Rs 20 Cr., floated vide NIT No. - 303/PR/JBVNL/2020-21 is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

स्वक्षिप्त एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचाने। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को टोल फ्री नं० 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज करावें।

Sd/-
PR No. 244829 General Manager (IT)
PR 255386 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd (21-22)_D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग
शुद्धि पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि PR No 255045 Road(21-22)D द्वारा आमंत्रित अल्पकालीन ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना के कार्य का नाम "पथ प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग गैर योजना मद अन्तर्गत NH-33 हवाई अड्डा से कोनार पुल पथ के कि. मी. 30.95 से 40.35 (कुल लम्बाई 9.40 कि.मी.) तक की विशेष मरम्मत कार्य (वित्तीय वर्ष 2021-22)" के स्थान पर "पथ प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग गैर योजना मद अन्तर्गत NH-33 हवाई अड्डा से कोनार पुल पथ के कि.मी. 30.95 से 40.35 के पथांश 37 एवं 38 की विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। (वित्तीय वर्ष 2021-22) पढ़ा जाय।

शेष यथावत रहेगा।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
PR 255308 Road(21-22)#D प.नि.वि. पथ प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग

उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी का कार्यालय, गुमला (पंचायत शाखा)
अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

सूचित किया जाता है, कि त्रिस्तरीय पंचायत (आम) निर्वाचन 2021 के निमित्त मतपेटिका रंगाई पोटाई/तैल्यीकरण/ ग्रीसिंग एवं मरम्मत की आपूर्ति हेतु निविदा का प्रकाशन gumla.nic.in पर दिनांक - 22.10.2021 को किया गया है, जिसे Download कर देखा जा सकता है। निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 29.10.2021 तक एवं निविदा खुलने की तिथि 30.10.2021 निर्धारित है।

नोट : निविद के संबंध में विस्तृत विवरण gumla.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी, गुमला के आदेशानुसार।

PR.NO.255303 Panchayati Raj(21-22):D

NUDM to be launched soon in State

PNS ■ RANCHI

The recently launched National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM) by the Government of India (GoI) will soon be implemented in Jharkhand for the integration of e-governance services in cities across the Country. In this regard, a four-member team of National Institute of Urban Affairs met Secretary, Urban Development and Housing Department, Vinay Kumar Choubey on Friday and through the power point presentation discussed this new plan and the entire plan.

On this occasion, Choubey said that it is a good initiative and said that the State Government has already made

a lot of efforts in the direction of database integration. "We are determined to provide basic facilities to the citizens on time, so most of our urban services are being provided online and monitoring is also being done from the data centre.

Many services including tax collection, cleanliness, trade license and map approval are online in all our bodies. There should also be a system for tracking solid waste management in the board of National Urban Digital Mission," he added.

Speaking on the occasion National Institute of Urban Affairs Director Hitesh Vaidya said that all the municipal bodies of Jharkhand have done



Secretary Housing and Urban Development Vinay Kumar Choubey greets National Institute of Urban Affairs Director Hitesh Vaidya in Ranchi on Friday. Municipal Commissioner of Ranchi, Mukesh Kumar, Director of SUDA, Amit Kumar also seen in the picture

good work in the field of e-governance. "We will celebrate this achievement at the national level. The technology-based delivery of urban facilities in more than 4400 municipal bodies of the Country, bringing more transparency in civic amenities, bringing accountability and equal cooperation of the Central and the State Governments in implementing this mission to bring about a positive change in the standard of living," he added.

Earlier, the team gave its presentation by visiting the Command Control and Communication Centre of Ranchi Smart City and Ranchi Municipal Corporation.

At the same time, took information about the system

operated from the Command Control and Communication Centre of Smart City and expressed great happiness to see the centre.

On behalf of the State Government the Secretary, the Municipal Commissioner of Ranchi, Mukesh Kumar, Director of SUDA, Amit Kumar, General Manager of Smart City Ranchi, Rakesh Kumar Nandyoliar, Deputy General Manager of JUDCO and many officials including Utkarsh Mishra were present. On behalf of the Government of India, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs, Hitesh Vaidya, Kakul Mishra, Anirudh Gupta and Manish Thakur were present on the occasion.

INBRIEF

ECR HOLDS HINDI SPEECH COMPETITION



Three-day regional Hindi competitions are being organized from October 21 to 25 at East Central Railway Headquarters, Hajipur. In this sequence today a Hindi speech competition was held. Officers/employees of various departments/divisions participated in this competition. It is noteworthy that all the departments/divisions of ECR were informed in advance for this competition. For Hindi speech competition, two subjects were decided earlier - Amrit Festival of Independence and Remove corruption, bring prosperity. At the competition venue, the participants had to choose any one topic and speak. Suryanarayan, Deputy Chief Personnel Officer (IR&W) and Rajpati Jha, Deputy Chief Operations Manager (General) were present in the jury. Santosh Kumar Tiwari, Techni-1/DDU got the first position, Rajiv Ranjan Kumar, Techni-1/Harnaut got the second position and Neetu Verma, CCEngg/DDU got the third position. The officials present on the occasion extended their best wishes to the participants as well as asked them to prepare and perform better to go to the Railway Board level. The program was conducted and the vote of thanks was done by the Official Language Officer Anil Kumar Sharma.

CMPDI ACCREDITED AS MPPA BY QCI

CMPDI has been accredited as Mining Plan Preparing Agency (MPPA) by Quality Council of India - National Accreditation Board for Education and training (QCI- NABET) after due assessment for Preparation of Comprehensive Mining Plan/Mining Project Report (PR), Pre-feasibility Report (PFR)/Feasibility Report Preparation. The certificate of accreditation is valid for a period of 3 years. The accreditation signifies credibility, competitive edge of organization and also helps in business growth through reputational benefits. This will reiterate the commitment of CMPDI to deliver quality service to its stakeholders.

JAISWAL INAUGURATES NEW SHOP



Shri Balaji South Indian Hot Chips shop was inaugurated near Aroya Medifile, SAIL City Road, New Pundag. Aditya Vikram Jaiswal, president of Jharkhand Pradesh Professionals Congress Committee, formally inaugurated the shop today, as well as today on the completion of 1 year of Aroya Medifile. Jaiswal inspected the shop and gave many best wishes to Vikas Anand Sinha who is also a Ranchi Professionals Congress member. Congratulating the new start of the shop, Jaiswal, said that one such old recipe will be started training in Dadi Ki Rasoi, Murhu in rural areas. This concept called Dadi ki Rasoi is a very old recipe for making pickle, papad in a very tasty way. This will be a great achievement in the self-employment sector and the practice of all these things will be promoted in rural areas and efforts will be made to train more and more people.

DLSA CARRIES OUT LEGAL AWARENESS PROG

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Ranchi on Friday carried out a legal awareness programme at Dumardaga panchayat of Ranchi under Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. The legal awareness programme is being carried out on the instructions of Justice Apareesh Kumar Singh, Executive Chairman, Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority from October 2 to November 14, 2021 in all rural and urban areas of Ranchi district. An awareness program on child-friendly legal services and protection for children was organized under the scheme-2015 run by NALSA at Dumardaga panchayat bhawan. Along with this, a legal Literacy class was also taken by Dalsa Secretary Kamla Kumari at DAV Bariatu School.

SCOA TO ACCELERATE SKILL BUILDING

The Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA) is helping bridge the skill gap and creating employment opportunities for youths of Jharkhand in expanding the supply chain industry in the country. In the first phase of the programme students from Jharkhand and other states will undergo the training followed by the on-the-job training. During this program shortlisted students will get an opportunity to work along with full-time supply chain employees at facilities across the country. The students will be imparted skills through Flipkart's Learning Management System, an online platform for learning programs, where students can learn a diverse set of skills through courses developed by leading industry experts.

AMITY UNIVERSITY, JHARKHAND HOLDS WEBINAR

Amity University Jharkhand organized an online webinar on Contemporary issues in AD, PR and Films on 21st October 2021. The aim of the webinar was to discuss the trending fields of media offering employment opportunities in the pandemic and post pandemic scenario. The webinar intended to highlight the relevance of AD and PR in the Indian society and frequent transformation taking place in the digital world. It further helped in understanding the perspective of experts and aspirants in the mentioned mass communication arena. The chief guest of the webinar was Aritra Chaudhuri, Consultant to BBDO India, Creative Director and Ad Film Maker. Chaudhuri shared his experience across various sectors including strategic planning, advertising, integrated campaign design, trans-media storytelling, digital marketing, social media, art direction and graphic design. He explained about the various intricacies of the AD, PR and Film Making.

Provide employment to villagers through MGNREGA: Comm'r

PNS ■ RANCHI

In an attempt to provide employment to rural masses MGNREGA Commissioner Rajeshwari B has written a letter to the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Deputy Development Commissioners (DDCs) of all the districts and directed them to conduct the activities related to "Gramin Ki Aas, MGNREGA Se Vikas Abhiyan" in their respective districts. Through the letter, she has given information about the important points of the campaign and its objectives.

Rajeshwari informed through the letter that regular employment day and to ensure maximum participation of women, members of SC and ST Gram Sabha are to be organized under this campaign. "In the matter of providing timely remuneration to MGNREGA workers, Jharkhand has topped the Country. A total of 19.14 lakh labourers have been provided employment under MGNREGA and 662 lakh mandays have been created in the current financial year 2021-22 so far. In order to provide employment to every willing family and labourer in their village and tola as much as possible, the Government has set a target of implementation of at least 5 to 6 schemes in each village.

The Department to increase the average man-days per family, issue and renewal of job cards intensified and it was implemented.

Rajeshwari instructed through the letter that the



Labourers busy in a field under MGNREGA scheme

employment of more and more women mates, recording the presence of more and more labourers by mate through NMMS, GIS based planning is to ensure execution of cases detected during social audit and recovery of amount. With this campaign an initiative has been taken to strengthen the rural economy of the State and to provide employment to the villagers. The State Government has decided to provide employment to the rural and migrant workers of the State in their villages and towns under the MGNREGA scheme," she added.

Following the instruction of the Departmental Secretary, Dr Manish Ranjan, job cards are being provided to the migrant workers coming back to the State during their quarantine period and with the completion of the quarantine period, the government is also providing them employment.

The MGNREGA Commissioner said that the Government is providing employment to the labourers of the State in their homes. After the transition of COVID-19, labourers have also started looking for employment in the State. The Government is standing with them in this work and is making every effort to make them employable, she added.

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JSLPS organises CXO meet to create skills ecosystem for rural youths

Virtual CXO Meet with potential employer of DDUGKY

PNS ■ RANCHI

A Virtual CXO meet under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) was organized by Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS) under "Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" towards Industry Institution Collaboration on Friday. Altogether 47 participants from various Sector Skill Councils, Members for Industry Associations, Industry Partners, Training Partners from Apparel, Logistics and Health Care Sectors.

The main objective of the event was to understand the skill ecosystem and create a common platform for various stakeholders involved in DDU-GKY and other programmes. The programme covered an assortment of issues related to training, placement, retention, post placement and career progression of the candidates trained under DDU-GKY and other skill development training programmes.

The main agenda for the CXO meet was to understand the impact of COVID-19 on the Logistic, Retails and Healthcare industry, how JSLPS can provide and mitigate shortage of skilled manpower, to understand the hiring practices, the periodic demand, salaries, and their preferences to hire



Officials during Virtual CXO meet under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), organized by Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS) under 'Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' towards Industry Institution Collaboration in Ranchi on October 22, 2021

females and to understand the support industry can commit to JSLPS to take the DDUGKY Scheme to the next level.

Bishnu Parida, COO, JSLPS in his welcome address introduced JSLPS to the participants and the various Livelihood schemes the Society implements for various age groups in the state of Jharkhand. He highlighted the importance of DDU-GKY in skilling the youth of the State in various sectors.

Divyajain, Co- Founder & CEO of Safeducate emphasized that the Logistics Sector is the largest growing sector in the world given the boom by Ecommerce platform. In the coming two years the Safeducate alone can support the placement of more than 1 lakh trained candidates. Ravikant Yamarthy, Chief Operating Officer at Logistics Sector Skill Council was very positive on the job prospects of trained manpower in the Logistics Sector. Demand for

Drivers and Warehousing professionals is very high. In-fact small warehousing is going to be a big thing in the near future, with proper mapping of the value chain this would be a great Entrepreneurship opportunity for youth with availability of small rooms and very less capital.

Somnath Dan, Head Human Resource Manager, Wow! Momo Foods Pvt. Ltd. said that retaining candidates from the Eastern India in the other parts of the states is difficult given the food habit. The demand for trained manpower in the hospitality sector is ever growing given the exponential growth in Chain restaurants.

Harjinder Saini, Founder and Managing Director of Wazir Advisors stated that Oragnised Retail Sector was the worst hit during the C-19 pandemic. But some of the people employed in the sector tried to upskill themselves and have taken a great career path and elevated in their career.

Jharkhandi delicacies wow BJP ST morcha delegates

2-day national executive meet of BJP ST morcha starts today

ROSHAN KUMAR ■ RANCHI

Jharkhandi cuisine is full of flavours and ingredients that are super healthy. The State BJP unit has made special arrangements for providing these delicacies to party delegates to be gathered at two day national executive meet of BJP Scheduled tribe (ST) morcha starting on Saturday. Guests especially those reaching to Ranchi from North Eastern States, Maharashtra, Gujarat and other states will get a chance to taste the Jharkhandi cuisine.

The two day BJP ST morcha national committee meet-

ing will be inaugurated by Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda. BJP Rajya Sabha member and party national president of ST morcha, Sameer Oraon said, "It is a great achievement for Jharkhand BJP that the party unit has received such a big opportunity to host such a big event. We have made special arrangements for food to be served to guests."

Oraon further said, "Starting with one of the famous dishes, Dhuska, a savoury dish, fried deeply and prepared with rice, powdered chana daal, and sometimes boiled potatoes will be served. Barra, another state cuisine which is prepared with Urad dal too, will be served to guests." The BJP ST morcha president claimed that three to four types of saag (green leafy vegetables) such as Koinar Saag



BJP Scheduled Tribes Morcha National President cum MP Sameer Oraon, Party State President cum MP Deepak Prakash, legislative party leader and Former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi, Organization General Secretary Dharampal Singh and others during a press conference at Carnival Banquet Hall (Near DPS School) Dibidih in Ranchi on Friday

(a wild leaf often cultivated by local people during monsoon), kachchu patta, sanai ka phool

which are nutritionally high in fiber, rich in protein and has low fat and carbohydrate will

some of the dishes which will be on the guest's platter.

The State BJP unit apart from mouth savoury food items has also made tour plans for guests. Guests from north eastern states, Maharashtra, Gujarat and other states on Friday visited Deoghar commonly referred to as the Baidyanath Dham, is one of the twelve Jyotirlinga in India and is considered to be the most sacred abode of Lord Shiva.

The BJP unit has also prepared tour plans at Rajrappa temple, Deori temple and other historical and religious places in the State. State BJP ST morcha president Shivshankar Oraon said, "We have made elaborate arrangements for committee members attending the two day session so that they have a good impression of the state and BJP unit."

BJP national president JP Nadda was to inaugurate the two day national working committee meeting but Nadda's tour was cancelled at the last hour. Union Tribal affairs minister and Khunti MP Arjun Munda will inaugurate the committee meeting. The meeting has been divided into eight sessions where deliberations on various issues will be held.

Various morcha leaders will get responsibility to ensure successful implementation of all the welfare schemes of the Central government. The meeting will also discuss political, social, religious and traditional values of the ST. In one session, the contribution of leading figures from the community in nation-building will also be specially discussed. Besides this, organizational aspects of the morcha and the party will also be discussed.

Christian society needs to unite and participate in policy making: Barla

PNS ■ RANCHI

Working in the field of education and health is the strength of the Christian community, but the absence of this community in the formulation of policies related to these show a worrying state of affairs. Today the community has to stand in solidarity and give its share in the formulation of these related policies. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has envisioned to form such a team which will be represented by Bishops, Pastors and other dignitaries of Christian society, after touring the whole country," stated Minister of State for Minority Affairs John Barla, while attending an interactive session jointly organised by The Archdiocese of Ranchi and Xavier Institute of Social



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Service (XISS), Ranchi on Friday.

The Minister assured to share all the issues and problems raised during the session with the Prime Minister, Union

Ministers of the concerned Tribes and the Chief Minister of the State. In response to a question, he said that Shaheed Albert Ekka Park is being constructed in Tripura and he will definitely send a proposal to name Ranchi Railway Station after Shaheed Albert Ekka to the concerned ministry.

This session was arranged by Secretariat CBCI Office for Tribal Affairs, New Delhi by Fr. Nicholas Barla, Secretary and was attended by representatives from the Christian minority in Jharkhand, Felix Toppo, Archbishop of Ranchi Archdiocese said, "Today, there is a need for special schemes for the students of Christian and weaker sections, they should

not be deprived of education due to the problems caused by these adverse educational rules."

Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX, Auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi highlighted the grave situation of the community and said, "The fear in the Christian community has to be dispelled by giving them assurance of safety, security and equality. He also insisted that income tax enquiry on Christian community be avoided and there be no unnecessary allegations of conversion resulting in harassment. Apart from this, the minority society has also been ignored in the New Education Policy 2020. Thus, we look forward to your raising these issues to the Prime Minister and responsible ministers."

Devkamal hosp to come up with new branch next year

Hospital has been providing medical services for past 13 years

PNS ■ RANCHI

Devkamal Hospital is going to celebrate the 13th year of its inception on Saturday. The hospital in 13 years of inception has been rendering medical services to people at affordable rates along with adding new units, hand surgery unit, IVD centre, modified ICU, dialysis centre, CT scan centre and blood bank.

Dr Anant Sinha, who leads a team of three plastic surgeons at Devkamal Hospital, Bajra, Itki Road, Ranchi on completion of

13 years of the hospital said, "We have been rendering medical service to people at affordable rates. We are coming up with another unit of Devkamal hospital at Tupudana. The Tupudana hospital will be a state-of-art health hub with all modern facilities. If everything goes as per the plan, then the new hospital will be in people service by July next year."

Dr Sinha, who is recipient of Jharkhand Samman, Jharkhand Ratna, Bhagwan Mahaveer awards, is a leading Plastic and reconstructive surgeon with about 30 years of surgical experience said, "The 250 bed hospital will provide medical treatment in all major diseases. Also 70 beds at the new hospital will be reserved for Ayushman Bharat patients."

Sinha said that a centre of



Plastic surgeon Dr. Anant Sinha during a press conference at Ranchi Press Club in Ranchi on Friday

surgical excellence is their aim and they are moving in the direction. Sinha said, "In these 13 years we have worked hard, sometimes round the clock and aimed higher and higher but we have kept our feet on the ground."

The hospital, unlike other private health hubs, has never

lost touch with reality and has rendered service to patients with honesty especially with government schemes like Ayushman Bharat scheme.

The hospital in eight years has admitted around 53,000 patients with 44,566 operations performed at the hospital. More than 9000 patients have been admitted at ICU, apart from 8500 burns admissions in the past eight years.

The hospital has also performed 253 confirmed pregnancies (IVF) and also issued 17000 blood bags so far.

The hospital along with providing medical treatment at affordable rates is also rendering philanthropic services such that most of the children of staff members are supported for their educational needs by hospital management.

HIGH-LEVEL MEET FROM MONDAY

Army Top brass to discuss situation along LAC, LOC

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Situation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) facing China and Line of Control (LOC) with Pakistan will figure prominently during the Army Commanders' conference starting here next week. The top brass will review the operational readiness of the force to deal with any threat.

The four-day meet starting Wednesday will take place at a time when tension prevails at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh and the recently held 13th round of Corps Commander level talks did not yield any result.

Given the stalemate at the stand-off sites, both the countries are readying their troops for winter deployment in the forward areas in Eastern Ladakh. The Commanders will take stock of the preparations made to ensure troops posted there during the harsh winter months are able to perform their duty effectively.

To that effect, logistical back up will also be reviewed, sources said here on Friday.

At present, more than 50,000 troops each from both the sides are deployed in forward areas besides the friction points thereby leading to tension. The conference will review the current status of readiness of these troops, they added. Army Chief General M M Naravane had visited some forward posts in the first week of this month at the LAC in Ladakh and reviewed preparedness for winter months.

In fact, the status of the entire 4,000 km long LAC stretching from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east will be reviewed by the commanders.

As regards Pakistan, the ceasefire by both the armies in February this year at the LOC to avoid collateral damage has, so far, managed to hold except



some incidents last month when the Pakistan army violated the pact. The firing was in an apparent attempt to push militants into Jammu and Kashmir from launch pads across the LOC in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK).

The commanders conference of all the three Services take place twice a year.

in the backdrop of recent spurt in terrorist violence in Kashmir, sources said. Army Chief General M M Naravane visited Jammu region earlier this week to assess the situation on the ground.

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PM misleading country, only 21% fully vaccinated: Cong

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

As the Government celebrated the 100-crore vaccination mark, the Congress on Friday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi accusing him of misleading the country on the job drive as only 21 per cent of the country's population was fully vaccinated.

The Congress asked the Prime Minister to bring out a white paper on how his Government intends to vaccinate all adults by year-end, a promise made by him earlier.

Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh also alleged that the Prime Minister, in his address to the nation, did not talk about issues of inflation and terrorism confronting the country.

He said that instead of offering condolences to the families of 4.53 lakh people who lost their lives due to the coronavirus, the Prime Minister is celebrating.

"The Prime Minister should talk about the issues confronting the nation, but instead he is celebrating

'Mahotsava'. The PM touched issues in a wrong manner and shared wrong data while trying to mislead the country," he told reporters.

Vallabh also alleged that "the PM gave the data which is semi-baked, as half-truth is very dangerous."

He said there are only two countries having more than 50 crore population and the claim that India is the first country to achieve 100-crore plus vaccinations is "false" as China had achieved 216 crore doses of vaccinations in September.

He said China has double vaccinated 80 per cent of its population while India has only vaccinated 20 per cent of the population.

"We would like to ask the prime minister that it would have been nice if he had shared when we are going to start vaccinations for our school-going and college-going students. It would have been good if the PM answered when his promise of the entire population would be fulfilled by December 31, 2021.

"Please share a white paper



on how we are going to receive 106 crore vaccines in the next 70 days to vaccinate our entire adult population," Vallabh said.

He said that "we thought he would talk about inflation because from January 1 till date there is a hike in (price of) diesel by 29 per cent and petrol by 27 per cent."

"Is there anybody on this earth except the prime minister's few friends whose income level has increased in last nine months by 29 per cent," he asked.

"We were expecting you to speak on the issue when innocents were killed in Jammu and Kashmir, including 32 persons murdered in the last two weeks and nine soldiers gave supreme sacrifice saving our motherland. But the prime minister does not have time for any of such things.

Announcement for Haj, online process to start in Nov: Naqvi

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Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Thursday said the official announcement of Haj 2022 will be made in the first week of November and along with that the process of online application for Haj will also be started.

He said that selection process of Haj pilgrims will be done according to complete vaccination with both the doses and guidelines and criteria to be decided by Indian and Saudi Arabia Governments, keeping in view Corona protocols during the time of Haj 2022.

While chairing Haj Review Meeting here Naqvi said that Digital Health Card, "E-MASIH" health facility and "E-luggage pre-tagging", providing all information regarding accommodation/transportation in Makkah-Madinah, will be provided to all the Haj pilgrims.

He said that preparations for Haj 2022 have been started keeping in mind the health and corona protocol of Saudi Arabia Government and Government of India.

The entire Haj 2022 process in India will be 100 per cent digital. India sends the second largest number of Haj pilgrims after Indonesia.

Naqvi said that arrangements for special training for Haj 2022 regarding Corona protocols and Health and Hygiene are being made in India and Saudi Arabia for the Haj pilgrims. National-international protocol guidelines due to pandemic position will be implemented and followed strictly during Haj 2022.

Haj 2022 process is being chalked out after deliberations among Ministry of Minority Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Haj Committee of India, Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia and India's Consul General in Jeddah and other agencies keeping in view all aspects of the pandemic challenges.

CAPSULE

152 SAKSHAM CENTRES LAUNCHED IN A WEEK

New Delhi: As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a total of 152 Centre for Financial Literacy & Service Delivery (SAKSHAM Centres), one stop solutions/single window system for basic financial needs of Self-Help Group across 77 districts of 13 states have been launched under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) of the Ministry of Rural Development during 4-8th October, said a statement here from the Ministry.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE TO OPEN SCHOOLS IN INDIA

New Delhi: After setting up its schools in China and Thailand, international schools' group, Wellington College, is making its foray in India to establish its first educational institute in Pune. In this regard, its subsidiary Wellington College International has joined hands with the Unison Group, a premium education provider in India. The Wellington College, founded under the British Royal Charter in 1853, is a leading UK day and boarding school while Unison Group has four education institutions in Dehradun and Delhi NCR, according to a statement here.

LUCKNOW UNIVERSITY HOLDS KNOWLEDGE SCIENCE EVENT

New Delhi: Four policies formulated by Department of Science and Technology (DST)—on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR), Liberalised Geospatial Guidelines and Scientific Research Infrastructure, Sharing Maintenance and Networks (SRIMAN) would go a long way in taking benefits of science, technology and innovation to the common man and realise the dreams of Atmanirbhar Bharat, said Dr Akhilesh Gupta, senior adviser, Department of Science & Technology, at a programme organised online by the University of Lucknow.

ARMY TIES UP WITH AMITY UNIVERSITY

New Delhi: The Indian Army on Friday tied up with Amity University to establish a long-term symbiotic relationship for Academic & Research Cooperation. It will be the first of a kind with any private university, towards starting a joint "Centre of Excellence" for Studies in Engineering, Innovation & Technology at AUUP premises.

Govt expects Indian carriers purchasing more wide-bodied aircraft

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The Government is looking forward to Indian airlines purchasing and leasing many more wide-bodied aircraft once the Indian aviation sector recuperates from the Covid-induced crisis.

Only two Indian carriers — Air India and Vistara — currently have wide-bodied aircraft, which have bigger fuel tanks that allows them to operate long-haul flights such as on India-US routes.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia while speaking at a conference of Public Affairs Forum of India on Friday, said Air India's successful sale to the Tata group is a testament of the belief of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and this Government that "the private sector has an integral to play in

making sure that service value proposition is there for all customers".

"I think in many ways, this (privatisation) changes the long standing perception of the Government in business," he added. The Centre had announced on October 8 that a Tata group subsidiary made the winning bid for Air India by quoting Rs 18,000 crore. Both Air India and Vistara are owned by the Tata group now.

The minister said: "Our national flagship carrier (Air India), over the last 10 years, due to the policies of the past governments, had really become a drag on the resources of the country." "That divestment process was completed. The hand over is in process. I wish the new owners all success," he mentioned.

Scindia said there is a need to have a level playing field and

break down of all the gatekeepers to allow proliferation of aviation sector players -- not only new players but also existing players that will augment capacity.

Stating that he does not want to put the cart before the horse, Scindia said once the normalisation happens, there should be expansion of capacities. "And the expansion of capacities that I would like to see is not only for domestic traffic but also for international traffic. So, I am looking forward to our domestic airlines purchasing many more and leasing many more wide-bodied aircraft so that they can also travel abroad," he said.

"And these long-haul flights, which will shorten the gap between the RASK and the CASK, the revenue structure and the cost structure of the airline, is something that I am



looking forward to," he stated. RASK stands for revenue per available seat-kilometre and it is calculated by dividing the total revenue earned from a flight with the total number of seats and the distance travelled. Similarly, CASK stands for cost per available seat-kilometre.

The minister said he is looking to the return of normalcy in the domestic aviation sector in the next couple of months. He said he wished his very best to the two airlines -- re-born Jet Airways and new airline Akasa -- that were coming on board.

SC seeks response from Twitter India ex-MD on UP's plea against Karnataka HC

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought response from former Twitter Managing Director Manish Maheshwari on an appeal of the Uttar Pradesh Government against the Karnataka High Court's decision to quash a notice seeking his personal appearance as part of the probe into a communally sensitive video uploaded by a user on the microblogging site.

The bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana took note of the submissions of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the State Government, and issued notice to Maheshwari, who has been transferred to the USA by his employer Twitter Inc in August. "We issue notice. We need to hear the case," said the bench which also comprised justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli.

Earlier, the State Government, which has filed the plea through Senior Superintendent of Police of Ghaziabad, had on September 8 mentioned its appeal for an urgent hearing. The plea challenges the July 23 order of the Karnataka High Court quashing the notice issued to Maheshwari to appear before the police and cooperate in the

probe related to uploading of a communally sensitive video on Twitter. The Karnataka High Court has interfered with the summons issued to the then Twitter Managing Director by the Uttar Pradesh Police, the law officer had said.

Holding the notice as "mala fide", the high court had said the notice under Section 41(A) of the CrPC should be treated as Section under 160 of CrPC, allowing the Ghaziabad Police to question Maheshwari through virtual mode, at his office or his residential address in Bengaluru. Section 41(A) of the CrPC gives power to police to issue a notice to an accused to appear before it when a complaint is filed and if the accused complies with the notice and cooperates, then he is not required to be arrested.

The Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) Police had issued a notice under Section 41-A of the CrPC on June 21 asking him to report at the Loni Border police station at 10:30 AM on June 24. Maheshwari then moved the Karnataka High Court as he was at that time staying in Bengaluru in Karnataka. On June 24, the High Court, in an interim order, restrained the Ghaziabad

Police from initiating any coercive action against him.

The Ghaziabad Police on June 15 booked Twitter Inc, Twitter Communications India Pvt Ltd (Twitter India), news website The Wire, journalists Mohammed Zubair and Rana Ayyub, besides Congress leaders Salman Nizami, Maskoor Usmani, Shama Mohamed and

writer Saba Naqvi.

They were booked over the circulation of a video in which an elderly man, Abdul Shamad Saifi, alleged that he was thrashed by some young men, who also asked him to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' on June five. According to police, the video was shared to cause communal unrest.

SC directs Centre to issue order for grant of PC in seven days to 39 women officers in Army

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In a relief to some Women Short Service Commission Officers (WSSCO) in the Army, the Supreme Court on Friday directed the Centre to issue orders granting Permanent

Commission (PC) to 39 such officers in seven working days and furnish the details of 25 officers with rea-

sons, who were not considered.

The Centre informed the top court that after re-examining the case of each 72 women SSC officers, one officer has decided to quit, 39 officers can be considered for PC, seven have been found medically unfit and 25 officers cannot be granted PC as they have adverse ACR report of indiscipline and disobedience and poor operational report.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and BV Nagarathna said that in respect of the officers forming part of the group of 36 WSSCOs who have filed four contempt peti-

Defence Ministry signs ₹400-crore contract with US for procurement of arms

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

In an effort to provide more lethal equipment to the Navy to destroy enemy submarines and warships, the Defence ministry has signed a contract with the US worth over ₹400 crores for torpedoes and expendable(chaff and flares).

These weapons will be fitted on the long range P-8 I long range maritime reconnaissance

aircraft now with the Navy. These aircraft are also US made and the Indian Navy has 11 aircraft manufactured by Boeing.

The defence ministry said here the torpedoes deal worth Rs 423 crores is through the Foreign Military Sale route wherein the US stands guarantee for all the contractual clauses and delivery schedule.

These weapons are the outfit of P-8I Aircraft which is used

for Long range Maritime Surveillance, Anti-Submarine Warfare and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASV).

The first batch of the P-8 I was inducted in 2013 and the latest one joined service earlier this week. In addition to unmatched maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare capabilities, the P-8I has been deployed to assist during disaster relief.

The Centre has earlier told the top court that all these 72 WSSCOs have been found unfit for grant of permanent commission in the Army.

ASG Jain said that besides the 39 WSSCOs of the 72 officers, one officer has decided to quit while seven officers have been found medically unfit and 25 officers have been denied PC on disciplinary grounds, disobedience, and weak operational report. The apex court listed the matter for further hearing after Diwali vacation.

On October 1, the top court had restrained the Army from discharging the 72

WSSCOs, who were not considered for PC, till further orders and had sought a reply within a week on why they were not considered for the service.

The women officers have alleged that the top court's March 25 ruling was not considered by the Army and all 72 of them were rejected from consideration for the PC at one go. The apex court had directed that within three months, all serving SSC women officers have to be considered for PCs irrespective of them having crossed 14 years or, as the case may be, 20 years of service.

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Covid seasonal infection linked to low temp and humidity: Study

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

Covid-19 is a seasonal infection linked to low temperatures and humidity, much like seasonal influenza, researchers from Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) have claimed.

The results, published in Nature Computational Science, also support the considerable contribution of airborne SARS-CoV-2 transmission and the need to shift to measures that promote "air hygiene".

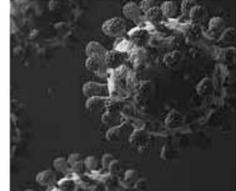
key question regarding SARS-CoV-2 was whether it was behaving, or will behave, as a seasonal virus like influenza, or whether it will be equally transmitted during any time of the year.

"The question of whether Covid-19 is a genuine seasonal disease becomes increasingly central, with implications for determining effective intervention measures," explained Xavier Rodó, director of the Climate and Health programme at ISGlobal and coordinator of the study.

To answer this question, Rodó and his team first analysed the association of temperature and humidity in the initial phase of SARS-CoV-2 spread in 162 countries across five continents, before changes in human behaviour and public health policies were put into place. The results show a negative relationship between the transmission rate (R0) and both temperature and humidity at the global scale: higher transmission rates were associated with lower temperatures and humidity.

The team then analysed how this association between climate and disease evolved over time, and whether it was consistent at different geographical scales. For this, they used a statistical method that was specifically developed to identify similar patterns of variation (i.e. a pattern-recognition tool) at different windows of time.

Again, they found a strong negative association for short time windows between disease (number of cases) and climate (temperature and humid-



ity), with consistent patterns during the first, second and third waves of the pandemic at different spatial scales: worldwide, countries, down to individual regions within highly affected countries (Lombardy,

Thüringen and Catalonia) and even to the city level (Barcelona).

The first epidemic waves waned as temperature and humidity rose, and the second wave rose as temperatures and humidity fell. However, this pattern was broken during summertime in all continents. "This could be explained by several factors, including mass gatherings of young people, tourism, and air conditioning, among others," explains Alejandro Fontal, researcher at ISGlobal and first author of the

study. Finally, using an epidemiological model, the research team showed that incorporating temperature into the transmission rate works better for predicting the rise and fall of the different waves, particularly the first and third ones in Europe. "Altogether, our findings support the view of COVID-19 as a true seasonal low-temperature infection, similar to influenza and to the more benign circulating coronaviruses," says Rodó.

This seasonality could con-

tribute importantly to the transmission of SARS-CoV-2, since low humidity conditions have been shown to reduce the size of aerosols, and thereby increase airborne transmission of seasonal viruses such as influenza. "This link warrants an emphasis on 'air hygiene' through improved indoor ventilation as aerosols are capable to persist suspended for longer times," says Rodó, and highlights the need to include meteorological parameters in the evaluation and planning of control measures.

PDP gives defamation notice to Malik

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Friday sent a legal notice to former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik, seeking ₹10 crore in damages for making "vexatious, false motivated and incorrect" statement regarding her being a beneficiary of Roshni Act.

Sharing a copy of the legal notice on various social media platforms the twitter handle of Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party stated, "Legal notice served to former J&K Governor Satyapal Malik, of fax machine fiasco fame, for levelling defamatory allegations against PDP President".

The legal notice served by Advocate Anil Sethi also stated, "A video has been circulated in the media where you, while being escorted by the official staff of Raj Bhawan of Meghalaya, are shown as holding a press conference. While recounting your days as Governor in



erstwhile State of J&K, at 0.23 seconds of the said video clip, you have alleged that my client took benefit of the State Land under the J&K State Lands (Vesting of Ownership to the Occupants) Act, 2001 which is popularly known as the Roshni Act and that on verification, you found the above allegation to be correct."

"By conducting yourself as an Ex-Governor of J&K State and making utterances about the benefit being taken by my client under Roshni Act,

which are not only false and incorrect, you have defamed my client and have levelled scandalous and serious allegations against her with the sole objective of tarnishing her otherwise politically neat and clean image."

Advocate Sethi said that it was a fact that "(Mehbooba) has never been beneficiary of State land under Roshni Act and has never taken any land (under the Act) which now stands quashed/ repealed."

"By making such false utterances, you have tarnished the image of my client (Mehbooba) and have defamed her and lowered her reputation in the estimation of public," read the notice, adding, "All the allegations in the video clip are vexatious, false motivated and incorrect and this fact is known to you as well."

He said although no amount of money can compensate her for the loss of reputation and good name which loss has been caused by Satya Pal Malik's

conduct, "yet my client has decided to sue you for claiming compensation / damages for loss of reputation and good name earned by her and for establishing that the allegations levelled you are incorrect and false and have been levelled at a juncture which hints at a political collusion behind, the speech made by you."

"By virtue of this Legal Notice, I, therefore, call upon you to pay compensatory damages to my client (Mehbooba) to the extent of Rs. 10 crores within 30 days of receipt of this Legal Notice. (This amount of damages/ compensation is not supposed to be utilised by my client for her personal gains/ benefits but shall be donated/ utilised for public good)."

Malik has been asked to treat the legal notice in terms of Section 80 CPC. "Further legal consequences shall follow in case of non-compliance of the demand made herein," the notice added.

Counter-terror op: Fresh firing after 48 hrs in Poonch

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Fresh exchange of firing was reported after a gap of almost 48 hours on the 12th day of the counter terrorist operation going on in the Nar Khas forest area of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch on Friday. After confirming the presence of the highly trained terrorists in the area the security forces exercised extra caution to prevent further loss of lives.

Till date nine Indian soldiers including two JCO's have sacrificed their lives while not a single terrorist, believed to have taken shelter behind natural caves in the forest area, has been neutralised.

The security forces are now expected to adopt a new

strategy to tackle the situation at hand.

As the searches continued during the day the security forces recovered two small boxes, suspected to be the IEDs. The same were destroyed in situ to prevent any grievous injury.

Meanwhile, security has been beefed up across different parts of Kashmir valley ahead of the three day long visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir beginning October 23. Several new check posts and bunkers came up in different parts of Srinagar to prevent targeted killing of civilians and security personnel.

The common citizens were

subjected to frisking in main city centres including Lal Chowk area of Srinagar. Paramilitary forces along with jawans of the Jammu & Kashmir police were seen randomly checking vehicles and verifying papers of two wheeler owners. In the recent strikes on civilians, the terrorists used two wheelers for swift movement in the busy market areas.

In Jammu, a high level security review conference was chaired by the corps commander of Nagrota based 16 corps.

Senior Army, BSF, J&K police and CRPF officers attended the meeting and discussed measures taken to further strengthen the security apparatus in the region.

Bengal on alert as cases spike

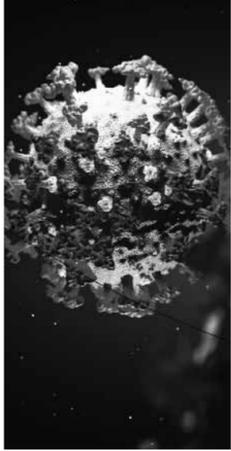
SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Bengal Government has moved into an alert mode following spike in corona cases post the festivities.

The State has witnessed more than 1,000 new cases in the past 48 hours with Capital Kolkata alone witnessing 319 cases between Thursday and Friday, sources said adding the number of cases are likely to go up further.

According to sources in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation sources out of 319 patients about 150 patients had received double doses of vaccine while 15 had received a single dose.

"The question is not that vaccinated people are getting infected because that is not unusual as vaccines generally provide 65-70 percent protection ... the question is the reason why the people are getting infected once again ... it is simply because we had thrown caution to the wind during the Pujas ... the Government too was not cautious enough and



the people were doubly negligent ... this had to happen ... one only hopes that the corona cases do not go up further," said heart surgeon Dr Kunal Sarkar.

Another senior doctor from the state of art SSKM Hospital cautioned the Government

against a steep rise in the corona cases if crowds are not controlled during Kali Puja-Diwali and Chhath Puja when people get out of their houses in large numbers.

"We are looking in the face of a third wave if we do not take lessons from the past mistakes ... vaccination is not enough ... it can only limit fatality rates but it cannot provide cent percent guarantee against infection ... so it is necessary for both the Government and the people to exercise utmost caution," he said.

Meanwhile, sources in the KMC Health department said that "in view of rising cases a quarantine centre and two safe homes have once again been created in Kolkata ... if the cases go up there will more such centres."

A senior State Health Department official said that "there is no need to panic at this point of time because there ample number of beds in the hospitals and the Government is keeping a close vigil on the situation."

Kerala reports 9,361 new Covid cases

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala logged 9,361 new Covid-19 cases and 99 deaths on Friday, pushing the infection count to 48,88,678 and the death toll to 27,765. According to a release, 9,401 people recuperated from the disease today, taking the total cured in the state to 47,88,629.

"Currently there are 80,892 active Covid-19 cases of which only 9.8 per cent are hospitalised," State Health Minister Veena George said in a release.

She said 80,393 samples were tested in the last 24 hours and there are 211 wards with a weekly infection population ratio above ten per cent.

Among the districts, Ernakulam reported the highest number of fresh positive cases today--1,552, followed by Thiruvananthapuram with 1,214 and Kollam-1,214.

Of those found infected today, 39 reached the state from outside while 9,012 contracted the disease through their contact. **PTI**

TMC cries political terrorism as Sushmita Dev attacked

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Friday launched a frontal attack on the BJP for carrying out "political terrorism" in Tripura. This, after the convoy of TMC's charge de affairs in the North-East Sushmita Dev was attacked by alleged BJP miscreants.

With Tripura civic elections just about a month away TMC Rajya Sabha MP Dev was on a "Jana Sanyog Abhiyan" (mass connectivity drive) along with the members of TMC's campaign partner Indian Political Action Committee or I-PAC to drum up support for her party.

Dev's car was damaged and her hand bag was allegedly snatched away by the BJP men, the TMC leadership alleged. Other party men too were injured in the attack. The BJP however denied the allegations.

"Under BJP Biplab's Duare Gunda Raj (goons at the door step), attack on political oppo-

nents is setting new records! Physically manhandling a sitting female Rajya Sabha MP, Sushmita Dev is Beyond Shameful and Political Terrorism by BJP Tripura goons! The time is near. People of Tripura will answer," Banerjee tweeted. Banerjee, is likely to visit Tripura post Diwali.

"People of Tripura will give a befitting response to this Barbaric attack... Police must immediately stop acting as mere spectators. This collapse of law and order is unacceptable. We demand justice," the Tripura wing of the TMC tweeted.

A police complaint lodged by the TMC said "Sushmita Dev along with 10 other party workers of TMC were brutally attacked by workers of the BJP at Amtali Bazar around 1:30 pm. The perpetrators vandalised vehicles, physically assaulted workers of the TMC and outraged the modesty of female party workers." The TMC also alleged "this was accompanied by theft of property including mobile phones

belonging to supporters of the party. We request you to urgently enquire about the matter and bring the perpetrators to justice."

The TMC leadership have been alleging similar attacks over the past several months with leaders from Bengal including junior Banerjee's vehicle getting attacked by alleged BJP cadres.

Incidentally the Opposition Left Front has called such attacks as aploy to provide Trinamool Congress a toe-hold in Tripura. "The BJP afforded the TMC a place in Bengal, the BJP is trying to return the favour in Tripura... but people here have taken the lesson from Bengal and they will not commit the same mistake again," said former Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sarkar.

Dev, who quit the Congress in August to join the Trinamool, has been travelling across Tripura to drum up support for her new party ahead not only of the Assembly but also of the civic polls that are likely to take

place in that State on November 25.

"Our national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee has declared that the TMC will be contesting all the upcoming elections in Tripura and likewise we are preparing to contest the civic body polls. Let the polls be declared then the party will formulate a final strategy," Dev said.

Elsewhere in Goa the second state where the Bengal ruling outfit is trying to find a toe-hold the TMC will start campaigning from October 25, party sources said.

While Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will reach Goa on October 28 to take part in a 2-day programme party leader and senior MP Saugata Roy would start campaigning in that State from October 25, TMC sources in Kolkata said.

Supriyo a former BJP leader and Union Minister who joined the TMC barely two months ago was also being given a great responsibility in Goa. He too would campaign with Roy in that State.



People from Liangmai tribe perform their cultural dance during the 'Go To Hills 2.0' programme, at Konsa Khul village in Kangpokpi district on Friday **PTI**

Assam CM woos tea tribe of bypoll-bound Mariani with promises of roads, schools, jobs

Mariani (Assam): Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday promised to improve road connectivity, build schools and provide clean tap water at homes for all tea garden workers in Jorhat's by-poll-bound Mariani assembly constituency.

Addressing an election rally here at Hatigarh playground, Sarma also said that his Government is working on a plan to reserve one lakh jobs for youths from tea garden communities.

The CM further said that the BJP-led government was committed to working for the development and welfare of the tea tribe.

"It was with this purpose in mind Congress MLA Rupiyoti Kurmi left his party to join the BJP a few months ago," he stated.

Four-time legislator Kurmi, who was the lone tea tribe MLA of the Congress, quit the grand old party and gave up assembly membership after the BJP won elections and formed government for the second consecutive term, thus necessitating the by-poll.

He has been fielded by the BJP, this time, for Mariani by-elections. Making a host of promises for the development of tea garden areas and its workers, the Chief Minister announced that his Government would sanction Rs 1 crore each for construction of roads inside the constituency's 40 estates. He gave assurance that clean tap water and electricity would be made available at every tea garden worker's household in the area in the next six months.

Sarma further said that 10 composite high schools and a Government college will be set up in the constituency for locals.

He also said mini sports stadiums will be built in the vicinity of the gardens, apart from the ₹12-crore one that has already allotted to the constituency.

"The government is working on a plan to

reserve one lakh jobs for tea tribe youths, under existing Other Backward Classes quota, within a year, in keeping with the promise made by the BJP ahead of the state elections held earlier this year," the CM underlined.

He said that guest houses will be built near each government medical college and hospital in the state for accommodating the attendants of patients from the community.

The CM, during his speech, highlighted other steps taken by the government for welfare of the tea tribe, including increase in daily wages to ₹ 205, monetary dole for pregnant women, MGNREGA cards for casual garden workers and health insurance cards under central and state government schemes.

"The culture and traditions of all tea garden tribes and sub-tribes will be conserved by the new Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture department that our Government has set up," Sarma noted.

Talking about the wild elephant menace in Mariani, which leaves acres of crops in ruins, he said, "As far as possible, we shall put up electric fences to keep them away."

He also affirmed that the Orunudi scheme of the state government will cover additional 6,000 families in Mariani in the next three months, taking the total number of beneficiaries here to 21,000.

"We are also contemplating the idea of increasing the dole from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 or ₹2,500 under the scheme as it will help ease problems of locals to a greater extent," Sarma added.

The chief minister addressed multiple election rallies in Mariani during the day. Mariani, along with Tamulpur, Gossaigaon, Bhabanipur and Thowra constituencies, will go to polls on October 30. Votes will be counted on November 2. **PTI**

Centre not bothered about people: Gehlot

Jaipur: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday hit out at the Union Government over the farmers' agitation and rising inflation, accusing it of adopting an arrogant attitude and saying it is not bothered about people. "Inflation is increasing because prices of petrol and diesel are increasing day by day and the Central Government is not bothered about it. They have no idea that people are under distress," he told reporters in Nagaur's Nimbola Biswa village.

Gehlot visited the village to attend a camp under his government's "Prashasan Gaon ke Sang" programme.

"They should understand sentiments of the countrymen. They feel that there is no reaction among people but the reaction is very much in the mind and heart," he said accusing the Government of being arrogant.

Gehlot also targeted the Union Government on the farmers' stir against central farm laws. He said farmers have been agitating for a year and no one cares about them. Gehlot said it has never happened in the history of the country and the world that farmers have been agitating for more than a year.

Gehlot said the situation in the country is dangerous. The media is under pressure and the government misuses the CBI, Income Tax Department and Enforcement Directorate, Gehlot said. The Chief Minister also said there was a conspiracy to weaken his Government but the MLAs supported the Government and stayed together for 34 days last year else the Government would have gone. **PTI**

BJP expels three Udaipur leaders for anti-party activities

Jaipur: The Rajasthan BJP on Friday expelled its three Udaipur leaders for six years for alleged anti-party activities. The move has come days before the bypolls to the Vallabhagar Assembly segment in Udaipur.

BJP's State general secretary Bhajan Lal Sharma issued the orders on the directions of state party president Satish Poonia, according to a statement.

Udaail Dangi was expelled for contesting the bypolls as an independent candidate against the party's official candidate, Himmat Singh. Dangi turned rebel after the denial of ticket to him.

Deependra Kunwar and Kalu Lal were expelled for campaigning against the party's official candidate.

Deependra Kunwar had also filed nomination as a Janta Sena candidate when she was denied ticket but later withdrew her papers.

However, she is now campaigning for her husband Randhir Singh Bhandar, who is contesting the bypolls as an independent candidate. Dhariawad (Pratapgarh) and Vallabhagar (Udaipur) Assembly constituencies in Rajasthan are going to the polls on October 30 and the counting will take place on November 2. **PTI**

MID-SEA DRUG BUST CASE — Ananya Pandey grilled by NCB for second day

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

Bollywood actress Ananya Pandey was grilled by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) for the second consecutive day on Friday in connection with the ongoing investigations into the mid-sea bust case involving Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's eldest son Aryan Khan and others.

Twenty-three-year-old Ananya Pandey — who is the daughter of Bollywood actor Chunky Pandey and granddaughter of the renowned heart surgeon late Dr Sharad Pandey — was questioned for three hours on the second day, in connection with the ongoing investigations in the mid-sea drug bust case. Ananya's name has allegedly figured in some of Aryan's WhatsApp chats.

Ananya, who had been questioned earlier for two hours on Thursday, has been summoned again on Monday morning for a third round of questioning.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports said that the NCB officials had not found evidence of any "drug-related" messages in her WhatsApp chats with her friend Aryan Khan.

A day after Special Court rejected Aryan Khan's bail application, the Bombay High Court on Thursday

scheduled his bail application for hearing on October 26.

Twenty-three-year-old Aryan and seven others were initially detained on the night of October 2 and later arrested on October 3, after the NCB officials busted a rave party and seized 13 grams of cocaine, 5 grams of MD (Mephedrone), 21 grams of Charas, 22 pills of MDMA (Ecstasy) and ₹1.35 lakh in cash from Goa-bound Cordelia Cruises' Empress ship, off the Mumbai coast.

The total number of arrests in the sensational drug bust case has gone up to 20, with the arrest of a foreign national Okara Quazma and a local person Shivraj Harihan. Aryan and other accused have been booked for offences under Section 8(c), 20(b), 27, 28, 29 and 35 under the NDPS Act.

After his arrest, Aryan was remanded to NCB custody till October 4, which was extended till October 7. On October 8, the Mumbai Esplanade Court rejected the bail pleas of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan and two others on the grounds of maintainability. Thereafter Aryan and four accused moved a Special NDPS court.

Aryan and other accused are currently in judicial custody.

A-G: Hindus alone entitled for recruitment in HR&CE institutions

Chennai: Hindus alone are entitled for appointment in teaching and non-teaching posts in educational institutions run and funded by the State Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) department, the Tamil Nadu Government informed the Madras High Court on Friday.

Advocate-General R Shunmugasundaram said this when Justice C Saravanan was hearing a writ petition from a Muslim youth challenging the relevant provision today.

The petition from Suhail sought to quash an employment advertisement in a Tamil daily dated October 13, which invit-

ed applications only from Hindus for appointment for teaching and non-teaching posts in the newly started Shri Kapaleeswarar Arts and Science College in Kolathur and consequently direct the authorities to permit him to compete for the post of Office Assistant.

Petitioner contended that the HR&CE has no authority to impose the condition that other religious persons are not eligible to be appointed. Being an Indian citizen and native of Tamil Nadu, he claimed he is entitled for the protection provided under Articles 16(1) and 16(2) of the Constitution, which provide equal opportunity in matters of public employment. **PTI**



Women shop for lanterns and other decorative items ahead of the Diwali festival, in Thane on Friday **PTI**

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Jab half done

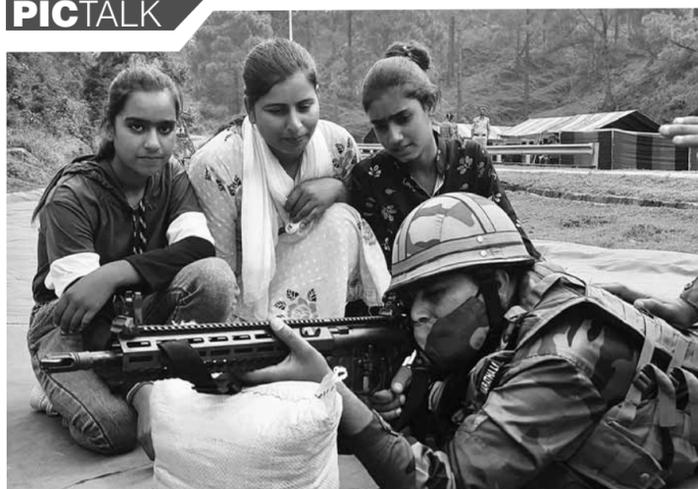
The 1 billion vaccines is a big milestone but our fight against the virus is just half way through

A billion vaccinations are done in India. That is a gigantic achievement. Only two countries in the world can claim the record. The other country is China. It reached the one-billion mark in June and the two-billion mark in September. As India celebrates the billionth dose, there is also the realisation that the job is half done. Just under a billion more doses will ensure that the country's adult population gets fully vaccinated. India's eligible adults need over 1.8 billion doses. Anything less than that is unacceptable. Seventy-five per cent of India's adult population — over 707 million people — has received one dose. Seventy more days remain till December 31. Twelve million doses a day are needed to fully cover the entire adult population in this period. There could also be about 70 million "vulnerable" adults above 45 yet to get even a single dose. Next, come the children. Over 35 per cent of the population is in the group of 0-14 years. Over 41 per cent of the population accounts for children under 18. India needs 26 crore to vaccinate children in the 12-17 age group. A similar number of doses are needed for children below 12.



Amid the celebrations, a note of caution is necessary. The first issue is the supply of vaccines. Most of the billion shots have come in the last two or three months. The vaccine roll-out that began in January did not pick up pace for the first half of the year because of the short supply of vaccines and teething problems with the supply chain. The Government needs assurance from the vaccine suppliers that the pace of supply will not slacken now. The Government wants to complete the programme by this year-end. That means the speed of vaccination has to be phenomenal. It will be a bigger logistical challenge. The Government has also to counter the usual hitches like vaccine hesitancy and vaccine complacency. Reports still come in about health workers trying to convince people, mostly in the interior rural areas, to take the vaccine. Reports also talk about people, in both urban and rural areas, being careless about taking the jabs. Thousands of people are also missing their second dose because of overcrowded vaccination centres or the centres being far away from their homes. The Government is tackling this problem by reaching vaccines to far-off places via drones. A tougher task that faces the Government is when to vaccinate the children. Emergency use authorisation has been given for some vaccines but peer-reviewed human trial reports are yet to be studied and the vaccines released for use. The biggest worry would be about vaccinated parents in the rural areas visiting the vaccination centres again for their children's sake. Also, the Government has to decide if paediatricians should be allowed to vaccinate children as well. That can speed up the process.

PICTALK



An Army personnel during a workshop, in Rajouri district

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Rivals meet

Cricket fans are in for a treat as India, Pakistan come face-to-face after 2019

Cricket between India and Pakistan is a different ballgame altogether, especially if it's a World Cup game. The stakes are high, the spirit is fierced and, of course, a sense of rivalry prevails during the game. Having said that, the ICC T20 World Cup 2021 is already off the mark and the two sides will go head-to-head come Sunday, at the Dubai International Stadium, the UAE. Though both the teams have already played one warm-up match each, the real heat will come out when they collide on October, 24. This comes as hope for the Pakistan Cricket Board which earlier took jolts when New Zealand in September pulled out of a limited overs game just minutes before it was set to start off. The New Zealand Cricket said they were abandoning their tour of Pakistan following a Government "security alert". A few days later, England, too, cancelled their men's and women's teams white-ball series in Pakistan, citing security concerns. The setbacks were disheartening for the Pakistani cricket fans too. Therefore, the T20 World Cup seems to be the only platform for



Pakistan to represent itself, after its whining about India at the UN General Assembly 2021.

Pakistan has never tasted success against India in the T20 or ODI World Cup and it would certainly look forward to changing that. The two teams have not faced each other since the 2019 ODI World Cup. The Pakistan captain Babar Azam is often compared with his Indian counterpart Virat Kohli and how they stand against each other would be worth the watch. However, ahead of the match, there was strong uproar against the India-Pak match in view of the terrorist attack on Indian Army personnel in the Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir on October 11. Several politicians including Union Minister Union Minister Ramdas Athawale, AAP leader Atishi Marlena and former Olympian Pargat Singh strongly called for the cancellation of the match against Pakistan. AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi targeting the Government said, "Our nine soldiers died in J&K, and on October 24 India-Pakistan T20 match will happen". But apparently, the match cannot be called off under the International Cricket Council's (ICC) commitments. If the idea is to send a "strong message" to Pakistan or Pakistan-based terrorist groups, pulling out of a match will not help. Rather, the leaders should build pressure on the Government to wipe out the terrorist hideouts. That would send a strong message. That would be the solidarity the martyrs deserve.

Kashmir dilemma is deeply rooted

To overcome the gulf in Kashmir, everyone should understand one another so that the Government does not keep going round the mulberry bush



PRAFULL GORADIA

A Kashmiri acquaintance recently described the situation in Kashmir as a continuation of the Indo-Pak conflict by proxy. The soft locals fear that their Valley will soon be filled with outsiders, whereas tougher Kashmiris look at the abolition of Article 370 as an opportunity to prolong the fight.

At least from the time of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan of Aligarh fame, the belief that the British dispossessed Siraj-ud-Daulah of Bengal, Tipu Sultan of Mysore and Wajid Ali Shah of Awadh, has lingered. The feeling also is that when the British Crown left India, it should have the courtesy to "return it to us". Homeland and New Medina was the cause of Partition. This was also MA Jinnah's decoy for British ears in 1946-47.

Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad firmly opposed the partition of India because in a hundred years, India would have had a Muslim majority. In 1983, a Pakistani journalist visited Tehran to interview Iran's religious dictator Ayatollah Khomeini, in connection with the celebrations around Pakistan Day, namely March 23. The interviewer's final question was: What did Khomeini *sahib* think of Qaid-e-Azam Jinnah? The Ayatollah's answer was: He was a brilliant man but could have benefited from vision. He should have been patient and his community would have gotten the whole of India, not merely its crumbs. But then, Jinnah was not a *momin* but a recently minted coin.

It is true that until 1935, Jinnah was widely called "the ambassador of Hindu-Muslim unity", a term coined by Sarojini Naidu. In his presidential address on the eve of proposing the Pakistan Resolution in 1940, Jinnah said, "We know that the history of the last 1,200 years has failed to achieve unity and has witnessed India always divided into Hindu India and Muslim India. Muslim India cannot accept any constitution which must result in a Hindu majority Government; in combination with democracy, it would be a Hindu Raj which Muslims, cannot tolerate."

The Qaid's other contention



was that "Muslims are not a minority. Muslims are a nation according to any definition; they must have their homeland, their territory and their State."

Dr BR Ambedkar wrote in his 1941 reply to Jinnah's resolution: No one has expressed shock at the thought of separating Karnataka from Andhra, what then is there to be shocked in the demand for the separation of Pakistan? If it is disruptive in its effect, it is no more so than the separation of Hindu provinces such as Karnataka from Maharashtra, or Andhra from Madras. Pakistan is merely another manifestation of a cultural unit demanding freedom. There is nothing new about the resolution which merely resuscitates the scheme which was put forth by Mohammad Iqbal in 1930. Mr Rahmat Ali gave it the name Pakistan. After Iqbal, there is nothing new in linking the northwestern provinces.

"Uncannily, there is nothing new in outing together many districts of Bengal and Assam into one province. Viceroy Curzon had done it in 1905. The British or the Anglo-Indian was not a nation; Indians' referred only to the people of India."

"French Orientalist Joseph

Renan has written that a nation is a living soul, a spiritual principle. The Doctor continues: "The Hindus draw their inspiration from the *Ramayana* etc; whereas the Muslims derive their inspiration from the Quran and Hadith". Thus, the things that divide and the things that unite, in Ambedkar's opinion, there is no argument against the claim for partition if they insist upon it.

The Doctor quotes Lord Acton's phrase that Pakistan is a soul wandering in search of a body. Ambedkar went deep into the subject and showed that the Indian army then was dominated in numbers by Muslim Punjabis, but their pay and perks were indirectly paid for by the Hindu provinces. He concluded by writing that in any case it is better to have the enemy outside the borders rather than inside.

To go back to the Kashmir problem, could it be that the Government in Delhi and the Governor in Srinagar are unable to relate to the Kashmiris who are of a different faith? They begin with God, move on to the Prophet and then to the scripture. On the other hand, we do not have a single authoritative book or Prophet, but are believers in karma. Their way

of thinking, in the lingo of logic, is called deductive, which begins with a premise and ends with a logical conclusion, top down. Our faith is inductive and begins with ground realities to move upwards till it reaches a conclusion. A few scholars realise the huge gulf between the two categories of faiths, Abrahamic and Eastern.

The Abrahamic method of approaching the issue would be to shoot and kill, whereas the Eastern way would be to worry about the relationship between the two sides after the bullets and battles. This explains that we are an ancient civilisation and at the same time, have taken nearly 75 years to get down to grappling with the problem.

India and Pakistan were born as independent countries at the same time. Yet look at the difference in the distance covered by the two countries. To overcome the gulf in the Kashmir Valley, everyone should understand one another so that the Government of India does not keep going round and round the mulberry bush.

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COULD IT BE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN DELHI AND THE GOVERNOR IN SRINAGAR ARE UNABLE TO RELATE TO THE KASHMIRIS WHO ARE OF A DIFFERENT FAITH?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLOCKING ROADS IS NOT THE WAY

Sir — The Constitution gives us the right to protest, but unorganised protests make life of commoners difficult. Roadblocks cause traffic problems and as a result, the public suffers. This also leads to excess fuel consumption and ultimately more pollution. Road is public property. Therefore, it should be used in the same way. The method of agitating the public by blocking the roads is wrong. To get the attention of the Government, roads are blocked. But, the protestors don't care that the public is suffering unnecessarily.

Just like the protesters have questions, the common people also have a question, why are people being harassed by blocking the road through this movement? Delhi is a busy city and the police have to always be on their toes. In such a situation, there is an agitation by blocking the road. This puts a lot of pressure on the police. The public will not have difficulty when protests are staged in a more organised and peaceful way. It is the duty of the protesters to take care of this. Now, the Supreme Court has told the farmers what is right. The apex court said that the farmers have the right to protest but they cannot block the roads and the farmers must abide by the decision.

Jayesh Rane | Mumbai

TOO EARLY TO CELEBRATE

Sir — It is definitely a milestone that India has administered 100 crore doses so far, but not a moment to celebrate as only 30 per cent of the population is fully vaccinated. Approximately 88 crore additional doses are needed to fully vaccinate the adult population. Even so, India must stand-up and salute all scientists, doctors, frontline workers as well as vaccine manufacturers, in making India proud with vaccine development and administering the same to a billion people. Hats off to all.

But, how a publicity lover, power hungry Government, will not take the credit for it as the Assembly polls are coming closer? As a second country after China, India crossed the billion vaccines mark, but the way India used its resources

Remembering Shammi



The trilogy of legendary actors Shammi-Joy-Biswajit not only carved a niche for itself in the Indian cinema, but also ruled the roost in the very presence of the firmly established Dilip-Raj-Dev triumvirate in the 1960s-70s. October 21 was the birth anniversary of a tall, handsome and energetic Shammi Kapoor who rose from the ashes of 18 flops shouting a skyhigh 'yahoo' in 1960's blockbuster *Jungle*, that went to become his trademark and the heartbeat of thousands of his fans. Thereafter, Shammi Kapoor never looked behind and had to his credit numer-

ous hits and superhits like — Jaanwar, Bad Tameez, Bluff Master, Prince, Rajkumar, Professor and *Brahmachari*, Pagla Kahin Ka, Latt Sahib and dozens more. Even the songs picturised on Shammi Kapoor were largely sung by Rafi Sahib in Shammi Kapoor's signature style.

Shammi Kapoor was awarded thrice by the Filmfare — twice as Best Actor for *Brahmachari* and *Vidhata* (supporting), besides the Lifetime Achievement Award. Born as Shamsheer Bahadur Singh, Shammi Kapoor was born on October 21 in 1931 and left for his heavenly abode in August, 2011. Ironically, this iconic star, besides another departed taller and handsome Joy Mukerji and by God's grace living legend Biswajit, is still awaiting, though posthumously, an official acknowledgement of his unmatched acting flair! His younger brother Shashi Kapoor was conferred with the Padma Bhushan and Dadasaheb Phalke Awards in 2011 and 2015 respectively.

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

to drain for upgrading or boosting the image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not worth it. Israel, which has a record of administering double dose to the entire population, has never drained its resources to boost the image of their political leader. The truth is that we could have been here in July; only if the Government had been proactive. By not vaccinating sooner, it has hurt India's economy too.

Bidyut K Chatterjee | Faridabad

KASHMIR SITUATION CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Sir — Is the situation in Kashmir snowballing into a major national problem? Otherwise, how would one explain the former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik's contention that everything was normal during his tenure and things have changed drastically overnight. Is the abrogation of Article 370 slowly repulsing with renewed vigour from the natives or is it a ploy from neighbouring country, not to speak of new developments in

Afghanistan, or is it a spontaneous revolt from among Kashmiris to assert their rights or combination of all the three that is pushing the Indian Government to a corner?

It is during such a time of crisis that an acute need arises for cooperation of all political parties to douse the embers of communal disharmony and friction between locals and non-locals as India is a free country where people can live as they wish without any feeling of alienation. Only a multi pronged approach of following a democratic process of listening to all and acting thereupon, duly protecting human rights of the people may lead to a semblance of return to peace. More all party meetings where *'doodh ka doodh aur paani ka paani'* should be discussed threadbare with a give and take approach to reach a viable solution.

D Nagarjuna | Hyderabad

SOUNDBITE

Nitish Kumar is afraid of facing the people of the State. That is why he travels in helicopters to campaign in the election.



RJD leader

— Tejashwi Yadav

The countries that were fighting there (in Afghanistan) for 20 years bear primary responsibility for what is happening there.



Russian President

— Vladimir Putin

Being an athlete and playing sports has played a tremendous role in shaping my personality.



Actor

— Deepika Padukone

I'm obviously backing Team India to win the match but personally, I believe no team should be taken lightly.



India cricketer

— Ajinkya Rahane

When you buy petrol and diesel, remember that the Modi Government has earned Rs 23 lakh crore through tax.



Congress general secretary

— Priyanka Gandhi

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FIRST COLUMN THE BREXIT IS NOT A 'FANTASTIC DEAL'

A new crisis is bubbling up as the Northern Ireland part of the Brexit deal is falling apart



GWYNNE DYER

International treaties are serious business. A lot of time and effort goes into negotiating them, and they become part of international law. It's very rare for a politician to say, only a couple of years after negotiating a treaty, that his country always felt it was "a little bit provisional and open to review." That was Lord David Frost, who is still described as Britain's chief Brexit negotiator two years after Brexit happened. (That's because he is still trying to renegotiate it.) At the time he called the Brexit treaty an "excellent deal" and Prime Minister Boris Johnson hailed it as a "fantastic deal", but that was before the 2019 election. A new crisis is bubbling up now because the Northern Ireland part of the deal is falling apart. It could trigger a British trade war with the European Union and a return to real war in Northern Ireland, but the deal is falling apart mainly because the Conservative-led British government was lying when it agreed to it in 2019. Boris Johnson was new in office in 2019 and desperately needed to 'get Brexit done'. Only then could he call an election and hope to win a majority in Parliament. So, he made an agreement with the EU on post-Brexit trade relations, especially regarding Northern Ireland, that fell far short of what his government actually wanted. Dominic Cummings, who was Johnson's right-hand man until he lost an internal power struggle a year ago, explained



last week why he and a few allies got Johnson to sign a document they had no intention of honouring. "We wriggled [through the negotiations with the EU] with the best option we could," Cummings said, "and intended to get Johnson to ditch the bits we didn't like after whacking (Labour Party leader Jeremy) Corbyn" in an early election. And so, it came to pass.

The Conservatives buried Corbyn in a landslide in the December 2019 election, and the United Kingdom finally left the EU in January 2020 — or rather, most of it did. The 'bits we didn't like' mostly had to do with Northern Ireland, which for customs purposes remained in the European Union. Why? When the agreement was signed both the UK and the Irish Republic were members of the EU, so the border between them could be opened: no check-points, no movement controls, no customs duties. That allowed Nationalists to come and go as they wished and think of themselves as Irish citizens, while Loyalists could go on believing they lived in the United Kingdom. Now, there would continue to be complete freedom of movement for people and goods throughout Ireland, while goods coming into Northern Ireland from the rest of the UK would go through EU customs checks at the Northern Irish ports. Which brings us to the present. There have been serious delays in the way the customs controls work in the Northern Irish ports, and the EU has just offered to exempt about half the affected food and medicines from all checks. That was an olive branch, but Johnson just raised a new demand: that the European Court of Justice no longer have jurisdiction over possible violations of the treaty. And Lord Frost has threatened to 'suspend' the treaty entirely if the EU does not give in. EU authorities suspect that Johnson is seeking an excuse to blow up the treaty so that he can scapegoat the Europeans for the ensuing trade war and renewed war in Northern Ireland. Matters are getting worse in the UK on a number of fronts, and he needs a distraction. Would he really do that? He probably doesn't know yet himself.

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

Germany expects new Chancellor by Xmas

Despite being hailed as winner of this election, Scholz faces a difficult situation as he has to negotiate with two more parties to form a Government



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Germany's federal elections have delivered the suspense promised by the polls: a close race between the two grand old parties (the Union, i.e., CDU & CSU combined and the Social Democrats, SPD) and a fractured mandate in which none of the political parties represented in the German Parliament (Bundestag) can form the government on their own. Although the winner of the elections, SPD, is currently an ally in Angela Merkel's "Grand Coalition", it has been traditionally as well as ideologically an arch political rival of the conservative "Union" — the party alliance of CDU (now commonly known as "Merkel's Party") and CSU which together stand as the second winner.

The SPD beat the Union by a slim margin of less than one per cent (25.7 per cent vs 24.1 per cent). Yet the difference feels monumental to Germany's national political landscape: for the first time in almost 20 years, the SPD ended the race ahead of the Union.

The main reason for the result may be found in the loss of the "Merkel factor". Her immense popularity among the vast spectra of voters from moderate to left led to the Union's successive electoral victories. But with her departure as Federal Chancellor, this unifying factor vanished. And with it a certain cohesion within the party. Merkel herself did little to build a second line of leadership and empower a successor to lead the Union and win the upcoming elections. Her only endorsement went unsuccessful when Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer succeeded her as head of party (CDU) in 2018 but did not stand up to the party's expectations. She had to make way in early 2021 for the current chancellor candidate Armin Laschet.

The unclear mandate throws up three possible scenarios for government formation: A renewal of the incumbent Grand Coalition finds no friends within the parties nor the public and has since been ruled out. This leaves Union or SPD only the option of taking on board two of the smaller parties to form a governing majority in the German Bundestag. Any coalition with the right-wing populist party AfD had been ruled out beforehand by all four.

Both Union and SPD derive the equal claim to form the next government. It is not the 0.8 percent lead that gives the SPD the advantage in taking the reins. In the past days, the Union found itself increasingly engaged in negative debates about consequences from the historically bad election results while the SPD managed to reinforce its public perception of a winner. Their light improvement — still their third-worst result in the history of Germany's post-war elections — lets the party and their chancellor-to-be Olaf Scholz shine.

Despite being hailed as winner of this election, Scholz faces a difficult situation as he has to negotiate with two more parties to form a majority government in the Bundestag.



GERMANY IS A LEADER IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) AND SEES ITS FUTURE AT THE HEART OF IT. ACCORDINGLY, OTHER EU MEMBER STATES ARE EAGERLY AWAITING THE IMMINENT OUTCOME OF THE COALITION TALKS. LARGER DECISIONS SUCH AS THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL THEN

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The two parties that find themselves in a position as unusual as convenient are the Green Party and the FDP (Germany's Liberal Party). The Greens emerged with their best ever result of a Federal Election, largely fuelled by their political stance on climate change. Conversely, the Liberals (FDP) openly favour the Union for a government as they see more ideological overlap with their economy-focused politics. It is this divergent ideological positioning, which led to FDP and Greens meeting first for initial talks to iron out differences and explore common grounds. There can be no Government without the support of these two smaller parties. All in all, Germany is readying up for a new era of three-party coalition.

Now the country witnesses that the CDU — stately centre of power for 50 years in the past — finds itself discussing internal consequences of their election result. Despite gaining almost the same number of seats as that of the SPD, the party faces calls from within that the disappointing result would not suffice as mandate to form a government and too, criticism of the common chancellor candidate, Armin Laschet. The party is sledging its own (elected) candidate while he is engaged in coalition talks with the Greens and Liberals. With the impaired bargaining position, the Union would find it challenging to deliver sufficient arguments to convince Greens and FDP to join a so-called Union-led "Jamaica Coalition" (dubbed for its colour combination of the black,

green and yellow parties). Instead, the country is preparing for a so-called "traffic light" coalition of Red (SPD), Yellow (FDP) and Green.

On last Sunday, both SPD and Green Party received the blessing from their respective party committees to go ahead with negotiations to form the next German Federal Government. The FDP is expected to follow suit. Seen as the "odd man out" earlier in the three-way-coalition, their charismatic leader Christian Lindner was quick to preempt doubts about the party's agreement to go ahead with the talks. This is seen as the main obstacle removed. The unanimity among the three new partners is not perceived without scepticism: in 2017, the FDP withdrew from three-way-talks (on a "Jamaica coalition" with CDU/CSU and Greens) at an advanced stage. This time, however, the Union of CDU and CSU does not seem to pose an attractive alternative anymore.

The ensued discussion initially centred around personnel: Public polls (before the election) displayed a considerably higher popularity of the CSU party head and Chief Minister of the Free State of Bavaria — Markus Söder — as compared to Laschet. Söder's candidacy was rejected by the CSU's much larger sister party CDU (of which Laschet is a member). While many in the party expect Söder to run for Chancellor in 2025, the main focus is now on reconciliation, renewal and display of unity. At a party summit of the Union's youth organisation, a new path was already declared before the new government

is formed: Merkel's party will accept the unusual role in opposition rather than risk the "experiment" of heading a potentially unstable three-party-government under a weakened leader. It would not befit the self-concept of a party whose roots of success lie in stability. It has now four years to shed off the weight of the Merkel persona. Sacrificing its top candidate Laschet, who is incumbent Chief Minister of Germany's most populous state North Rhine-Westphalia, is a price the Union seems to be willing to pay.

The rift within CDU and CSU is an unwelcome damper for the Liberals' hope to form a conservative-liberal government again after the Merkel II cabinet (2009-2013). It leaves the FDP with little hope to play a larger role in the upcoming government. Having scored 11.5 percent in the elections, the traditional role of providing the Deputy Federal Chancellor and Foreign Minister will fall to the Green Party — regardless of which party will lead the government.

Germany is a leader in the European Union (EU) and sees its future at the heart of it. Accordingly, other EU member states are eagerly awaiting the imminent outcome of the coalition talks. Larger decisions such as Free Trade Agreement negotiations may be postponed until then. Additionally, it might take months (as it did in 2017) for the parties to come to an agreement. With a general understanding among all three parties underway, Germany could have a new government and Federal Chancellor by Christmas.

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Private players crucial in defence manufacturing

The corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board has to be seen in the overall context of improving India's military industry capability

India has to make its armed forces self-reliant — 'Aatmanirbhar'. The Army accounts for more than half of the total defence budget of India, with most of the expenditure going into the maintenance of cantonments, salaries and pensions, instead of critical arms and ammunition.

On February 1, 2020, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman earmarked ₹4,71,378 crore for the Ministry of Defence (MoD). Of the total allocation, ₹3,23,053 crore was provided for the Defence Services Estimates (DSE) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The balance allocation is distributed between defence pensions and MoD (Civil). Representing a growth of 9.4 per cent,



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MoD's overall allocation translates into an increase of ₹40,367 crore. This raises the question, how would this increase affect India's defence and modernisation in particular?

This budget is just 1.7 per cent of the GDP, which is just not sufficient for the modernisation of defence forces keeping in view the threat perception from China and Pakistan.

India emerged as the second-largest importer of arms transferred between 2016-20, with a share of 9.5 per cent of global arms imports. To make India self-reliant, the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has been split into seven government-owned corporate entities to help improve self-reliance in defence preparedness. Business in the



seven new entities started from October 1, 2021. These new companies are: Troop Comforts Limited (TCL); Yantra India Limited (YIL); Gliders India Limited (GIL); India Optel Limited (IOL); Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWE India); and Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVANI).

The companies now have an order book of ₹65,000 crore. These orders were already in the pipeline and

were just shifted to the new entities. These companies have complete functional autonomy and the interests of the employees are fully protected.

According to Defence Minister Raj Nath Singh, "It is to transform the Ordnance Factories to improve expertise in product range; profitable and productive assets; ensure self-reliance; enhance cost effectiveness and improve quality and increase competitiveness."

The Centre, in May 2020, had announced increasing the FDI limit from 49 per cent to 74 per cent under the automatic route in the defence sector. The government has been emphasising boosting indigenous defence manufacturing. The Ministry has set a goal of a turnover of ₹1.75 lakh crore

in defence manufacturing by 2025 that included an export target of ₹35,000 crore worth of military hardware.

Despite these initiatives, India's military industry capability shows a sorry picture and the private sector is still not being treated as a partner in India's quest for higher self-reliance. A GE 404 engine from the US powers the much-hyped indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), while the radar is sourced from Israel. The Kaveri engine development by the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) has been an unmitigated disaster. German MTU engines power the Main Battle Tank (MBT), the showpiece indigenous tank. Despite the hike in FDI, the inflow has only been \$300

million from April to September 2020; largely due to the number of caveats for allowing 76 per cent FDI.

The Kalam Committee assessed our Self Reliance Index (SRI) in 1993 as 30 per cent, with a road map to increase it to 70 per cent in a decade's time. The committee had identified a number of critical subsystems like the focal plane array, passive seekers, stealth, AESA radar, RLG and carbon fibres where India's design and development quality needs to be ramped up. Weapons, propulsion and sensors remain the main bugbears of India's design capability in the DRDO and India's SRI has not inched forward.

Technology transfer has been India's major policy mosaic to build major systems

and platforms since 1963 (in the aftermath of the MiG-21 aircraft). HAL has been producing Sukhoi Su-30 on the basis of technology transfer documents from Russia. Similar is the story of the T90 produced in the Avadi tank factory.

The major problem afflicting the OFB is not the lack of autonomy or accountability but the wherewithal to improve capability. Its corporatisation has to be seen in the overall context of improving India's military industry capability, self-reliance quotient, design capability in critical systems and quality, time and cost-effectiveness and involvement of private players in defence manufacturing as partners in tandem with OEMs and design houses.

Key suspect behind B'desh violence held

PTI ■ DHAKA
A 35-year-old Bangladeshi man, the key suspect who was arrested overnight in connection with a slew of violence against Hindus and mob attacks on temples in the country during Durga Puja festivities, would be interrogated by security agencies, police said on Friday.

Iqbal Hossain was arrested from Cox's Bazar sea beach area after a massive hunt and is suspected to be the one who placed a copy of the Quran at a Durga Puja venue

other security and intelligence agencies would now interrogate Hossain, whom the police earlier described as a "vagabond". TV footage showed Hossain was brought under heavy security escorts from Cox's Bazar to Cumilla by road while officials said after initial interrogation he would be produced before a court seeking him to be placed under police remand for next several days. "We expect the court to order him to be remanded in our custody when several other security and intelligence agencies would interrogate him as well," another police officer in Cumilla said.

The violence erupted on October 13 after a copy of Islam's holy book of Quran was

found at the feet of a Hindu goddess in Cumilla ahead of the Hindu community's Durga Puja. Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Unity Council said over 70 temples, makeshift puja pavilions and many Hindu households were burnt or damaged across Bangladesh in subsequent violence which drew sharp international concern.

Social media was widely used to spread the unrest, forcing authorities to briefly suspend Facebook and internet connectivity to contain the violence.

Police said they had launched a massive manhunt for Hossain based on the clue from the security camera footage at the Cumilla's puja pavilion.

Their initial investigations indicated he was a vagabond while family members claimed he was a mentally imbalanced person. However, police said even if the claim was true some vested quarters could have used him to instigate the violence.

"This could not be mere a task of a vagabond; somebody is definitely there behind the incident to instigate the attacks," Hindu rights activist Rana Dasgupta said.

Woman from India among 2 foreigners killed in shootout in Mexico's Tulum resort

AP ■ MEXICO CITY

Two foreigners, including one from India, were killed and three wounded in a shooting at a restaurant in the Mexican Caribbean resort town of Tulum, authorities said on Thursday.

Authorities said one of the dead women was from Germany and the other from India. The three wounded included two Germans and a tourist from the Netherlands.

The shooting broke out Wednesday night at a street-side eatery that has some outdoor tables, right off Tulum's main strip.

The fight was between two groups that operate street-level drug sales in the area, the Quintana Roo state prosecutor's office said in a statement. The tourists were apparently dining at the restaurant and may have been caught in the crossfire.

One woman died at a hospital. One of the aggressors, who was also wounded, was subsequently arrested. There was no immediate word on the condition of the wounded tourists.

Tulum has experienced growing pains moving from laid back beach retreat to major international destination. It had long been spared the violence seen sporadically in larger Cancun and Playa del Carmen further up the coast.

But in June, two men were shot to death on the beach in Tulum and a third was wounded. The administration of President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has pinned its hopes on Tulum, where it has announced plans to build an international airport and a stop for the Maya train, which will run in a loop around the Yucatan peninsula.

But Quintana Roo state, where beach resorts like Tulum, Playa del Carmen and Cancun are located, has been plagued by both violence and corruption.

From exile, female former Afghan leader keeps fighting

AP ■ NEW YORK

Two months after the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan, one of the country's once-prominent female leaders — a former parliament member, candidate for president and a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize — is visiting the United Nations, not as a representative of her government but as a woman in exile.

In an interview with *The Associated Press*, Fawzia Koofi called for humanitarian aid sent to Afghanistan to be contingent on the participation of women in its distribution, as well as free and safe travel for Afghans into and out of the country.

Aid "should not be politicized. ... Women should be involved in every stage of it and they should be listened to. Women should not be only the recipients," said Koofi, part of a delegation of Afghan women visiting the UN to urge member states not to compromise on inclusion and equal rights.

Since fleeing Kabul in August, Koofi has been living in



Fawzia Koofi, one of the Afghanistan's once-prominent female leaders — a former Parliament member, candidate for President and a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize

hotel rooms in Europe. She described the pain of separation from her country, of two decades of hopes dashed and of searching for permanent residence for herself and her two daughters.

"This is not an Afghanistan I fought for," she told the AP. "The Afghanistan that I was hoping for was (that) women should not suffer as much as I suffered during my childhood, during the time that I was a teenager, when (the) Taliban took over."

"I wanted other girls to

enjoy at least the freedom of choosing which school they should go. But now, their choice is limited to which room in their houses they should spend during the day. This is heartbreaking."

Koofi, a former deputy speaker of parliament, was one of only four women in talks to reach a power-sharing deal with the Taliban, which ultimately failed. She described watching the Taliban's commitment to negotiations change after they signed a peace agreement with the United States in February 2020.

"After they signed the agreement, they were more extreme and they were more into buying time, preferring a military strategy," she said.

Taliban fighters pursued that strategy in the summer, seizing province after province until they reached Kabul in August. When then-President Ashraf Ghani fled, the Taliban entered the capital, sparking panic among many who had opposed their rule and feared for their lives and futures.

China vows no concessions on Taiwan after Biden comments

AP ■ BEIJING

China on Friday said there is "no room" for compromise or concessions over the issue of Taiwan, following a comment by US President Joe Biden that the US is committed to defending the island if it is attacked.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin reasserted China's longstanding claim that the island is its territory at a daily briefing after Biden made his comment a day before at a forum hosted by CNN.

China has recently upped its threat to bring Taiwan under its control by force if necessary

by flying warplanes near the island and rehearsing beach landings.

"When it comes to issues related to China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and other core interests, there is no room for China to compromise or make concessions, and no one should underestimate the strong determination, firm will and strong ability of the Chinese people to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity," Wang said.

"Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. The Taiwan issue is purely an internal affair of China that

allows no foreign intervention," Wang said.

Biden's comments on Thursday were viewed as stretching the "strategic ambiguity" Washington has maintained over how it would respond to an assault on the self-governing island republic.

The US should "be cautious with its words and actions on the Taiwan issue, and not send any wrong signals to the separatist forces of Taiwan independence, so as not to seriously damage China-US relations and peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait," Wang said.

Russia's Covid deaths soar to another record

AP ■ MOSCOW

Coronavirus infections and deaths in Russia climbed on Friday to another pandemic record, putting a growing strain on the country's health care system.

The government coronavirus task force reported 37,141 new infections and 1,064 deaths in the past 24 hours. That brought Russia's death toll to 228,453, Europe's highest by far.

Russian President Vladimir

Putin has responded to the worsening situation by ordering Russians to stay off work from Oct. 30 to Nov. 7, when the country is already observing an extended holiday.

Russian authorities expect the order to help limit the spread of the virus by keeping them out of offices and off public transportation, where mask mandates have been widely ignored. The government also urged local authorities to tighten their own restrictions during the period.

Myanmar junta re-arrests over 100 released in amnesty: Report

Bangkok: Myanmar's junta has re-arrested more than 100 anti-coup protesters freed in a recent amnesty, according to a local monitoring group that tracks detentions and killings.

The Southeast Asian nation has been in chaos since the February coup, with more than 1,100 killed in a crackdown on dissent and over 8,000 arrested, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP).

On Monday, the military announced it would free more than 5,000 people over the three-day Buddhist Thadingyut festival, sending anxious families rushing to jails in the hope of being reunited with their loved ones. **AFP**

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IMRAN TO ATTEND GREEN SUMMIT IN SAUDI ARABIA
Islamabad: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan will visit Saudi Arabia from October 23 to 25 to attend the launch ceremony of the Middle East Green Initiative (MGI) summit in Riyadh and hold talks with the Saudi leadership. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman invited the premier for the visit.

EU SUMMIT GIVES MERKEL BIG SENDOFF
Brussels: Angela Merkel is still German Chancellor and might be still when EU leaders meet again, yet they gave her a farewell party at Friday's EU summit. Attending her 107th summit, she was feted by friend and foe alike in an informal ceremony behind closed doors early Friday, where they called her anything from a "compromise machine" to the EU's Eiffel Tower.

US concerned over China's hypersonic missiles: Biden

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US is concerned about the Chinese hypersonic missiles, President Joe Biden has said, days after a media report claimed that China recently tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile that caught America's intelligence by surprise.

Asked at the White House on Thursday if the US is concerned about the latest hypersonic missile tests by China, Biden told reporters, "Yes".

Pressure mounts on China to respect Uyghur rights

AFP ■ BEIJING

Forty-three countries have called on China to "ensure full respect for the rule of law" for the Muslim Uyghur community in Xinjiang, in a statement read at the United Nations on Thursday that sparked outrage from Beijing.

The declaration, signed by the United States as well as several European and Asian member states and others, accused China of a litany of human rights violations against the Uyghurs, including torture, forced sterilisation and forced disappearances.

"We call on China to allow immediate, meaningful and unfettered access to Xinjiang for independent observers, including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and her office," the countries said in a joint statement, read at the United Nations by France.

"We are particularly concerned about the situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region," the statement continued, citing "credible" reports that "indicate the existence of a large network of 'political reeducation' camps where over a million people have been arbitrarily detained."

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8.	Pooja Tiwari/ Shivam Tiwari/ LBGHZ00005051413	Flat No 1093, 3rd Floor New Lig Flats Kondli Gharoli Mayur Vihar Phase 3 Delhi/ October 18, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 23,05,679/-	Delhi/ Ncr
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10.	Mohd Ashfaq Qureshi/ Mohd Ashfaq Qureshi/ Tushering Doma/ LBDEL00001491691	Flat No. 2273, Top Floor, Pocket- 2 & 3, Sec-B Vasant Kunj, Delhi, Delhi/ October 20, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 32,96,912/-	Delhi/ Ncr
11.	Ramesh Chand Sharma/ Sharma Sanitary & Hardwire Store/ LBDEL00001409245/ LBDEL00004213183/ LBDEL00002054381	Flat No 240, Hauz Khas New Delhi, Delhi/ October 20, 2021	June 25, 2021 Rs. 14,37,458/-	Delhi/ Ncr
12.	Rahul Chaudhry/ Shalini Chaudhary/ LBGUR00002387119	Flat No- 503, 5th Floor Tower-4 Sunworld Arista, Plot Num GH 01/C Sector-168, Noida, Noida Uttar Pradesh/ October 18, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 1,04,67,530/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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

Date : October 22, 2021
Place: Delhi/ Ncr

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that this male namely **Vipul, S/o: Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal, R/o H.No. 9023, 3rd Floor, Shidhipura, near SBI ATM, Delhi, Age: 31 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Normal, wearing Blue colour Half T-Shirt, Jeans and Black Shoes in feet has been missing from his house since 01.10.2021 at 10:00 AM. In this regard a DD No. 42A, dated 01.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform to the following.

Website : <http://cbi.ni.in>
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/1051/CD/2021

SHO P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi Ph: 011-23613252, 23537374

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ravi Verma S/o Mahender Singh R/o H.No. 356/2, Gali No. 02, Firoz Gandhi Colony No. 02, Gurugram Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 67/20 u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Moti Nagar, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ravi Verma** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ravi Verma** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ravi Verma** accused of FIR No. 67/20 u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Moti Nagar, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **20.12.2021**.

By Order : **Sh. Abhinav Pandey Metropolitan Magistrate-04 (West), Room No. 268, Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi**

DP/593/WD/21

16 KILLED IN RUSSIAN FACTORY BLAST
Moscow: An explosion and fire at a gunpowder factory in Russia on Friday killed 16 people, officials said. The Emergency Situations Ministry said the explosion hit the Elastik factory in the Ryazan region.

6 ROHINGYA DIE IN CLASHES IN B'DESH
Dhaka: Two groups of Rohingya refugees clashed Friday in a camp in southern Bangladesh, leaving at least six refugees dead and 10 others injured, police said. The violence broke out in Cox's Bazar district when one side opened fire, killing four people at the scene, said Shihab Kaiser Khan, commander of the Armed Police Battalion, which oversees the camp's security.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a lady namely **Reena, W/o Khayali Ram, R/o Unknown, Age: 30 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Sallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Light Red Suit with Black & White Print was admitted in LHMC Hospital, New Delhi and gave birth to a child. During postnatal treatment, she was missing from the hospital since 03.04.2020. In this regard a vide DD No. 02A, dated 04.04.2020 has been registered at P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi.**

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

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.ni.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/344/ND/2021

SHO P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi Ph.: 011-23364100, 8750870522, 7988876315

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead near Pillar No 344 Metro Patri Najafgarh Road, Moti Nagar dated **18.10.2021 at 10:30 PM**. In this regard vide DD No. 27A, dated **18.10.2021** has been registered at **P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi**. The description of the dead body is given as under **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 60-70 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue Colour Shirt and Green Colour Lower**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-25101150, 8750871125

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VIOLENCE ERUPTS AT RALLY IN PAKISTAN
Lahore: Violent clashes erupted between Pakistan's security forces and radical Islamists here on Friday, leaving four people dead, including two policemen, and 15 others injured.

BALDWIN SHOOT FILMER DEAD WITH PROP GUN
Santa Fe (US): Actor Alec Baldwin fired a prop gun on a movie set and killed the cinematographer, authorities said. The director of the Western being filmed was also wounded, and authorities are investigating. Halyna Hutchins, cinematographer on the movie "Rust," and director Joel Souza were shot on the rustic film set in the desert on the southern outskirts of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County Sheriff's officials said.



Bollywood
 'Fresh characters and meaningful scripts fuel my passion.'
 —Vikrant Massey

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SHORTCIRCUITS



SANYA MALHOTRA
 The romantic bit of *Meenakshi Sundareswar*'s script was what made me go for it. As someone who is in the audience, I crave to binge-watch romance. At present, I am organically attracted to light-hearted romantic comedies, so that can be the main reason I was attracted to this character and script. For me, it was love at first sight with Meenakshi.'



AYUSHMANN KHURRANA
 'It's only once in a while that an actor comes across a story that makes them jump out of their comfort zone. While I have always backed novel stories, *Anek* pushed me to perform with a renewed zest. It's the kind of script that drives a person to give it their all. I feel extremely fortunate, and proud, that I got to headline a project like this.'



PARINEETI CHOPRA
 'The kind of accolades and appreciation I received for my films this year was the biggest birthday present for me. So I feel that on the work front, I am in a great place...We have been shooting for the past two weeks in Nepal. A working birthday in the middle of the mountains is exactly what a 2021 birthday should be for me.'



ZACH GALIFIANAKIS
 'My kids don't really know what I do. They think I'm an assistant librarian somewhere. I want to protect their innocence as much as possible. They're just children after all. People used to come up to me and be like, 'Oh, my kids love *The Hangover*, and I'm like, 'You're a terrible parent'. They need to mature a little bit before they see such films.'

GWYNETH PALTROW
 'Ever since I was Covid-positive, I wasn't been feeling good. I had really high inflammation levels and the doctor said that, at least for three months, I should abstain from alcohol, sugar and anything that's processed. I kind of begrudgingly did it, and then I just started feeling good. I'm not going to do it forever, but I have been trying to value my health and wellness a little more lately.'



LAND OF HEROES

Khushbu Kirti visits the tea capital of North India, Palampur, and remembers the sacrifices of the Kargil martyrs

You might know Palampur as the tea capital of North India, owing to its lush green tea gardens that it is enveloped in. However, another attribute that sets the town apart from many other places is that it has produced the bravest of war heroes.

The recently released OTT hit *SherShaah* has ensured that most people know everything about late Captain Vikram Batra, his life, his bravery and about his birthplace, Palampur. Having said that, not many know that the Kargil hero who lost his life in 1999, Captain Saurabh Kalia, was also born in the same town of Kangra valley. Kalia was an Indian Army officer who was captured by Pakistan Army, along with three other soldiers, tortured and murdered. The news had taken the country by shock and outrage. He was one of the first martyrs of the Kargil war, and the brutal killing of these soldiers had sundered the calm before the storm.

Along with them, the famous immortal names of Brigadier Sher Jang Thapa, one of the recipients of the Mahavir Chakra, Major Sudhir Walia, posthumous awardee of Ashoka Chakra, and Major Som Nath Sharma, posthumous Param Vir Chakra awardee, also come to my mind. While Major Somnath and Brigadier Thapa were world war martyrs, Major Walia died while leading an assault on a militant hideout in Kupwara district. The three gallants mentioned above were also born in the Kangra district.

Recently, I received an opportunity to explore Palampur and so, I made it a point to visit memorials set up as tribute to these heroes.



SAURABH VAN VIHAR

The ecological park is one of the major tourist attractions of the place. Besides the rich history that it carries, honouring Shaheed Captain Kalia, the nature park is a scenic and tranquil sight located on the banks of the Neugel Khad. It is situated in the village of Kwat and spreads over an area of about 13 kilometres. While offering the mesmerising view of the Dhauladhar ranges in the background, the attractions present include bird-watching, boating, sight-seeing, and so on.

The Saurabh Van Vihar is also home to a variety of flora and fauna, and loquacious birds which only elevate the beauty of the park.

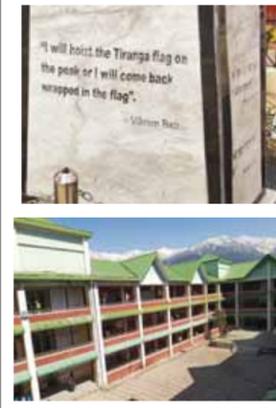


The bridge augmented in tro-colour heightens the patriotic fervour in every visitor.

However, unfortunately, a recent flood had destroyed the park and so when I had visited the location, I traced, from the ruins, what it actually used to be. Boating was discontinued, but pleasure-activities like bird-watching, around the beautiful lake, and soaking in the nature could still be carried out. I had goosebumps throughout as the homage to the fallen hero was inexpressible.

While hopping the park would soon be repaired, I also feel more ecological parks like these, as dedications to the fallen brave, should be built.

SHAHEED CAPTAIN VIKRAM BATRA GOVERNMENT COLLEGE



While staying in Palampur, I decided to pay homage to the memorial of Captain Batra, too. The Shaheed Captain Vikram Batra Government college, Palampur (Kangra), came into existence in 1995 as Govt College, Palampur. It was renamed in the memory of the war hero in 1999.

It also contains the bust of the late soldier, which says 'Ye dil mangey more', something that Captain Batra would say often to his comrades and had, in turn, immortalised the slogan.

As we already know, Batra, 13 JAK Rifles, and his Delta company was given the job of securing point 5,140. He was nicknamed SherShah



(for his unwavering courage) and that was what he was called on the Pakistani radios, too.

His company is credited with killing around eight enemy soldiers and recovering a heavy machine gun.

The capturing of point 5,140 set in motion a chain of successful events during the Kargil war.

Captain Batra had also, posthumously, received the Param Vir Chakra.

Getting back to normal

Indie artiste RITVIZ kickstarts Johnnie Walker's #ReVibeTheNight campaign which aims to refuel India's after-hour culture. By TANMAYA DAS

Johnnie Walker, a leading scotch-whisky brand, announces the launch of #ReVibeTheNight, a one-of-a-kind campaign to fill India's most beloved venues with music, movement, people, and magic. The brand has roped in some trailblazing artistes such as the renowned hip-hop rapper, Divine, prominent electronic music producer, Ritviz, and internet sensation, Lisa Mishra, to refuel the after-hour culture in India through their live performances in India's most loved hotspots.

Prior to the world going into lockdown, the after-hour culture in India thrived at celebrated community hubs that eventually became a safe-haven for individuals, a place where they found their sense of self-expression and belonging that fueled progress. This community was driven through the culture of live music and enthralling performances that created their very own vibe, a vibe that built extraordinary, forever-lasting relationships.

The campaign was initiated with a live performance by Ritviz at Dragonfly in New Delhi's Aerocity yesterday. From New Delhi the platform will go live across India including Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, Goa and Guwahati till December 2021. Read on for our interaction with Ritviz:

At what age did you start learning music? What were your initial hurdles?

I have a background in classical music. My mom is an Indian classical singer and my dad plays the tabla. Growing up, music surrounded the house. So, for me, walking into music was very easy. I was four-five years old when I saw my mom doing her *riyaaz*.

Music was very effortless because my mom never pushed me to learn music. It was something I really wanted to pursue, I wasn't asked to join. As I grew up learning Indian classical music, I was obviously also exposed to the West and VH1 and all of that, which pulled me closer to other styles of music.

Do you recall your first steps in the music industry?

In 2014, I released my first EP *Vizdumb* and then I released the five-track *YUV* in 2016. *Udd Gaye* was my first major hit, and changed my life.

Any advice for aspiring artistes?

Don't think of money, even though it sounds absurd. You have to give music the topmost priority. If you chase anything else then you'll be caught up in other things.

Everything is built around music for me. When I sit and make music, I don't do it to please anyone, but because I like it. The minute you lose that, you lose the plot, you lose music. It's hard, so either find the support system or find that confidence to carry on.

Who is your inspiration?

My mother is the most inspiring person in my life. For every new song, her nod is a validation and a push.

Your set of influences in your life make you. That is why probably I have now started listening and learning other styles and a lot more that would probably inspire more crazy culminations in the future. The idea is to keep a constant set of learning.

What are your expectations for the campaign?

I am extremely excited for the campaign! The team at Johnnie Walker, with their #ReVibeTheNight campaign, is taking a bold step towards re-energising the after-hour culture in India through live performances across iconic community spaces, with all Covid-19 safety measures in place. I think with such initiatives, we are responsibly moving back to live gigs, which has really been the best avenue to form a connection with our audiences, once again. Lisa Mishra and I have also created a new soundtrack for the campaign and I really think that the audience will love it.



The renowned Indian studio's, Yash Raj Films', chairman and managing director, Aditya Chopra, has directed and produced some of the biggest blockbusters. His debut directorial, the historic romantic film, *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge*, which released in 1995, is still running in theatres. Popularly called *DDLJ*, it is one of the highest grossing movies in the history of Indian cinema and the biggest IP of the country's rich and diverse movie industry.

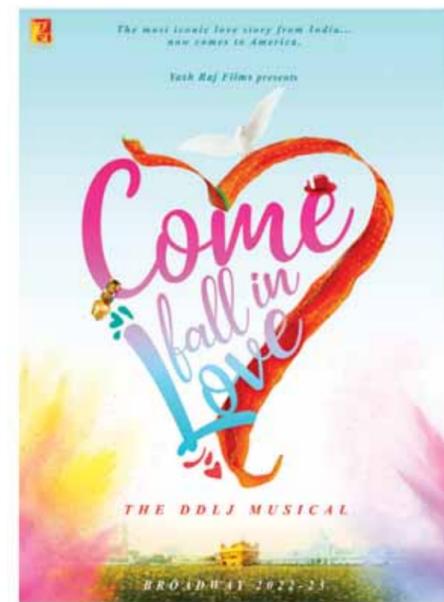
After 26 years, Aditya Chopra is set to direct *DDLJ* again and it will mark his debut as a director on Broadway. He strongly feels Broadway and Indian films are two long lost lovers separated in time because of their intrinsic similarities. Both celebrate heart-warming stories and human emotions through music and dance. Aditya has been working on this passion project for the past three years and has roped in a stellar, extremely diverse team, comprising some of the best talents of Broadway and India for the same.

Come...Fall In Love: The DDLJ Musical is being produced by Yash Raj Films, and is based on an original story by Aditya. The musical will feature book and lyrics by Laurence Olivier award-winner, Nell Benjamin (for films like *Legally Blonde* and *Mean Girls*), and top Indian songwriters, Vishal Daddani and Shekhar Ravjiani, will serve as composers. Tony and Emmy winner Rob Ashford (for films like *Frozen*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *The Boys from Syracuse*) will choreograph with associate choreographer, Shruti Merchant. The design team will also incorporate set design by Emmy and Tony award winner, Derek McLane (for *Moulin Rouge!*, *Hairspray Live!* and *33 Variations*) and music supervision will be done by Tony, Grammy, and Emmy award-winner, Bill Sherman (known for music in *In The Heights*, *Sesame Street*, and *Hamilton*). Adam Zotovich is the executive producer for the project.

The musical is set to be on

Come...Fall In Love

Western musical theatre and Indian films are two long lost lovers separated in time, says film-maker ADITYA CHOPRA. He is set to make his Broadway debut with an adaptation of *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge*. By TEAM VIVA



screen Indian blockbusters. But that day what I saw on stage blew my mind. I couldn't believe that this kind of spectacle could be created live on stage. But the most significant aspect that resonated with me was how similar musical theatre was to our Indian films. It was just not the fact that both use songs to tell the story, it was much more than that, it was the feeling they evoked which was exactly the same. The burst of colours, the heightened drama, the passionate singing, the unabashed dancing, a classic story, and a happy end — it filled me with the same joy and emotions that a good Indian film does. I realised then, that worlds apart, languages apart, western musical

theatre and Indian films are two long lost lovers that have gotten separated in time." He continued, "In autumn of 2021, I am embarking on my most ambitious project till date. I'm reuniting two long lost lovers, Broadway musical and Indian films. 26 years back I started my career with a film called *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge* (*DDLJ*), what it is more famously known as). The film created history and changed my life and many others forever. But what many don't know is that I never intended to make *DDLJ* in Hindi. As a 23 year old young man greatly influenced by Hollywood and American pop culture, I thought I would make a couple of Indian films and then I would be off to Hollywood and make *DDLJ* for a worldwide English-speaking audience with Tom Cruise as my leading man. That obviously didn't happen. *DDLJ* released in 1995 and became the longest running film of Indian cinema. It gave me my identity and kickstarted an amazing journey for which I'll always be grateful."



Now, Aditya is going back

to his original vision of the story of *DDLJ*, a love tale of an American boy and an Indian girl, a love story of two cultures...two worlds. But this time the medium is not cinema, but theatre.

"26 years later I will be directing *DDLJ* all over again, but this time as an English language Broadway musical for a worldwide audience. I'm terribly nervous and incredibly excited. I'm a hardcore cinema guy, and have never done theatre in my life. And here I am, trying to pull off the craziest ambition of my life. But, what is giving me confidence is the fantastic team that I have. Each one of them is a master of their field and their brilliance and expertise is going to make this a fantastic show. The past three years as we have developed this passion project, I have learnt so much from them and discovered the unbelievable talent that the Broadway community has. I feel like I am 23 again, the same age I was when I directed *DDLJ* for the first time. I'm once again a student, each one of my team members is more experienced than I am. In the world of theatre, I'm the rookie and I'm loving every moment of it. I'm all set to learn, explore, create and enjoy with these wonderful theatre artists and the discover the magical world of Broadway musicals," the director concluded.

About the Broadway theatrical, Benjamin expressed, "*DDLJ* was my introduction to Indian filmmaking before I even knew who the amazing Aditya Chopra was, and the movie had such joy and heart that I fell in love with it. I was so happy to be approached to do the musical and I hope my work helps everyone fall in love with Simran and Raj and their journey across multiple cultures again. The world can always use a little more cultural understanding, and I can't wait to sit in a theater with an audience, sharing the joy and surprise of *Come Fall In Love: The DDLJ Musical!*"



BACK AT IT

DJ trio SWEDISH HOUSE MAFIA reunites and links up with THE WEEKND for new music, ahead of a global tour scheduled for next year

DJ supergroup Swedish House Mafia, known for bringing house music to the masses with their arena shows, are ready to turn the crowd up with a new collaboration with The Weeknd and a global tour on the horizon. The trio dropped a new song and music video on yesterday, melding their thumping, body-rocking beats with The Weeknd's dark cinematic vocals on *Moth To A Flame*. It comes as they are announcing a 44-date arena world tour in 2022 with stops in Miami, Las Vegas, Houston, Toronto, London, Paris and Madrid. It's a long awaited return for the DJs — Steve Angello, Axwell and Sebastian Ingrosso — who announced their breakup in 2012 after reaching heights that few other DJs had and leading a wave

of interest in EDM music with their grandiose live shows. "I think time was the best thing that could happen to us," Angello expressed during an interview from Stockholm. With hits like *Don't You Worry Child* and *Save The World*, they were the first DJ act to sell out Madison Square Garden and got top billing at Coachella, where they will return in 2022. The anticipation has been building since the three announced their reunion at a surprise set at Ultra Music Festival in Miami in 2018, but behind the scenes it was a years-long process of getting a new label, new management and new music. Known for being perfectionists and their slow pace of recording, the pandemic gave them the time they needed as they worked in their



studio in Sweden. "We made more songs in the past two years than we did in the 20 years before that, which is incredible," said Angello. They also now share the same management

team with The Weeknd, who has hinted at the collab on his social media. After meeting in Los Angeles, they found a track they all loved and the Toronto-born superstar let inspiration lead him, said Axwell. "He just, boom, went for it and it sounded amazing," said Axwell. "We were like, 'Well, did you have this written down or how was it like? Did you prepare notes?' (He said.) 'I just looked at some text messages on my phone.'" They released two other singles this year, including *Lifetime* featuring Ty Dolla Sign along with 070 Shake and *It Gets Better*, both of which reached the Top 15 of Billboard's Hot Dance/Electronic Songs chart. The new songs are leading up to their full-length album *Paradise Again*, slated for release next year. The opportunity to push boundaries again was the motivating factor to come back together and put aside differences that led to their split, shared Angello, who remained coy on the exact reasons. "Enough time went by for me to feel like I was missing something, right? So like when you're running 100 miles an hour, you don't have time to reflect. But if you let some time pass, all of a sudden, those things that, those things that tore us apart were kind of destroyed," said Angello. During the breakup, they all kept working and performing. Angello released his own solo records while Axwell and Ingrosso put out an album in 2017 together. But when the Corona virus pandemic took hold in 2020, not having an audience was one of the hardest parts for these DJs who had spent decades performing live in clubs, arenas and festivals all over the globe, setting the unrelenting musical pace for tens of thousands of dancing fans. "I understand why a lot of heritage bands continue touring for the rest of their lives," said Ingrosso. "Because once you're in there and you've done that once in your life with the energy and the positivity, it's like a piece of our hearts that's missing." Ingrosso said every once a while, they'd turn their studio into a nightclub, just to get a chance to feel the music the way it's meant to be experienced. "Sometimes we threw a little party here and there around the studio just to listen to music when you're not totally 100 per cent sober, if you know what I mean," Ingrosso revealed. Their 2022 tour starts on July 29 in Miami and runs through November 13 in Tampere, Finland. —AP

Checkmate

It is wonderful that the new generation is rediscovering classic stories from the subcontinent, says veteran actor, IRFAN KHOOSAT. By TEAM VIVA



The actor and comedian, Irfan Khoosat, is the father of popular Pakistani director, Sarmad Khoosat. The veteran actor will be reading Munshi Premchand's iconic tale, *Shatranj Ki Baazi*, in Zee Theatre's show, *Yaar Julahay*. In 1924, Munshi Premchand wrote a riveting tale in Urdu and Hindi about two inveterate chess players. In 1977, the legendary filmmaker, Satyajit Ray, created *Shatranj Ke Khiladi*, based on the same tale. Now, director and actor, Sarmad Khoosat, is presenting *Shatranj Ki Baazi*, a dramatised reading of the same classic story. The reading is part of *Yaar Julahay*, featuring stories from the subcontinent. It will be screened on Tata Sky Theatre throughout this week. Set in Lucknow in the last days of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah, the story centers around the landowners, Mirza Sajjad Ali and Mir Roshan Ali, and their obsession with chess in the face of the rapidly deteriorating political, social, and cultural conditions of Awadh. Irfan expressed, "I have been associated largely with funny characters but this was a serious part. I am also very happy that the new generation is rediscovering classic stories from the subcontinent via a format similar to Dastangoi. When stories are performed and not just read by an actor, they acquire tangible humanity. This is a very good initiative and must continue." Speaking about his father's role, Sarmad said, "A lot of literature has been written about partition, but the mutiny of 1857 has not been extensively written about. That is why this story by Munshi Premchand has an iconic significance. His descriptive writing brings to life the milieu and the atmosphere in which the story is set and when he writes the conversations between two people, he transports us to another era. The moment I read *Shatranj Ki Baazi*, I felt only my father could do justice to it because the role needed a certain gravitas, manner, and diction. Abba pulled off the reading with great theatricality and used different voices for different characters."

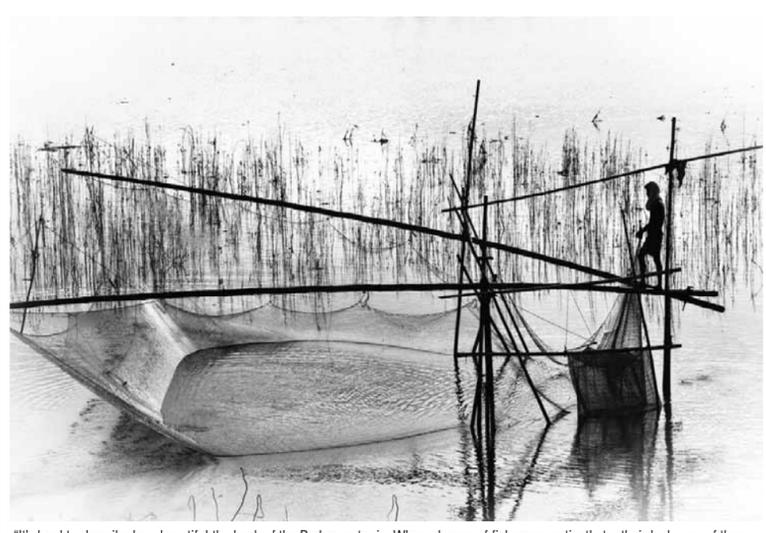
WHAT MOVED YOU TODAY

National Geographic India encourages enthusiasts to share their most precious captures that have touched hearts through the campaign, Your Lens. By TEAM VIVA

National Geographic India, a brand with a rich legacy of distinctive and impactful storytelling, is currently conducting a unique ongoing property titled — 'Your Lens'. With a campaign thought of 'what moved you today', Your Lens is encouraging photographers and enthusiasts to share the most precious captures that have emotionally moved them and touched their hearts. With a successful start, they have received thousands of entries, spread across various themes such as breathtaking landscapes, majestic wildlife, thrilling adventures, vibrant festivals, people and portraits and many more from around the country. Assessed by the established National Geographic explorer and photographer, Prasenjeet Yadav, the best images will be featured across the National Geographic television channel in India, social media platforms and the website, www.nationalgeographicyourlens.in. Every month, best images will be selected and featured. Some of the shortlisted images, along with the photographer's thoughts, are given below:



"I've been a photographer since the age of 14, and have been learning every day. The photograph, at the Patrika Gate in Rajasthan, is probably my best. This one is from my solo trip to Jaipur." —Pratish Patel, Mumbai



"It's hard to describe how beautiful the bank of the Brahmaputra is. Where dozens of fishermen patiently try their luck, one of them caught my eye, as light from the sun and reflection of the sky perfectly balanced in such a way that I felt like God himself sketched it on the water." —Ansari, Bangalore



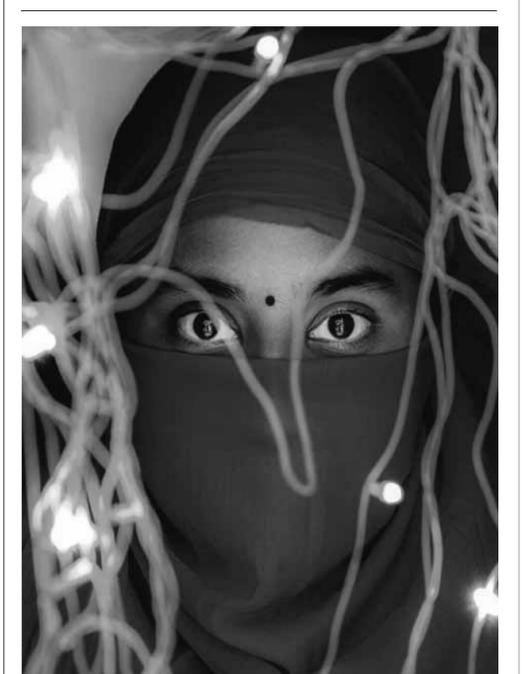
"The Wildest Brothers — we documented these two in their wildest mood at the Great Rann of Kutch, Gujarat, a place filled with surprises. Their mother was out in search of food and these two pups were home alone." —Parth Kansara, Bhuj



"Being a nature enthusiast, I have always wanted to capture an image concerning pollution that is increasing every day." —Satya Mariadhar Vegi, Tuni



"Clicked this image in Gir National park. The cub was very playful." —Goswami Chetan, Jamnagar



"Light in the eyes speaks louder than the words." —Susruth Sai, Nellore

Sindhu loses in quarters

PTI ■ ODENSE

Returning to action after a break, India's double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu on Friday bowed out of the Denmark open badminton tournament after losing in straight games to world no 8 Korean An Seyoung in the women's singles quarterfinals here.

Playing her first tournament since winning the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics in August, Sindhu couldn't match her fifth seeded young Korean rival, going down 11-21 12-21 in 36 minutes.

Sindhu had also lost to An Seyoung in straight games the last time they clashed here two years ago in their only career meeting.

The reigning world champion, who had taken a break to rejuvenate after a hectic Olympics campaign, just couldn't find a way across the attacking game of the Korean, who was always a step ahead during the contest.

An Seyoung made a



superb start and took just six minutes to grab a massive seven-point lead at the break with Sindhu unable to find a crack in the Korean's game.

The Indian tried to control the net but committed few unforced errors with the Korean showing great athleticism to return everything thrown at her.

The Korean dominated the forecourt and played some exceptional shots, including a few diving forehand returns, to lead 16-8. In the end, Sindhu netted to give 10 game points to the Korean, who sealed the opening game when the Indian erred again.

Sindhu tried to change her tactics by playing high lifts

but she was not disciplined enough and after trailing 7-8 at one stage, she slipped to 8-11 at the break.

It was a one-way traffic after the interval as An Seyoung jumped to 20-10 in a jiffy. Sindhu saved two match points before committing another error.

On Thursday night, India's

Sameer Verma notched up a stunning straight-game win over world no.3 Anders Antonsen to storm into the quarterfinals but it was curtains for Lakshya Sen at the Super 1000 tournament here.

World No 28 Sameer, who had qualified for the World Tour Finals in 2018 after winning three titles, produced a sensational performance to outfit local hero Antonsen 21-14 21-18 in a 50-minute men's singles battle.

The 27-year-old from Madhya Pradesh will lock horns with 33-year-old Tommy Sugiarto, a bronze winner at the 2014 World Championships.

However, it proved to be too daunting a task for Lakshya to match Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen as he thrashed the Indian 21-15 21-7 in a lopsided second-round contest.

Coming into the match with a dismal 1-5 head-to-head count, Sameer showed great athleticism and tactical acumen to down Antonsen, a silver medallist at the 2019 World Championships.

Mentors can't do much, it's players who have to perform : Gavaskar

PTI ■ DUBAI

A mentor can only help as much because it is the players who will have to go out there and perform the "actual task", the legendary Sunil Gavaskar said on the appointment of Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the Indian team mentor for the T20 World Cup.

India will play Pakistan on Sunday in the Super 12s and Gavaskar feels that in this format Virat Kohli's team can't be termed clear favourites.

"Mentor can't do much," Gavaskar told Aaj Tak.

"Yes, he can help you prepare in change room as its a fast-paced game and if needed, help you tweak the tactic."

"May be speak to batters and bowlers during time-out, so the move to employ Dhoni is a good one but Dhoni will be in the change room and its the players who have to perform the actual task in the middle. How they handle pressure would determine what the result will be," Gavaskar said during the event.

Gavaskar feels Kohli will feel lesser pressure now that he has



decided to quit captaincy in the T20 format.

"When you become a captain, you can't just think about yourself, he has to speak to a batter who is going through a bad patch or discuss strategies with a bowler.

"Amid all this, one tends to neglect his own form. When you don't have that pressure, you can focus on your own game. I think it will be good for Virat that after T20 World Cup, he doesn't have to think about responsibilities.

"So he can focus on his own

game and score as many runs as possible," he added.

Gavaskar, one of the most respected voices in world cricket, also pointed out that India's failure to win knock-out games in global tournaments has been primarily due to the faulty team selections.

"India's problem in big matches has been team combination. If they would have got final XI selection right in knock out games, they would have had less problems. At times, your thought process is different," he said.

"In knock-outs and finals, you should bat first, put runs on the board, whatever you put, 140 may be, the other team has to score and it's not always easy to score at seven runs per over in international cricket," he explained.

In T20 cricket, Gavaskar has found one flaw with the Indian batting and that's losing momentum between overs 7 and 12.

"India's batting weakness has been in the overs after Powerplay, between 7 and 12. After 7 overs, we start struggling.

Erasmus, Wiese take debutants Namibia to Super 12s of T20 WC

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Gerhard Erasmus led from the front with a well-crafted unbeaten fifty to guide debutants Namibia to a historic eight-wicket win over Ireland in the first round Group B match and qualification spot in Super 12s of the ICC T20 World Cup here on Friday.

Erasmus (53 not out off 49 balls) guided Namibia's chase of 126 in the company of David Wiese, who made an unbeaten 28.

Namibia made a quiet start to their chase. Boundaries were hard to come by for Namibia batters as they dealt mostly in singles and twos. Their struggle can be gauged from the fact

that they found the fence only four times in the first 10 overs, scoring 49 for one.

Needing 77 off the last 10 overs, Erasmus and Zane Green (24) shared 48 runs for the second wicket to keep Namibia in the contest.

The duo played sensibly and brought down the equation to 55 off 42 balls and with nine wickets in hand, Namibia were clear favourites to win the contest.

But Green failed to clear Kevin O'Brien at mid-off to make the contest interesting.

After his two wickets with the ball, Wiese came to Namibia's rescue by hitting Craig Young for back-to-back sixes in the 15th over to bring



down the equation to 33 off the last five overs.

Needing 21 off 18 balls, Erasmus lofted off-spinner Simi Singh over the long-off boundary and then struck two boundaries in the 19th over off Craig Young to finish off the chase in style with nine balls remaining.

Namibia have joined Sri Lanka in the Super 12s from Group A.

Earlier, asked to bowl, Namibian bowlers made a

strong comeback after Ireland made a brisk start to restrict them to a modest 125 for eight.

Ireland started brightly with Paul Stirling (38) and Kevin O'Brien (25) sharing 62 runs off just 44 balls for the opening stand.

But Namibia pulled things back by remov-

ing both the openers in quick succession as Ireland slumped to 67 for two in 8.4 overs.

After the opening partnership, Ireland innings literally fell apart as, barring skipper Andy Billrinie (21), no other batter could reach double-digit score.

SINGLES

JAISHINE EASE INTO SECOND ROUND OF WNB Hisar: Asian Championship bronze-medallist Jaishine and defending champion Pwilo Basumatary of Assam advanced to the second round of the 60kg category with convincing victories in the Women's National Boxing Championships here on Friday. Representing Haryana, Jaishine comfortably beat Chhattisgarh's Rajbala by the unanimous 5-0 verdict in her opening round, while Basumatary out-punched Karnataka's Theertha Lakshmi at the St Joseph's International School here.

SAMEER TO ENTER QUATERFINALS

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AMATEUR AVANI WON HERO WPTGN SEASON

Panchkula: Amateur Avani Prashanth won her second title of the season as she held off the seasoned Amandeep Drall by a shot to win the 11th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour here on Friday. Avani and Amandeep played even par rounds, which helped the former stay ahead to emerge victor at the Panchkula Golf Club. Avani totalled 21-under 214, while Amandeep aggregated 1-under 215. Three players, Pranavi Urs (76), Jahanvi Bakshi (73) and Vani Kapoor (73) were tied for third place at 4-over 219. Seher Atwal (75) was sixth at 221 and Rhea Jha (73) was seventh. Saaniya Sharma, amateur Kriti Chowhan and Hitaashee Bakshi occupied the eighth to 10th places.

BENZEMA FACES VERDICT IN BLACKMAIL TRIAL

VERSAILLES (FRANCE): A French court trying an alleged blackmail case involving Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema and four other defendants expects to render its verdict on Friday.

Benzema hasn't been attending the trial that opened Wednesday in Versailles and is scheduled to wrap up Friday. He is charged with complicity in the alleged attempt in 2015 to blackmail France teammate Mathieu Valbuena over a sex tape thought to have been stolen from his mobile phone.

Prosecutors asked Thursday that Benzema be fined 75,000 euros (\$87,000), the maximum allowed on the charge, and be given a suspended 10-month jail term. The law allows for a maximum of 5 years imprisonment. The four other defendants are being tried on charges of attempted

BENZEMA FACES VERDICT IN BLACKMAIL TRIAL

LONDON: Arsenal hosts Aston Villa after a tepid start to the season that's been summed up by drawing the last two matches to sit 12th in the Premier League after eight games. It took Alexandre Lacazette's late equalizer to grab a point against Crystal Palace on Monday and the forward will now be pushing for a start against Villa. The 30-year-old Frenchman has played only 72 minutes in the league so far.

There is no new contract on offer with his current deal expiring at the end of the season. Bukayo Saka could miss Friday's game after being forced off at halftime on Monday after being kicked on the calf. Villa is in 13th place with 10 points. Osasuna goes for its fourth straight victory in the Spanish League when it hosts Granada. A win would leave the team tied on 20 points with leader Real Sociedad ahead of the weekend matches.

Osasuna hasn't won four in a row in the league since 2010. It won four of its last five matches, with the only setback a home loss against Real Betis. Granada is just outside the rel-

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
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Very Short Notice Inviting e-Quotation
Notice No -09/DWSD/CBSA/MECH/QUOTATION/ 2021-22
Quotation through e-tender are invited for rates of items / materials for Supply, installation and commissioning of pump set works from reputed manufacturers / authorized dealers having valid GSTIN of materials. The rates conforming to specifications shall be submitted online in the website Http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in in Details of items /materials and its specifications for supply, Installation and commissioning of pump set works under D.W & S Mechanical Division, Chaibasa are available on the above e-tender portal. Terms and condition will be available in website. The quotationer may download the documents from the website and quote the rate of materials online from 23.10.2021 at 10:30 hrs to 01.11.2021 at 15:00 hrs. The quotation will be opened on 02.11.2021 at 15:00 hours.
The quotation is invited to ascertain and assess the rate of items/ materials as per with lowest market rate, so that it can be incorporated in farming of estimates for the required works under D.W & S. Mechanical Division Chaibasa.
Executive Engineer
D.W. & S. Mech. Division, Chaibasa
PR 255326 West Singhbhum (21-22)_D

कार्यालय
जिला मत्स्य पदाधिकारी-सह-मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, गुमला
अति अल्पकालीन सूचना
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि गुमला जिले हेतु वित्तीय वर्ष 2021-22 में कृषि, पशुपालन एवं सहकारिता विभाग (मत्स्य प्रभाग) के राज्यादेश संख्या 13(रा०) दिनांक 13.07.2021 के द्वारा मत्स्य प्रसार एवं अनुसंधान एवं प्रशिक्षण योजना अन्तर्गत केज कन्वर के स्थलों से सूचनाओं की प्राप्ति एवं ऑफ़डो के संधारण हेतु मत्स्य मित्र की तर्ज पर केज मित्र हेतु लक्ष्य एवं आवंटन प्राप्त है, इस निमित्त सुयोग्य आवेदकों से आवेदन-पत्र आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं जिसकी विवरणी निम्नवत है :-
1. मत्स्य मित्र के तर्ज पर केज मत्स्य मित्र द्वार स्वेच्छिक कार्यकर्ता के रूप में कार्य किया जाना है । केज मत्स्य मित्र केज लाभुक नहीं होना चाहिए साथ ही केज मत्स्य मित्र को अपना Android Mobile Phone होना चाहिए ।
2. जिला मत्स्य पदाधिकारी केज मत्स्य मित्रों के कार्यक्षेत्र / केज की संख्या का निर्धारण करेंगे ।
3. केज मत्स्य मित्र को प्रति केज बैटरी सर्वेक्षण एवं प्रतिवेदन देने हेतु प्रतिमाह अधिकतम 75.00 (पछहत्तर) रू० मात्र प्रति बैटरी प्रतिवेदन पर भुगतान किया जाएगा ।
4. किसी भी केज में मछली की बीमारी की सूचना प्राप्त होने पर केज मत्स्य मित्र द्वारा 24 घंटे के अन्दर जिला मत्स्य पदाधिकारी / मत्स्य निदेशालय एवं केज लाभुक को दी जाएगी ।
5. यह ऑन-पेपर, केज - बैटरी नम्बर केज लाभुकों से उन्हें आवंटित केज-बैटरी पर पेन्ट से अंकित किए जाने हेतु केज मत्स्य मित्र की सहायता प्राप्त किए जायेंगे ।
6. आवेदक को Computer का ज्ञान होना चाहिए ।
7. आवेदक को तैरना आना चाहिए ।
विस्तृत सूचना एवं शर्तें जिला मत्स्य कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है । उपरोक्त योजना हेतु सुयोग्य आवेदनकर्ता विहित प्रपत्र में 29.10.2021 तक जिला मत्स्य कार्यालय, गुमला में आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं । आवेदन कार्यालय से कार्यालय अवधि में प्राप्त किया जा सकता है ।
जिला मत्स्य पदाधिकारी-सह-मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, गुमला ।
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कार्यालय जिला परिषद, लोहरदगा
अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या 08 / 2021-22
1. विज्ञापन दाता का नाम : उप विकास आयुक्त-सह-मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, जिला परिषद, लोहरदगा
2. परिमाण विपत्र की बिक्री की तिथि : दिनांक 29.10.2021 को अपराह्न 03:00बजे तक
3. निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 30.10.2021 को 03.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 30.10.2021 को 03.30 बजे अपराह्न में
5. परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की स्थान : कार्यालय, जिला परिषद, लोहरदगा।
6. निविदा प्राप्त करने / खोलने का स्थान : कार्यालय, जिला परिषद, लोहरदगा।
7. मद्द : 15वें वित्त आयोग।
8. कार्य का विवरण

क्र०सं/युप संख्या	प्रखण्ड	पंचायत	ग्राम	योजना का नाम	प्राकलित राशि	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	अग्रपत्र की राशि	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	पेशारर	सिरम	मक्का	ग्राम मक्का में पितम्बर सिंह के घर से मुख्य पथ तक पीओसीपीओ पथ निर्माण	293900.00	750.00	5900.00	03 (तीन) माह
2	किन्को	हिसरी	मेरले	ग्राम मेरले से चरहु रोड में डकई नाला एवं चरहु नदी के पास मार्डबाल निर्माण	2471500.00	5000.00	49500.00	03 (तीन) माह
3	सेन्हा	तोडार	बरही	बरही मसमनो मुख्य पथ से चरही देवी मण्डप तक पीओसीपीओ पथ निर्माण	999500.00	1250.00	20000.00	03 (तीन) माह
4	भण्डरा	उदरंगी	उदरंगी	अभिलाष लोहार के घर से शमशाण घाट तक पीओसीपीओ पथ निर्माण	2490800.00	5000.00	49900.00	03 (तीन) माह

योजनाओं की विस्तृत विवरणी, निविदा की शर्तें जिला परिषद, लोहरदगा के सूचनापट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है ।
2. जिला परिषद लोहरदगा में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदक ही निविदा में भाग ले सकेंगे । संवेदकों को UCAN में निबंधन अनिवार्य होगा ।
3. वैसे संवेदक जिनका जिला परिषद में कार्य लम्बित है निविदा में भाग नहीं ले सकते हैं ।
4. परिमाण विपत्र हेतु बैंक ड्राफ्ट **DDC-Cum-CEO, Zila Parishad, Lohardaga** के पदनाम से देय होगा, जो बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया के कोर्ट एरिया लोहरदगा शाखा (बैंक कोड-4968) में भुगतान होगा ।
उप विकास आयुक्त-सह-मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, जिला परिषद, लोहरदगा
PR 255319 (Lohardaga) 21-22 (D)

Government of Jharkhand
Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Khunti
EmailId:-eedwsd.khunti@gmail.com
Very Short Tender Notice (2nd Call)
Tender Reference No.—DWSD/KH-17/2020-21 Date-22-10-2021

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of BOQ	Time of Completion
A)	Improvement of Water supply by repairing of panel box, repairing of distribution/rising main, House Connection, Electric/Solar Submersible Motor Pump, Const. HYDT (If Include) & other miscellaneous work at different villages of Khunti District for Achieved FHTC for Mini Rural Water Supply Scheme under D.W & S. Division, Khunti for the year 2020 -21.				
1	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Sinjuri, Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
2	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Chaipi, Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
3	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Birbanki, Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
4	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Barinikel, Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
5	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Lebed, Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
6	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Kasmar, Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
7	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Sinjami (Nachal Kocha), Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
8	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Birbanki, Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
9	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Bhonada (GP), Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
10	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Kasmar (Girjatoli), Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
11	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS Tetebandu (Khas), Block- Arki.	784322.00	15700.00	1250.00	15 Days.
12	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Gittelbera, Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
13	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Marangburu (Bhusudih), Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
14	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Tilma (Khas), Block-Khunti	162376.00	3300.00	500.00	15 Days.
15	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Tarub (mouza tola), Block - Khunti	162376.00	3300.00	500.00	15 Days.
16	Retrofitting for Mini PWSS, Kasmar (Gugpiri), Block- Arki.	180857.00	3700.00	500.00	15 Days.
B)	Date of Publication Tender	23.10.2021			
C)	Date & Time for Sale of Tender Doc.	23.10.2021/10:00 A.M. to 28.10.2021/05:00 PM			
D)	Last date /Time for receipt Earnest Money & Cost of BOQ & Tender Doc. (Hard Copy)	29.10.2021/ 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM			
E)	Place for receiving tender fee & EMD (Hard Copy)	Office of the Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division, Khunti.			
F)	Date of Opening of Tender	30.10.2021/ 04:00 PM			
G)	Place of Opening Tender	Office of the Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division, Khunti.			
H)	Name & Address of Tender inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division, Khunti.			
I)	Contact No. of Procurement Office	06528-299928			

विस्तृत जानकारी प्रमंडलीय कार्यालय से कार्यालय अवधि में प्राप्त की जा सकती है ।
(ई० सुरेंद्र कुमार दिनकर) कार्यालयके अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, खूंटी।
PR 255314 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22 (D)

समाहरणालय सिमडेगा
(पंचायत शाखा)
प्रेस विज्ञप्ति
दिनांक 08.10.2021 को उपायुक्त, सिमडेगा की अध्यक्षता में सम्पन्न जिला स्थापना समिति की बैठक में लिए गए निर्णय एवं निदेशक-सह-संयुक्त सचिव, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (पंचायती राज) झारखण्ड, रांची के पत्र संख्या -447 दिनांक 25.02.2021 एवं विभागीय अधिसूचना संख्या - 395 दिनांक-19.02.2021, पत्रांक 410 दिनांक- 22.02.2021 एवं पत्रांक 1966 दिनांक 11.10.2021 के आलोक में आंशिक संशोधन करते हुए 15वें वित्त आयोग अनुदान अन्तर्गत अनुमान्य अनिवार्य गतिविधियों के संचालन के निमित्त पंचायतों में ग्रामीण निवासियों को सेवाएं प्रदान करने के क्रम में पंचायतों में कनीय अभियंता एवं लेखा लिपिक-कम्प्यूटर ऑपरटर के रूप में सेवा प्राप्त करने हेतु जिला स्तरीय पैनेल में चयन हेतु योग्य अभ्यर्थियों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं, जिनकी आरक्षण कोटिवार संख्या निम्नवत है :-

क्र०	सेवा का नाम	पद की संख्या	आरक्षण वर्ग					कैतिज आरक्षण संबंधी विवरणी
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	कनीय अभियंता	16	07	01	-	-	-	08
2	लेखा लिपिक-सह-कम्प्यूटर ऑपरटर	17	07	01	-	-	-	09

उपरोक्त रिक्त पदों के विरुद्ध नियुक्ति हेतु सुयोग्य अभ्यर्थियों से दिनांक 25.10.2021 तक अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं । इस संबंध में अन्य व्यौरा / जानकारी निम्न है :-
1. उपरोक्त पदों के लिए शैक्षणिक योग्यता उच्च सीमा, नियुक्ति की प्रक्रिया आवेदन समर्पित करने की प्रक्रिया एवं आवेदन के लिए विहित प्रपत्र, आवेदन शुल्क तथा सेवा अनुबंध पर सेवा प्राप्त करने हेतु जिला स्तरीय पैनेल निर्माण हेतु सेवा शर्त विभागीय पत्रांक 1966 दिनांक 11.10.2021 के द्वारा निर्धारित की गयी है, जिसकी प्रति इस सूचना के साथ संलग्न है ।
2. आवेदन शुल्क का भुगतान डिमांड ड्राफ्ट / बैंकर्स चेक के द्वारा किया जायेगा, जो उपायुक्त, सिमडेगा के पदनाम से सिमडेगा में भुगतान होगा । (अन्य किसी तरह से देय शुल्क मान्य नहीं होगा ।)
3. आवेदन पत्र विहित प्रपत्र में भरे जायेंगे जिसे वेबसाईट से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है । सिमडेगा जिले की वेबसाईट www.simdega.nic.in है ।
4. दोनों सेवा अनुबंध के लिए पैनेल निर्माण में राज्य सरकार द्वारा निर्गत जिलावार आरक्षण नीति लागू मानी जाएगी ।
5. स्थानीयता एवं आरक्षण का लाभ लेने हेतु अनुमण्डल पदाधिकारी अथवा उपायुक्त के स्तर से निर्गत स्थानीय निवासि प्रमाण-पत्र एवं जाति प्रमाण पत्र की स्व-अभिप्रायणित प्रति संलग्न की जाय । सभी शैक्षणिक योग्यता / अनुभव प्रमाण पत्र की स्व-अभिप्रायणित प्रति भी आवेदन के साथ संलग्न किया जाय ।
6. आवेदन पत्र हाथों-हाथ समाहरणालय, सिमडेगा के पंचायत राज कार्यालय में दिनांक 25.10.2021 के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक स्वीकार किये जाएंगे । अन्य माध्यम यथा- ई-मेल, पंजीकृत डाक, कुरियर से प्रेषित आवेदन स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा । समयवधि के बाद प्राप्त आवेदन-पत्र पद विचार नहीं किया जाएगा ।
7. ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (पंचायती राज), झारखण्ड की अधिसूचना संख्या 395 दिनांक 19.02.2021 में दिए गये अन्य शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी ।
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