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## If mustn't be regional threat: BRICS

Modi chairs meet,  
says BRICS has  
adopted plan for  
counter-terrorism

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India on Thursday outlined its priority at the BRICS summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that the forum adopted a counter-terrorism plan. Russia specifically brought in Afghanistan issue saying the situation there is "a threat to peace" and should not become "a threat to its neighbouring countries, a source of terrorism and drug trafficking."

Participating in the 13th BRICS summit chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping chose not to mention Afghanistan in his remarks.

Barring Russia, none of the attending top leaders mentioned the alarming situation in Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover with an active support of Pakistan.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said the Afghan crisis is "a threat to peace".

A statement released later by Ministry of External Affairs titled "XIII BRICS Summit:



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the BRICS Summit, via video conferencing, in New Delhi on Thursday

## 1 Covid jab 96.6% effective in preventing death: ICMR

**Efficacy of 2 shots 97.5%**

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A single dose of Covid vaccine is 96.6 per cent effective in preventing death and two Covid shots 97.5 per cent effective in checking fatality, the Health Ministry said on Thursday underscoring the need for vaccination of every individual in the country.

Presently, 58 per cent of the country's adult population has received at least one dose of coronavirus vaccine, while 18 per cent have got both the shots, the total number of jabs administered in India has crossed 72 crore.

"The vaccines are disease-modifying in that they prevent serious disease and death. They are not disease-preventing," Balram Bhargava, director general, Indian Council of Medical Research said at a Press conference here.

The data analysed is for the period between April and August and did not distinguish between the different Covid vaccines currently being administered in the country, said Dr Bhargava.

This information, along with more data on breakthrough infections, is expected to be made available on the



A medic administers Covid-19 vaccine dose to a woman at Civil Hospital in Lucknow on Thursday

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India Covid-19 vaccine tracker, which will be launched on the Health Ministry's website soon, he said.

The tracker combines data from COWIN, the national Covid-19 testing database and the Covid-19 India portal of the Health Ministry to understand the trends in vaccination.

"The data so far has shown the same effectiveness across all age groups in preventing mortality," Dr Bhargava added.

While the data shows only just about one per cent increase in effectiveness after the second dose, the Government has also appealed to people to ensure that they take the second dose of the vaccine.

Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary, added that the pace of vaccination has picked up in September, with an average of 7.8 million doses administered daily so far.

"The total number of doses given in the last nine days is more than 60 million, which was higher than the total doses given in the entire month of May," he said.

On the timelines of availability of vaccines such as Moderna and Johnson &amp; Johnson which have been given

the emergency use authorisation, VK Paul, chairman, National Covid Task Force and member-health Niti Aayog said, "There are issues around

on we have to find common ground with manufacturers."

## TN, Punjab, U'khand get new Guvs

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Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh, who retired as the Deputy Chief of Army, was on Thursday appointed the Governor of Uttarakhand, a post which fell vacant after Baby Rani Maurya tendered her resignation.

Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit has been shifted as Punjab Governor, while Centre's interlocutor and retired IPS officer RN Ravi has been shifted from Nagaland to Tamil Nadu as its new Governor.

Jagdish Mukhi, Assam Governor, has been given additional charge of the governor of Nagaland till a fresh appointment is made.

According to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communiqué, President Ram Nath Kovind accepted the resignation of Uttarakhand Governor Maurya and appointed Singh as the Governor of the State.

## Taliban plan oath ceremony on 20th anniversary of 9/11

IANS ■ KABUL

The interim Government of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) is likely to take oath of office on September 11, a day which also marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in the US in 2001.

As per reports, the newly-formed Taliban government has rolled out invitations to various countries to be part of the oath-taking ceremony, including China, Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, Qatar, India and interestingly, the US.

Taliban announced the names of their interim government officials, emphasising that



the formation in Afghanistan will be under a caretaker setup. The Taliban are seeking international recognition and have called on the countries to reopen their embassies in the war-torn nation.

"We recognise that peace and stability are must for

investments. We want good relations with all the neighbours, including China," said Zabiullah Mujahid, spokesperson for the Taliban.

"The war has ended, the country is getting out of the crisis. It is now the time for peace and reconstruction. We need people to support us. Afghanistan has the right to be recognised. The international community should open their embassies in Kabul," he added.

However, the international community is still not ready to recognise the announced interim Government of the Taliban and has raised questions over non-inclusivity of various other ethnic groups.

## We want a prosperous, peaceful, self-reliant Af:

■

Taliban supreme leader



RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

al respect and interaction. Our relations with those countries will be based on Afghanistan's highest interests and commitments that do not contradict Islamic Sharia and national values of the country, we urge the countries of the world to value strong and good political relations, diplomatic relations and good relations with us."

"Dear compatriots: Congratulations on the withdrawal of all foreign forces, the end of the occupation and the complete liberation of the country... We wish paradise to all the martyrs, healing to the wounded and disabled, healing to the imprisoned and all the suffering in the last 20 years of jihadi struggle for the freedom and establishment of the Islamic system of the country," said Haibatullah outlining the Afghan national priority under the new regime.

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On the relations with neighbours, he said, "We want strong and healthy relations with our neighbours and all other countries based on mutual

## NC leader Wazir's body found in Delhi flat

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

National Conference leader and former member of the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Council Trilochan Singh Wazir, 67, was found dead in a flat in West Delhi's Moti Nagar on Thursday. Wazir's body was found in a decomposed state. The police said they are investigating the death from all angles, including murder.

Initial investigation suggests that Wazir arrived at the Basai Darapur flat around 7-8 days ago. The flat was rented by his acquaintance Harpreet Singh, who is absconding and the police are searching for him. Tirlochan Singh was to leave on September 2 for Canada to join his family.

A senior police official said Wazir's family alerted the Jammu Police after they could not establish any contact with him for days. The Jammu Police in turn approached the Delhi Police.

"On Thursday, the Delhi



Police received a call complaining about a foul smell from a flat in Moti Nagar. A police team was rushed to the spot," a senior police official said, adding, "On reaching the spot, the police broke open the door and found a partially decomposed body in the washroom."

Meanwhile, a local resident said Harpreet Singh was last seen on Sunday when he came with a truck and left with his belongings.

"We got to know about the incident when the police came here around 7.30 am today," said local residents.

## HC stays survey of 'possible' temple under Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi

PTI ■ ALLAHABAD

The Allahabad High Court on Thursday stayed a Varanasi court order for an "archaeological survey" of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple-Gyanvapi Mosque complex for determining if any temple ever existed in place of the mosque.

Justice Prakash Padia also stayed all further proceedings before the Varanasi fast-track civil court on the plea seeking the archaeological survey of the temple-mosque complex.

Justice Padia stayed the Varanasi civil court order, ruling that the subordinate court passed its order ignoring the fact that the high court had reserved its verdict on the plea challenging the maintainability of the suit which had been filed earlier in the lower court for the survey.

The High Court gave its order on two pleas, filed respectively by the Uttar Pradesh Waqf Board and Anjuman Intiazamia Masazid, Varanasi, challenging the April



plaintiffs in the Original Suit for the survey by Archaeological Survey of India," Justice Padia added.

"In the opinion of this court, the court below should have waited for the verdict on the petitions pending before the High Court and not proceeded further in the matter till a judgement was delivered," he said.

The High Court also directed that till the next date of hearing all further proceedings on the suit pending before the lower court for the survey of the twin shrine complex shall remain stayed.

## IIT-M retains top varsity spot for 3rd year in row

### IISc Bengaluru secures top spot among research institutions in India: NIRF

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The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, (IIT-M), has retained the top spot among institutes all over India for the third consecutive year, whereas the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, has secured the top spot among the research institutions, according to the Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

In the universities category, IISc Bengaluru bagged the top spot followed by JNU and



BHU at second and third rank.

While seven IITs — IIT Madras, IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, IIT Guwahati and IIT Roorkee — figured in the top 10 in the overall rankings, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Banaras Hindu University (BHU) were ranked ninth and tenth in the overall rankings.

Among colleges, Miranda House of Delhi University has

been ranked the best college in the country. Lady Sri Ram College for Women also from DU, and Loyola College, Chennai, are placed at second and third ranks respectively.

Delhi University's St Stephen's College, Hindu College and Shri Ram College of Commerce, have been ranked eighth, ninth and tenth.

## Universities, colleges to open from September 15 in State: Higher Edu Minister

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Higher Education Minister Mohan Yadav informed that the academic activities of all the universities and colleges of the State will start from September 15, 2021 along with physical presence of students. He said that there would be 100 per cent attendance of academic and non-teaching staff in all colleges and universities. Classes will be conducted with 50 per cent attendance of students. Yadav told that it will be mandatory for the academic and non-educational staff and students of the college to submit the certificate of first dose of Covid-19 vaccination.

Yadav has given instructions to carry out practical and academic work by forming separate groups on the basis of safety standards of Covid-19 at each level in case the number of students is more. He said that the concerned institu-

tions would be bound to take major decisions in this regard in the context of the availability of infrastructure and the local conditions. He said that online classes will also continue to be conducted by the educational institutions. Yadav has issued instructions to ensure that the educational institutions make separate timetables for offline and online classes.

Higher Education Minister Mohan Yadav informed that libraries will also be opened in all educational institutions for students. Only registered students will be given admission. Before entering the library, the employees/students have been instructed to ensure physical temperature, mandatory use of masks, sanitizing hands and following social distancing in the library as per the Covid protocol. There will be 50 per cent attendance in the library study room.



A young girl carries an idol of Lord Ganesh for installation on the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Bhopal on Thursday

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# Medi-caps University signs MoU with top US institute

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grammed Colorado Global school, USA.

The Medi-caps University, a university of excellence, inspiring value-based education, research and development, has entered an international collaboration with renowned Institute in USA Colorado Global School, Colorado (USA).

The signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was held online in the presence of Dr D K Patnaik, Vice Chancellor, Dr D K Panda, Pro vice

chancellor, Dr S D Upadhyay, Prof. Incharge, Collaborations, Medi-Caps University.

Prof. Shrineth Cunanan President & CEO, Prof. Bryan Smith, School Director, Dr.

Wayne Buller, Vice President, P. r o f .

Fathia Barkadle, Prof. Laurie Coons-Smith, Head, CLP pro-

grammed Colorado Global school, USA.

Welcoming the partner-

ship, Dr. Shineth Cunanan, President of CGS, USA, said,

"It gives us immense pleasure in signing a MOU with Medi-caps University. Now our students will get a good opportunity to learn the Indian value system. We are in the process of materializing projects that will help both the countries advance in the fields of science, technology and business."

Dr. Wayne Buller, Vice-President of CGS, USA, said,

"We always look forward to meaningful partnerships and collaborations with overseas universities and Medicaps University is a name to reckon with in terms of educational opportunities and exposure provided to the students."

We are assured that our

students will gain insights into the wonderful Indian culture through their experience at Medicaps University."

As part of this MOU, Medi-caps University plans to offer

students, in India, various

interesting scholarly and

cultural student exchange pro-

grams.

The significance of such

programmes in this day and

age of globalization cannot be

overstated.

They provide the students

a unique opportunity to

explore the world and gain

wide international exposure.

Keeping this fact in mind,

Medicaps University has a dedi-

cated International Relation

office to facilitate the students

with such opportunities,

Honorable vice chancellor

Medicaps university Dr. D K

Patnaik said in a statement.

## Sham-e-Mausiqi, dastangoi organised

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Dastangoi and Sham-e-Mausiqi was organized under Gamak on Thursday.

On Thursday online Dastangoi and Sham-e-Mausiqi programme was organized under Gamak (Presentations of Art Variations) under Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy, Sanskriti Parishad, Department of Culture.

In the beginning of the programme, Director of Urdu Academy, Nusrat Mehdi, while giving information about the program said that as you all know that Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy has always tried to revive the arts which are extinct.

Taking steps in the same direction, this time we have also included Dastangoi in the game. While another senior artist is being given a chance in the Gamak program, new tal-

ents are also being provided a platform so that they can also be encouraged.

Under the same sequence, in today's program, under Dastangoi, 'Bhopal's youth Dastangoi and historian Sikandar Malik are presenting the story on the subject of 'Dara Shikoh: The bearer of the common culture of India', while on the other hand the worship under Sham-e-Mausiqi Sarang Tyagi is giving a cultural presentation of Ghazals.

Sikandar Malik presented the story based on the life of Dara Shikoh in his familiar style. The Kalam sung by Upasana Sarang Tyagi were the compositions by Dushyant Kumar, Sudarshan Fakir, Narayan Agarwal, Qateel Shifai.

At the end of the program Director Nusrat Mehdi greeted all the audience. The programme was conducted by Padma Bhandari.

## Appaa Chengrizi's talents shine through

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Appaa Chengrizi, a film producer, writer and music composer, does seem to have a fantastic relation to the music and cinema industries who consolidates writing, music, and film to communicate his thoughts to the rest of the world.

Born in Siliguri in the State of West Bengal, Appaa Chengrizi at a young age, exhibited great promise as his originality peeked through in practically every assignment he completed. This one was when he became known for his movies and musical compositions.

Career wise Appaa Chengrizi's profession as an international producer took off with the films Die Cody Die (2011), Bury the Sky (2012), The Hobo and the Clown (2013), Follow (2013), Massacre at Femur Creek (2014), and Infirmitiy (2016) are just a few of his notable

films. After the notoriety of these films reached the international box office, it reinforced his reputation in industry and solidified Appaa Chengrizi's status as a producer. In the sphere of music, his next big project is the song 'Kare Mora Piya', where he could be seen as a singer and a music composer, precisely launching him into India's most prominent entertainment platform, the Bollywood Music Industry. Appaa Chengrizi with his talent and ingenuity, he is now a budding film producer and musical artist with the potential to grow much bigger in the future.



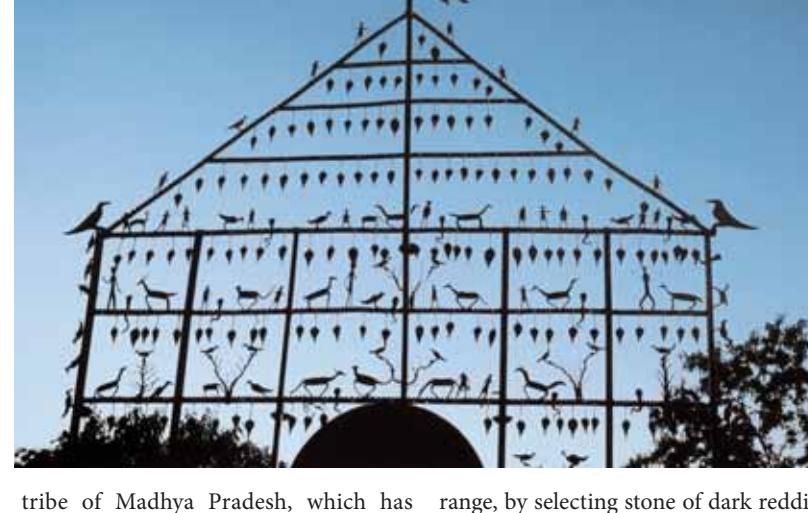
## Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya presents online exhibition of Origin Myth of Agaria Tribe

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Under the 65th series of its online exhibition by Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, today presented the Origin Myth of Agaria Tribe situated in the Mythological Trail Open air exhibition of Manav Sangrahalaya has been presented online with its basic information and photographs and videos.

About this exhibition, Praveen Kumar Mishra, Director, IGRMS said that - Necessity is the mother of invention, justifying this statement human made new discoveries from time to time and tried to overcome his problems. During prehistoric times stone tools and discovery of fire were made to meet their daily needs. With the passage of time the invention of wheel and metal tools brought revolutionary changes in human life. And the discovery of iron proved to be a milestone.

In ancient literature there is mentioned about the iron smelting and people associated with this profession. Agaria tribe is one of them who were traditional iron smelters. This tribe largely inhabited in Mandla, Dindori, Balaghat and Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh and adjoining districts of Bilaspur, Rajgarh, Kawardha districts of Chhattisgarh. Agaria is the only



tribe of Madhya Pradesh, which has worked in stone-iron mining since ancient times. The same Agaria people used to undertake the manufacture of iron tools also. But only a few Agaria are still following their traditional occupation of iron smelting and other few makes agricultural implements.

They get iron ore from the Maikal

range, by selecting stone of dark reddish colour. They mix ore with charcoal in equal quantities in the furnace, the blast being produced by a pair of bellows and conveyed to the furnace through bamboo tubes. This process is continued steadily for hours. Soon as the flow of slag ceases, it is supposed that the process is over.



Women devotees of Nepali Pashupatinath Samaj celebrate Hartalika Teej festival at Pashupatinath Temple in Bhopal on Thursday

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## Gandhi Nagar police nab two vehicle lifters

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Gandhi Nagar police have grabbed two vehicle-lifters from Aerocity and recovered three two-wheelers worth Rs 2 lakh from their possession on Wednesday.

According to the police, acting on a tip off regarding two persons with vehicles near Aerocity police team reached the spot and detained the two and when they were asked details regarding the vehicle they confessed that the two-wheelers were stolen one.

The nabbed accused was identified as Tarun Gujarati (22) of Gandhi Nagar behind Government School, Vinod (25) of Arjun Ward Gandhi Nagar.

In the initial investigation police nabbed the accused and later recovered three vehicles from his possession which were stolen from different areas.

The friends and family members would be questioned in the investigation which could help in obtaining more details of earlier crimes and involvement in other crimes. Police said that the abandoned spaces were used to park the stolen bike.

The number of two-wheelers stolen and disposed are yet to be revealed and is under investigation. During the investigation police have not found any criminal record of the miscreant and told that search for the crime record would be done in the further investigation.

Police said that the three vehicles stolen were Hero Deluxe MP04FD2537, BAJAJ PULSAR KRN MP04DJ8269 and Honda Shine MP04FG5122. The police have started search for other accomplices who have helped the accused in stealing and disposing the vehicles.

## Talaiya police arrest fraudster

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Talaiya police have arrested a 53-year-old fraudster and wanted accused involved in over half a dozen cases of fraud and criminal breach of trust; accused was absconding for the past 10 months and was having a reward of Rs 6000 on providing their information.

Police said the accused was nabbed under campaign to nab fraudsters, accused identified as Anwar Baig of Patra Parighat Talaiya. The accused had past crime record and has been booked for over a dozen cases, most of them are of fraud related with property dealing.

Among the recent fraud and crime Fari Faizan Ali of Monti Bhawan Talaiya was duped to the tune of Rs 16 lakh for getting a flat registered but

## Scindia announces 100-day plan for aviation sector

PNS ■ GWALIOR

which was never done. In the month of December 2020 police registered a case of fraud. Another victim Farooq Khan of Aloki Press Road while giving possession after the registry was done accused colluded and kept his aide Tanveer Ahmed in the house. Based on the complaint by victim police registered case of fraud and criminal breach of trust against both the accused but before they could be nabbed two went absconding. In the month of February this year Anwar Ul Hasan was duped to the tune of Rs 5 lakh in the name of providing a shop in 6 months but never provided the shop.

For the three crimes a reward of Rs 2000 each was declared by police. Talaiya, Kotwali, Jehangirabad police have booked accused for over half a dozen cases.

also been announced.

The Union Minister also said that the construction of the Khushi Nagar airport has been completed while construction of airport in Jewar has commenced. He added that the airports in Agartala and Dehradun will be undergoing major expansion programs.

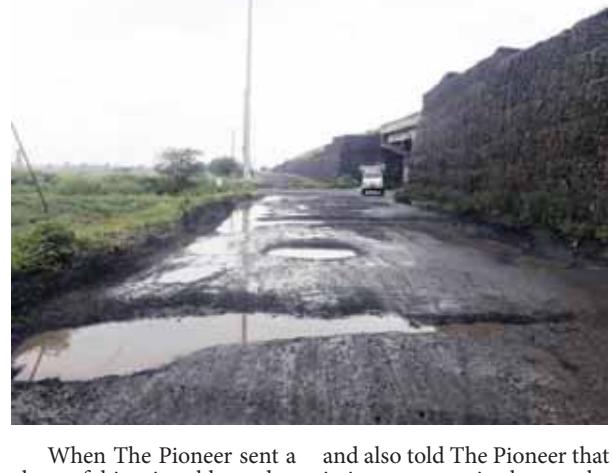
On the COVID-19 pandemic, the minister said that, like many other sectors, the civil aviation sector too has been adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and is slowly coming on the recovery path. He added that despite the pandemic expansion of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademy has been completed and that 93% of pilot licenses has been issued.

## Service roads to NH 59 in Indore in miserable conditions

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Road and people from Pithampur industrial area and Pithampur Neemuch four lane ascends and descends from NH 59 by this service slip road.

The two-service slip road is for ascending the NH 59 from either side and two service slip road are for descending from NH 59 on Pithampur Neemuch four lane. Out of this four service slip roads two roads are permanently closed the one is out of order and the fourth one-way service slip road which is used presently as two-way road is full of big potholes water logged areas uneven surface which makes it very difficult for the four wheelers to move on this road and very often there is a traffic jam on this service slip road.



When The Pioneer sent a photo of this miserable road to Director NHAI Madhya Pradesh Vivek Jaiswal he immediately ordered the operator IVRCL to repair the roads and also told The Pioneer that it is a gross mistake on the operator side to keep service road miserable and the NHAI will terminate the operator IVRCL.

# Endurance celebrates Teachers' Day, felicitates educators

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL



Endurance-Voice of Teachers is an academic institute based in Delhi, NCR. Claiming to be the best in education, they threw a celebration soiree on the occasion of Teacher's Day. The sole purpose of the celebration was to pay their respects to every educator who is an expert in different areas of studies. The institution is a safe space for teachers who struggle relentlessly by getting exploited in several private institutions in the country. It is a movement that BCG Networks started to empower educators all over the country to become self-reliant and independent. Director of Endurance, Madame Mona, was quoted saying, "Every teacher is indeed a unique soul equipped with unique skills and techniques that eventually drive us to do well for ourselves and society. Teachers don't impact for a year, but for a lifetime."

The occasion took off with

the worship of the Goddess of wisdom, career and learning arts, Saraswati. After a small ritual, a few dignitaries gathered from renowned schools, including the Principal & Teachers. A wonderful evening full of fun, games, laughter followed by a Felicitation

Ceremony took place right after. Various guests from institutions like Cambridge School - Noida, Delhi Public School, CHSP, Sanskar World, DWPS, BLS World School etc., also made an appearance.

The festival included every aspect of respect for educators

who were present there. It was a homage to teachers who saw and lived every experience of being an educator in the country. Teachers' Day is seen as a day of paying respect to every pedagogue out there who is shaping the minds of their pupils.

## Chief Minister Chouhan holds discussions on ethanol policy

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The proposed ethanol poli-

cy was discussed under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Thursday.

Chouhan said that this policy should be decided after comparative study of other states. Establishment of units for manufacturing ethanol from maize, paddy and sugar-cane etc. will be considered in Madhya Pradesh. Incentive provisions will also be made to realize the investment potential in this sector.

Chouhan said that the interest of the state should be at the centre of the policy. After necessary deliberations on all points, necessary cooperation will be obtained by contacting the Central Government. Chief Minister Chouhan said that he will also discuss with the concerned Ministries of the Central Government and Union Ministers.



Social activist Medha Patkar along with other activists participates in a 'National Environment Parliament' protesting against Ken-Betwa Link Project demanding to save Buxwha forests and Panna Tiger Reserve, under the Save Environment campaign in Bhopal on Thursday

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## Catholics celebrate birth anniversary of Mother Mary in Bhopal

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Catholics from all over the world celebrates the birth anniversary of Mother Mary. This festival is celebrated every year.

Catholics of Bhopal also celebrated this birth anniversary by attending the prayer service from their respective churches following Covid norms. Before the day of celebration, there is a special prayer called Novena for 9 days. This Novena is dedicated to "Mata Velankanni". The special devotees of Mother Mary complete this novena with fasting and sacrifice for nine days. On the birth day customary procession of Mother Mary's tableau is usually taken out. During this procession, other religious people also pour flowers on the tableau of Mother Mary, which exemplifies communal harmony. But due to Covid-19 the

procession is being cancelled this year.

During the nine days of prayer, the devotees believe that the mother of Velankanni, who is also called the Mother of Good health, intercede for the good health of family and friends. Special prayers are also offered to save the country from Corona virus.

As per the history, Mother Mary appeared to people in Fatima, Lourdes and Velankanni. Velankanni is a world recognized pilgrimage centre for the devotees of all religions. The story goes back saying the sailors were saved from the storm and cyclone in sea through the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary. Later the sailors built a small church at Velankanni village in honour of Mother Mary. So many miracles including healing the sick are witnessed by number of people.

## MP becomes first State to implement cyber crisis management plan

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

first state in the country whose load dispatch Centre has also been certified by ISO 27001, which is awarded for compliance with cyber security.

Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar has congratulated the engineers of Power Transmission Company on this achievement. He said that The advantage of implementing this system is that the entire system of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company will be safe from external cyber-attacks and no one will be able to tamper the power system of the state through hacking or virus. In last year, Mumbai's electricity system was a victim of this cyber-attack, due to which there was power outage in Mumbai for hours. It was only after this incident that instructions were given by the Central Government to prepare such cyber security to the power sectors of the entire country. It is a matter of pride for Madhya Pradesh that

In preparing this system, the Chief Engineer of State Load Despatch Centre Jabalpur, Eng. K.K. Prabhakar and Superintending Engineer Eng. Rajesh Gupta's effort was remarkable. Without their extraordinary commitment it was not possible to develop such an international level system in-house & without hiring any expert's consultant.

## Pehchan Samaroh to be organised in city

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Pehchan Samaroh based on folk culture and tradition will be organised in city.

Folk drama expresses culture, sentiments and stories. Music, acting, dialogues, poetry, songs are present in this and the country has a rich tradition of folk dramas.

Every state of the country has some or the other folk drama genre. In these folk plays, there is an opportunity to see, hear and understand the colors of geography and the culture of the

surroundings.

In these folk tales, a pehchan ceremony centered on the folk plays, is being organized. The three-day event is being organized by Tribal Arts and Language Development Academy.

In this regard, Dharmendra Pare, director of the Academy, said that on the first day of the recognition ceremony, on September 10, the story of King Vikramaditya would be presented in Mach style under the direction of Krishna Varma of Ujjain.

On the second day on September 11, Hardaul will be presented in the Nautanki style, which is being directed by Akbar Khan of Gwalior. On the last day on September 12, there will be a presentation of Surah in disguise style.

This presentation is being directed and conceptualized by Sandeep Srivastava of Tikamgarh. The presentation will be broadcast online daily from 5.30 pm. Which viewers can see the YouTube channel and Facebook page of mtribalmuseum.

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## Bhopal Municipal Corporation Swachh Bharat Mission (Civil)

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Bhopal, Date: 09.09.2021

Tender for online submission are invited on website [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) under "Live Tender" and Department Name "Bhopal Municipal Corporation" for following work. Detailed NIT, Tender Schedule and other information can be seen on the website [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in).

| S.NO. | System NIT No.    | Name of Work  | Tender Cost (In Rs.) |
|-------|-------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1     | 2021_UAD_151489_3 | Providing and laying of water pipe line Ghoda Pachhad Dam to MSW Adampur Chawani (3rd Call) | 2,74,53,601/-        |

Corrigendum and Amendment for above NIT shall not be issued separately in newspaper & correction if any, would be published on website only.

T.N 585/021/022

Superintending Engineer (SMB)  
Municipal Corporation Bhopal

## HDFC BANK LTD.

HDFC BANK Regd. Office : HDFC Bank House, Senapati, Bapat Marg, Lower Parel Mumbai 400013  
Branch Office : BINA Sagar MP

### DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act-2002 (SARFAESI ACT, 2002) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of the power conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act, read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer has issued Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of the said Act on 05/07/2021 sent through Regd. Post, calling upon the following Borrower(s) the "said Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to HDFC Bank Ltd, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest cost, incidental expenses, charges etc. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents / writings, if any, executed by the said borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to HDFC Bank Ltd. by the said Borrower(s).

| S. No. | Name & Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor/Loan Account Number  | Demand Notice & Amount with NPA Date   | Description of the Property with Boundaries  |
|--------|--|--|--|
| 1.     | 1. Mr. Souveer Jain S/o Mr. Santosh Jain<br>2. Mr. Santosh Kumar Jain S/o Mr. Dalchand Jain<br>3. Ms. Maitihai Jain W/o Santosh Kumar Jain<br>Address : 744 ward 14 Naya Bajar Road, Matlhone Sagar 464240, Also at : Village Bhaghnoliya, Gram Panchayat Andela, Tehsil Matlhone District Sagar MP 470441<br>4. Gurudeep Singh Sisodia S/o Surendra Singh Sisodia Purana Bazar Matlhone Sagar 4642002<br>Account No. 50200028655340, 50200028680650, 50200028679231.  | Notice Date 05-07-2021<br><br>Total Amount 80,84,350.93<br><br>NPA Date 01-04-2021 | Village Bhaghnoliya, Gram Panchayat Andela, Tehsil Matlhone District Sagar MP (Mouja Bhaghnoliya NB-222, PH- 113, Khasara- 20/2, RNM, Vikash khand / Tehsil- Matlhone Dist Sagar)<br>Area : 3700 Sq.ft., Boundaries : On the East: Agriculture Land of Souveer Jain, On the West : Matlhone Bina Road, On the North : Agriculture Land, On the South : Petrol pump |
| 2.     | 1. M/s. Arilhant Petroleum Proprietor Mr. Souveer Jain S/o Mr. Santosh Jain, Address : Village -Bagonia, Tehsil- Matlhone Bina Road, Bina Sagar 470441(MP)<br>2. Mr. Souveer Jain S/o Mr. Santosh Jain<br>744 Ward 14 Naya Bajar Road, Matlhone Sagar 464240<br>Also At : Village Bhaghnoliya, gram panchayat Andela, Tehsil Matlhone District Sagar MP 470441<br>3. Mr. Santosh Kumar Choudhary S/o Mr. Dal chand Choudhary, 744 Ward 14 Choudhary Mohalla Matlhone Khuria, Sagar 470441<br>Account No. 50200045139412. | Notice Date 05-07-2021<br><br>Total Amount 13,06,736.00<br><br>NPA Date 09-09-2020 | Village Bhaghnoliya, Gram Panchayat Andela, Tehsil Matlhone District Sagar MP (Mouja Bhaghnoliya NB-222, PH- 113, Khasara- 20/2, RNM, Vikash khand/ Tehsil- Matlhone Dist Sagar)<br>Area : 3700 Sq.ft., Boundaries : On the East Agriculture Land of Souveer Jain, On the West Matlhone Bina Road, On the North Agriculture Land, On the South Petrol pump         |

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to HDFC Bank Ltd. as aforesaid, HDFC Bank Ltd. shall proceed against the above secured assets under section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrower(s) are prohibited u/s 13(13) of the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease etc. and encumber in any other way, without the prior written consent of HDFC Bank Ltd. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said act of Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act. Please note that no further notice will be issued.

Place : GWALIOR M.P.  
Date : 10-09-2021

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)  
HDFC Bank Ltd.

## DTC to have multi-level parking facilities for buses

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government will develop Multi-Level Bus Parking facilities at various Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) sites. These bus parkings will be uniquely designed and will be a first in the history of Delhi.

The project executed by the National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC) will also aim to develop two prime DTC Depot sites- Hari Nagar and Vasant Vihar into world-class depots with twice the current parking capacity as well as retail spaces.

These depots are designed with a vibration isolation system with the use of steel helical springs, after noise and vibration impact analyses and a 45 degree angle that would enable 10-15 per cent more buses to be parked at each depot. These design considerations have been made after detailed research of similar projects abroad and live case studies and simulations.

energy model, will undoubtedly put Delhi on the list of the world's top cities in public transport and transport infrastructure."

The depots at Hari Nagar I and II, and Vasant Vihar that constitute an area of 5 acres and 6.21 acres respectively, currently house 100 and 230 buses each. They will be able to accommodate 330 and 400 buses each over four and seven floor depots after the redevelopment. These depots will also account for basement parkings of over 2.6 lakh square feet, accommodating over 690 cars and retail spaces.

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# 100-day plan to boost aviation sector unveiled

Press Information Bureau  
National Media Centre



Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M Scindia addresses a Press conference on Maintenance Repair and Operations (MROs), Flying Training Organisation (FTO) and 100 days target of the Ministry, in New Delhi on Thursday

RANJAN DIMPRI / THE PIONEER

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**U**nion Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Thursday announced a 100-day (from August 30 to November 30) ambitious roadmap to improve the aviation infrastructure in India. Under the plan, four new airports at Agartala, Kushinagar, Jhewar in Greater Noida, and a second terminal building at Dehradun — will be constructed in the next 100 days. Six helipads and commissioning of 50 new commercial routes under the Udan scheme too are part of the plan.

Addressing a press conference, Scindia said the Centre has allocated ₹255 crore to make Kushinagar airport in Uttar Pradesh operational and landing and take-off of Airbus 321 Boeing 737 flights. "Kushinagar will become the focal point of Buddhist tourism circuit," he said.

Once this airport begins

operating international flights, it will become third functional international facility in the state. At present, two international airports — Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport at Lucknow and Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport at Varanasi — are operational in the state while another one is coming up at Jhewar in Gautambudh Nagar.

The minister said a new terminal will come up at Dehradun airport in Uttarakhand, to facilitate passenger capacity from the existing 250 to 1,800 after the Centre pumped in ₹457 crore for its upgradation. He also said that Agartala airport will also be upgraded to increase its capacity from 500 passengers per hour to 1,200 per hour at an estimated cost of Rs 490 crore.

He said a new airport at Jhewar in Uttar Pradesh will come up and the government has earmarked ₹30,000 crore for

it. The airport is expected to have a capacity of two crore passengers every year.

Out of the 50 new routes under UDAN, 30 new routes will be launched by October, the minister said. Of the 30 new routes, Alliance Air will launch six new routes, IndiGo and SpiceJet will launch four new routes each. In addition, Big Charter and Star Air will launch eight new routes each. The minister said he has set infrastructure and policy targets which will be implemented by November 30. Scindia confirmed that 50 new routes will be launched under the centre's regional connectivity scheme Udan.

The minister also said that the probe report on the plane crash at Kozhikode airport last year will be made public in the next couple of days.

As the Government moves ahead with Air India disinvestment, Scindia said the deadline for submission of financial bids will be September 15, indicating that there will be no extension for submitting the bids.

While he announced a new policy for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) activities, he asked for VAT on ATF (Air Turbine Fuel) to be rationalised within the range of 1-4%. ATF price is a key component that has a bearing on the operating cost of airlines.

Scindia also said the probe report of the plane crash at Kozhikode airport last year has been submitted to the civil aviation ministry. The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) probed the accident.

## Bolstering security need of hour in face of Af uncertainty: Rajnath

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Strengthening security and achieving self-reliance is a necessity in the face of uncertainty across the globe including Afghanistan, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday.

He made these observations after presiding over the induction ceremony of indigenously designed and developed medium range surface to air missile (MRSAM) into the IAF at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

Underlining the need for self-reliance, Rajnath said,

"Whether it is South China Sea, Indian Ocean region, Indo-Pacific region or Central Asia, we can see uncertainty everywhere. The current developments in Afghanistan are one such example," he said.

Cautioning that the global scenario is changing very quickly and in an unexpected way, the minister said the equations between the nations are also changing quickly as per their interests. He said the changing geopolitics is affecting trade, economy, as well as the current security scenario. "In such a situation, the strength of our security and our self-reliance is not an achievement, but a necessity."

As regards manufacturing weapon systems, Rajnath said from being tagged as number one defence importer in the world, India today is supplying defence systems and sub-systems to foreign countries and it is something worth to be proud of.

The MRSAM (IAF) is an advanced network centric com-



bat Air Defence System developed jointly by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) in collaboration with the Indian industry comprising of private and public sectors including MSMEs.

Terming the production of the MRSAM as a "game changer in the air-defence system," Rajnath reiterated the government's resolve to strengthen the security infrastructure of the country to deal with any challenges arising out of the rapidly changing global strategic scenario.

Rajnath also reaffirmed the government's commitment to bolster the technological base through indigenous research, design and development, with focus on 'Make in India, Make for the world'.

The minister described the development of MRSAM system as a shining example of the close partnership between India and Israel, adding that handing over of the system to IAF has taken this decades-old friendship to greater heights. It has played an important role in strengthening the defence industrial base of India and Israel, he added.

## India, Oz to hold 2+2 dialogue from today to strengthen Def ties

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Signifying the growing defence and strategic ties between India and Australia, the two countries will hold the first 2+2 dialogue here for two days starting Friday. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will hold parleys with their Australian counterparts Peter Dutton and Marise Payne.

The dialogue comes at a time when the navies of the two countries are involved in a highly complex naval drill off the Australian coast. Moreover, the two navies, along with the US and Japanese navies some weeks back, took part in the Malabar series of exercises in the Western Pacific. Australian Navy also took part in the Malabar series of exercises off the Indian coast last year underlining the growing relations between the Quad nations comprising these four nations.

Giving details of the forthcoming dialogue, the external affairs ministry (MEA) said here on Thursday, the parleys on September 11 will cover a range of bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.

People familiar with the preparations for the dialogue said the two sides are expected to focus extensively on further ramping up the overall defence and security ties and boost strategic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. China has all along opposed the Quad exercises claiming this will lead to militarization of the area. China is flexing its maritime muscle there.

"The inaugural 2+2 min-



**The two-plus-two dialogue between the Foreign and Defence Ministers was instituted as part of an overall goal to expand strategic cooperation between the two countries**

expected to be on boosting overall cooperation in the Indo-Pacific in the face of China's growing military assertiveness in the region, the people cited above said.

Expanding bilateral cooperation in areas of maritime security is expected to be another area of focus at the two-plus-two dialogue, sources said here.

The two-plus-two dialogue between the foreign and defence ministers was instituted as part of an overall goal to expand strategic cooperation between the two countries.

The defence and military cooperation between India and Australia is on an upswing in the last few years. In June last year, India and Australia elevated their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership and signed a landmark deal for reciprocal access to military bases for logistics support during the online summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison.

## EC announces bypolls for 6 Rajya Sabha seats

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**T**he Election Commission (EC) on Thursday announced bypolls for six Rajya Sabha seats that have fallen vacant due to various reasons. Except for Puducherry, four Rajya Sabha seats fell vacant after the resignation of members due to various reasons while the representative from Maharashtra, Rajeev Satav, passed away in May due to post-Covid complications.

According to the EC, two seats from Tamil Nadu and one each from West Bengal, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra will go to the Karnatak Governor in July.

The two seats in Tamil Nadu fell vacant due to the resignation of AIADMK leaders K P Munusamy and R Vaithilingam who are now members of the Tamil Nadu legislative assembly. The West Bengal Rajya Sabha seat fell



Sabha (RS) seat got vacant after resignation of TMC leader and cabinet minister in West Bengal government Manas Ranjan Bhunia.

In Assam, the seat held by assembly speaker Biswajit Daimary fell vacant after he resigned from the membership of the upper house of Parliament and his earlier party, the Bodoland People's Front, and joined the BJP before the recent polls in the state. The BJP may field Union

**The Maharashtra seat got vacant due to the death of Congress leader Rajeev Satav**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

minister Sarbananda Sonowal from the Assam seat as he is yet to become a member of either house of Parliament.

The Maharashtra seat got vacant due to the death of Congress leader Rajeev Satav in May this year due to Covid-19 infection. In Puducherry, the RS seat will fall vacant soon as the term of incumbent member N Gokulakrishnan ends on October 6.

The EC said in its order that all "broad guidelines of Covid-19" have to be followed during the election process that is from the time of issue of notification to the counting of votes. "The chief secretaries of states concerned are being directed to depute a senior officer from the state to ensure that the extant instructions regarding Covid-19 containment measures are complied with while making arrangements for conducting the election," the EC said.

## Straddle carrier, girder transporter to help faster execution of Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project



Minister, Embassy of Japan, Suneet Sharma, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, Satish Agnihotri, MD, NHRCL and others.

Addressing the gathering, Vaishnav stated that to encourage Atma Nirbhara Bharat Abhiyan initiative, full span launching equipment of 1100MT capacity is indigenously designed.

More than 97 percent land has been acquired for the project in Gujarat and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and 30 percent land in Maharashtra. This project will improve skillset in various rail construction technologies. Japanese counterparts will provide training to National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited employees and also to contractors.

More than 6,000 workers are already working at various construction sites for the project, thus creating employment opportunities for the local

youth, informed the Rail Minister.

He further stated that the Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project expected to create more than 90,000 jobs in this area including 51,000 jobs for technicians, skilled and unskilled workers. This project will boost the overall economy of the area by deploying 1000s of trucks, dumpers, excavators, batching plants, tunneling equipment and so on.

For the construction of viaduct superstructures of 508 km long, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project (MAHSR), the State-of-the-Art construction methodologies like Full Span Launching Methodology (FSLM) will be adopted. This technology will expedite the process of launching girders as the precast girders of full span length will be erected as a single piece for double track viaduct.

## Plea seeking filling of vacant NHRC posts junked

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

**T**he Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed a plea seeking directions to fill vacant posts at the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

A bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao noted that former apex court judge Justice Arun Mishra has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission.

"In view of subsequent events of appointment of chairman and members this petition has become infructuous," the bench also comprising Justice B R Gavai said.

During the brief hearing, the petitioner told the bench that chairperson and members have been appointed and only two posts are lying vacant.

The apex court then asked, "Chairperson has been

**States told to disclose stock of edible oilseeds**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Appointed, why should we keep it pending. The matter has become infructuous."

The top court was hearing a plea filed by lawyer Radhakant Tripathi seeking a direction to fill vacant posts at the National Human Rights Commission.

Justice Mishra is also the first non-CJI to be appointed to the NHRC chief post since the amendment of the Protection of Human Rights Act in 2019.

The post of NHRC chairperson was lying vacant after Justice H L Dattu, a former Chief Justice of India (CJI), completed his tenure in December last year.

Rajiv Jain, former director of the Intelligence Bureau, and Justice M M Kumar, former chief justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court have also joined as members of the commission.

**No scientific support to inoculate all kids**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**A**mid skyrocketing edible oil prices, the Centre has asked States to take disclosures of stock of edible oilseeds and oils with the millers and stockists and review weekly monitoring of prices to check hoardings and to ensure transparency in the availability of edible oils and oilseeds.

A high level meeting of the ministry of food is expected on Friday. Officials said that despite reduction in the import duty, a sudden surge in the prices have been observed, which may be due to hoardings by the stockist.

In a letter to chief secretaries, Principal Secretaries and Commissioners Food and Civil Supplies of states and union territories, Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs' economic advisor Manisha Sen Sarma has asked states government to direct stockholders, millers, traders, refiners and wholesalers to declare stocks of edible oils and oilseeds and the same should be verified by the stockists to keep prices under control. "This is not a stock limitation order of any kind," officials added.

As per the data shared by the ministry of consumer affairs a few days back, the average monthly retail prices of groundnut oil increased by 19.24% in July over the same month last year.

## Security of J&K scanned

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**U**nion Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday chaired a high level review meeting on the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and development projects being implemented.

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, NSA Ajit Doval, Army Chief General M M Naravane, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, Director of Intelligence Bureau Arvinda Kumar, R&AW chief Samant Goel, BSF DG Pankaj Singh and CRPF chief Kuldip Singh attended the meeting.

The meeting is believed to have discussed about the political and security implications in the Kashmir valley following the death of hardline Hurriyat Conference chairman Syed Ali Shah Geelani and latest situation in Afghanistan. There have been reports that Pakistani-based terror groups Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba -- both active in Jammu and Kashmir and involved in a large number of terror attacks in the past -- have shifted their bases to Afghanistan with a friendly Taliban regime in place.

The Home Minister reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and steps being taken to check infiltration from across the border and maintain peace in the union territory, official sources said.

## 2nd wave not yet over, says Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**W**ith the Covid caseload crossing over 40,000 and country's 35 districts still reporting weekly positivity rate of over 10 percent and 30 districts between 5-10 per cent, the Government on Thursday asserted that the second wave is not yet over in many regions and people should observe a low key celebration of the upcoming festivals, that too, at homes. The Centre asked the States to increase the pace of vaccination with special focus on vaccinating the vulnerable population.

The warning comes as Kerala witnesses a surge of infections from its recent celebration of its biggest festival, Onam, which also marks the unofficial beginning of India's festive season that lasts till the end of the year. "People should not let their guards down as the second wave of the pandemic is yet to end. Low key celebrations of festivals should be encouraged to avoid the spread. Responsible travel rather than revenge travel should be practiced."

"People should be following all the Covid appropriate guidelines from maintaining social and physical distance to wearing masks," Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said.

| Name and Address of the Borrower/s   | Loan Amount       | Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding                                       | Description of the property / Secured Asset   |
|--|-------------------|--|---|
| LOAN ACCOUNT NO. XOHEDET00002358982 BROWNER & CO-BROWNERS- 1. Sikka Promoters Pvt. Ltd. C-60 Sikka House Vikas Marg Preet Vihar, New Delhi 110092. | Rs. 7,00,00,000/- | 08/09/2021 & Rs. 7,01,83,579.76/- as on 08/09/2021 with further interest thereon | All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. - B-125 measuring 560 Sq. yds built up on Plot No.39 and 38 situated in the area of Village Sidhpur in the abadi of Hardiyepur, 100 Road near Durgapur, Ilaga Shahdara, Delhi which is bounded as under: East Plot No. 37, West Plot No. 39, North Galli 10' wide South Road 100' wide. |

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

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

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

**Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**  
Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001.

# CPI(M) unhappy over Jaleel's comments

Jaleel alleged that Kunhalikutty had used AR Nagar Cooperative Bank in Malappuram for money laundering

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Kerala's political skyline is in for a change though it is too early to predict when it would happen. It has started melting in the ties between the CPI(M) and the Muslim League.

K T Jaleel, former Minister for higher education in the CPI(M)-led Government (2016-2021) has become a persona non grata in the party, if the comments from the top leadership are any indication. Reactions by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and party's Kerala secretary A Vijayaraghavan expressing unhappiness over Jaleel's comments against P K Kunhalikutty, the League strongman, are being seen as the party's willingness to play ball with the Muslim League.

On Monday, Jaleel, a former SIMI chief, alleged that Kunhalikutty had used the A R Nagar Cooperative Bank in Malappuram district for money laundering. Jaleel charged that Kunhalikutty, a former Minister of industries in the Oommen Chandi-led UDF Government (2011 to 2016) had made use of the Cooperative Bank branch for laundering ₹1,100 crore which

he had received as kick-backs and commissions for deals involving some of the public sector units in the State. He further stated that Kunhalikutty had also used the accounts of Chandrika (the daily owned by Muslim League) to convert unaccounted money to white.

"I have handed over all relevant documents to the Enforcement Directorate and it is sure that they would summon Kunhalikutty for grilling," Jaleel told media persons on Thursday at Kochi after his meeting with the ED officials.

He had called on Vijayan on Thursday morning for an unscheduled meeting. Jaleel said after the meeting that he had told Vijayan about the details which he would be handing over to the ED.

But the stance of former SIMI leader was repudiated by Chief Minister Vijayan when the latter briefed the media on Tuesday.

"There is no need for the ED to investigate transactions in Cooperative Banks. It comes under the jurisdiction of the State Government. Jaleel may have been charmed by the ED," said Vijayan which is being seen as a snubbing to Jaleel.

Jaleel had been interrogat-

ed by the ED officials twice in 2020 in connection with the illegal import of Qurans, dates and other materials from UAE under the Ramadan Relief Package. It was reported that the import of Quran and other materials were a façade for smuggling gold from the UAE with the connivance of diplomats from the oil kingdom posted in Thiruvananthapuram.

On Wednesday, V N Vasavan, minister for cooperation and Vijayaraghavan told reporters that Jaleel was misusing his position to settle personal score with Kunhalikutty. "We do not subscribe to the views expressed by Jaleel," said Vasavan.

Chroniclers of Kerala's political history, like P Sujathan, told this newspaper that they were not at all amused by the thaw in CPI(M)-Muslim League ties. "The Muslim League was an important ally of two CPI (M) led governments in the past. They were in alliance during 1967-69 when E M S Namboodiripad was the chief minister. The CPI(M) had formed the E K Nayanar-led government in 1980 with All India Muslim League, a faction of the parent party," said Sujathan.

## Grants given to Puja committees no violation of MCC: TMC Govt

SAUGAR SENGUTA ■ KOLKATA

A day after the Election Commission of India demanded a detailed report from the State Home Department regarding announcement of grants to different Durga Puja committees of Bengal at a time when model code of conduct was in force in the State in view of the forthcoming by-election for Bhawanipore Assembly seat the State Government on Thursday told the poll panel that it had committed no breach of model code as it was not applicable to the ECI alleging violation of MCC.

Replying to the EC query Home Secretary BP Gopalika said that there was no violation of the model code as it was not applicable to the entire State and was limited to only three constituencies of Rezinagar, Jangipur — both in Murshidabad district — and Bhawanipore in Kolkata where elections were being held.

Besides, the Home Secretary also said that government announced the monetary grants

November 6 to remain on the top seat.

Instead of the Chief Minister who declares grants to the Puja committees every year, Chief Secretary HK Dwivedi had on Wednesday announced grants of ₹50,000 to the Puja committees leading the BJP to write a complaint to the ECI alleging violation of MCC.

"It is highly condemnable ... all the parties irrespective of their ideology should condemn the attacks on the CPI(M) offices ... this is the kind of attack we have been referring to for the past couple of months ... our leaders, our workers and our offices were being attacked by the BJP. Now they are targeting the Left too ... This is the culture of the BJP ... we condemn this attack," said senior Trinamool leader and Bengal Minister Partha Chatterjee.

from Netaji Indoor Stadium which was not within the Bhawanipore constituency.

Meanwhile in an unrelated development the Trinamool Congress on Thursday stood by arch rival CPI(M) after its workers were attacked in Tripura and its party offices were torched in that State by alleged BJP workers.

"Since 2014, only Muslims have been killed in UP. It is on record that only mosques and Muslims are being targeted in UP but no political party has so far opposed it," he said while addressing a rally in Katra locality of Barabanki on Thursday.

## Owaisi sparks fresh mosque controversy in UP

Lucknow: All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi charged the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Yogi Adityanath Government with persecution of Muslims, including demolition of mosque in Barabanki, and said that the Muslims would give a befitting reply to this anti-Muslim Government.

"Since 2014, only Muslims have been killed in UP. It is on record that only mosques and Muslims are being targeted in UP but no political party has so far opposed it," he said while addressing a rally in Katra locality of Barabanki on Thursday.

Owaisi also raised the issue of razing of a mosque in Barabanki. "Can Yogi Adityanath answer why it violated the Constitution by demolishing the mosque? Muslims pleaded with folded hands that their place of worship should be spared but the administration, under the direction of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, razed the mosque. Not only this, the journalists who highlighted the issue were booked and an FIR was lodged against them," the AIMIM chief said.

## Samba 1st J&K district to give 1st dose to 100% 18+ age group



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Six months after the vaccination drive began on a war footing, District Administration Samba Thursday achieved a major milestone in the journey of universal Covid-19 vaccination by administering atleast one dose to 100% Adult vaccination (18+ age group) making it first in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, while congratulating the team Samba, including health care workers and their covid management, through official twitter account, said "Samba has achieved 100% vaccination of above 18 years of age and becomes the first district of J&K to achieve this milestone and I am sure other district will catch up soon".

Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta said that 320780 Covid-19 doses including 243013 as first dose have been administered to 18+ age category, Front Line workers and health Care workers as first covid 19 doses".

The DC Samba hailed the efforts of frontline workers and healthcare workers for putting relentless efforts in ensuring 100% coverage of 18+ age category in the district.

"Our next goal is to vaccinate people with the second dose as well for their complete protection" said the DC.

"We have established a covid control room in the district and are calling people a day in advance before their vaccination becomes due. Today we held special sessions to administer the second dose to teachers, Students, Pregnant and Lactating mothers across the district" informed the DC Samba adding a camp was also held at the court Complex.

The prison authorities had given an undertaking to the court that they would arrange for all necessary treatment required by Lakdawala.

Lakdawala, who was arrested first by the EOW of the Mumbai police while trying to flee to London from Ahmedabad International Airport. He was granted bail but was rearrested in a money-laundering case registered by the ED in the same case and has been in the Arthur Road Central Jail since then.

The EOW's allegation was that Lakdawala had forged documents to help him grab the huge Khandala plot of Anand, the Indian author English who passed away on September 28, 2004 for allegedly forging signatures on the papers dating back to 1949.

Earlier in 2010, he had allegedly been booked for encroaching upon the properties belonging to the late actress Sadhana at Santacruz in northwest Mumbai, but was later acquitted in the case.

## Kerala logs 26,200 new Covid cases

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

2,600 new persons were diagnosed with Covid-19 out of the 1.56 lakh samples tested in Kerala during the last 24 hours, according to Veena George, Minister for Health.

In a release on Thursday, the minister said 125 persons died during the last 24 hours and this took the death toll till date in Kerala to 22,126. The Test Positivity Rate 16.69 per cent.

There are 2.36 lakh patients undergoing Covid-19 treatment across the State. 114 health workers were infected with the pandemic during the last 24 hours. The Nipah virus threat that was haunting the State seems to be blowing over

as 68 persons under surveillance tested negative on Thursday, said George.

Meanwhile, the Kerala High Court came down on the State Government and the Police for the alleged indifference towards assaults on doctors in Government Hospitals.

The court while hearing a petition filed by doctors against the callous attitude of the Police expressed shock over the reply given by the latter that 228 cases of physical assaults on doctors have been registered while only 25 cases were being probed.

Judge Devan Ramachandran asked the police to take strict action against such attacks and arrange police security for the doctors.



A farmer harvests bottle gourd from a farm on the outskirts of Jammu on Thursday

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## Look Out Circular against Rane's wife, son

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Union MSME Minister and BJP leader Narayan Rane found himself in an embarrassing situation on Thursday, as the Pune Police Crime Branch issued a 'Look Out Circular' (LOC) against his wife Nilam Narayan Rane and MLA-son Nitesh Rane in an alleged ₹65 crore loan default case.

The development came close on the heels of Rane's arrest and subsequent bail over his controversial remarks against chief minister Uddhav Thackeray.

The LOC has been issued based on a complaint lodged by

### LOAN DEFAULT CASE

the DHFL with the Pune police. The LOC mentions Nilam Rane as a co-borrower of a loan amount of ₹25 crore in the name of Artline Properties Pvt. Ltd., while MLA Nitesh N. Rane has been named as a co-borrower of a loan of Rs.40 crore taken in the name of Neelam Hotels Pvt. Ltd., both companies are based in Mumbai. Both these loan accounts stand with the DHFL Mumbai. They were classified as 'non performing assets' (NPAs), as per the norms of National Housing Bank and Reserve Bank of India.

Nilam Rane and Nitesh owe an outstanding of ₹27,13,18,931 and ₹34,09,61,771 respectively to the DHFL. The Pune Crime Branch has issued the LOCs against the mother-son Nilam and Nitesh Rane, to the Assistant Director, Look Out Cell, at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA).

"In the aforesaid circumstances, there is an apprehension and fear that the said Co-borrower may leave the country anytime with a malafide intention to evade repayment of the loan granted by DHFL and escape the legal actions that may be taken against (them)

civil/criminal by the DHFL," the LOCs stated.

The LOC directed the Mumbai Airport authorities to open the LOCs, and whenever the Co-borrowers are intercepted at the airport, their arrival/departure it should be intimated to the Pune Police Crime Branch. Reacting to the development, Nitesh wondered as to how the Pune police issued LOCs against him and his mother considering that their loans and DHFL were in Mumbai.

"The LOCs should also be seen in the light of the fact that we had agreed to settle the loans taken from the DHFL," Nitesh said.

## Efforts on to resolve border dispute with Assam, says Mizoram Minister

Aizawl: The Mizoram Government has devised strategies and making massive efforts to resolve the long-standing border dispute with neighbouring Assam, State Home Minister Lalchamliana told the assembly on Thursday.

The State Government had in 2018 constituted a core committee to study and assess the state boundary. It was re-constituted with chief secretary Lalnunmawia Chuaunog as the chairman in 2019, he said.

"The core committee is currently doing research and analysis on the state border by collecting topo-sheets and important documents related to the state boundary with Assam," Lalchamliana said, replying to a query from Congress Legislator Party leader Zodintluanga Ralte.

The State Government has already appointed a nodal officer on the border issue and submitted a report to the Centre as per the Union Ministry of Home Affairs instruction, he said.

According to the home minister, the state government has also constituted a team to compile important documents, supportive of Mizoram's stand on the border issue and it will be tabled before experts from Manohar Parrikar Institute of Defence Studies when they visit the state.

A boundary committee involving all political parties and NGOs, headed by Deputy Chief Minister Tawmlia, has also been formed recently to deal with the issue, Lalchamliana said.

fellow pilgrims during small breaks.

On reaching Jammu early in the morning, Rahul Gandhi was given rousing reception at the airport by the local leaders of J&K unit. From inside the airport he drove straight to the Katra base camp along with a battery of senior Congress leaders including J&K unit incharge Rajani Patil and JKPC Chief Ghulam Ahmad Mir.

Along the entire route,

Rahul Gandhi was greeted by



A vegetable seller rows his boat at a floating wholesale market at Dal Lake in Srinagar on Thursday

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## Bollywood financier-turned builder dies in custody

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Two years after he was arrested for the first time for allegedly grabbing a plot of land belonging to the late renowned writer Mulk Raj Anand in the hill station of Khandala, incarcerated Bollywood financer-turned builder Yusuf Lakdawala died at the Arthur Road Central Jail here on Thursday, following complications arising out of cancer that he was suffering from.

Seventy six-year-old Lakdawala—who had been arrested by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai police in 2019 and later taken into custody by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) early this year—had been admitted to jail hospital on September 6 but was declared dead immediately after his admission to the state-run JJ Hospital.

Confirming Lakdawala's death, DIG Prison Yogesh Desai said: "He (Lakdawala) was suffering from Cancer. On September 6, he was admitted to the prison hospital located inside the Arthur Road Central Jail. After his condition deteriorated, he was rushed to the JJ



## Festival woes

Rather than a robust, unified response, the States are dealing with the issue haphazardly

The festival season kicks off with Ganesh Puja on Friday and by September end, the country will know if it has managed to avoid the third wave of the Coronavirus pandemic. Big metropolises Delhi and Mumbai have taken precautions to see that the 10-day festival does not become a super-spreader. Public celebrations and gatherings are banned. People have been advised to celebrate the festival indoors. Delhi has said no to installing idols at public places and public idol immersion is also not allowed. The people better prefer eco-friendly idols that can dissolve in a tub of water. In Mumbai, however, the Ganpati Mandals have been asked to provide online *darshan* facilities through social media and cable channels. Idols not higher than four feet can be installed but no more than 10 people at one go are permitted to be around it. One hopes they are all fully vaccinated. For immersion in the sea, only a small group can accompany each idol. Most States have issued their own guidelines, keeping in mind the various traditions followed there. The Centre, along with the Indian Council of Medical Research and National Centre for Disease Control, has called for following safety protocols in view of fears of fresh COVID-19 cases peaking around October. The worst-case scenario envisaged is that the Ganesh and Dussehra festivals — 10-day affairs each — may turn into super-spreaders if public celebrations are not banned. And Diwali and Chhath — two major public events — are due only in November.

*LocalCircles*, a community social media platform,

conducted a survey that reveals that 80 per cent Indian households will have service providers, helps, extended family and friends visit them in the next 30 days. Nearly 60 per cent plan to undertake visits in the next one month while 48 per cent plan to attend get-togethers on account of festivals and special occasions. Why cannot there be a national festival restriction guideline when for all practical purposes the pandemic is considered a national emergency? It is true that India is a democratic federal entity and health is a State subject but virulent viruses do not stand for constitutional formalities. A pandemic such as the highly mutating Coronavirus needs a rapid and unitary response across the nation. The Union and the States should have by now realised the rigidity of the dual federal system where health is an exclusive State subject. And it is not helping the national cause against the pandemic at all. For instance, Andhra Pradesh has restricted public celebrations of all festivals and even deferred mass events like the YSR Achievement Award function and Teachers' Day celebrations. In stark contrast, neighbouring Telangana has allowed Ganpati celebrations on a grand scale, subject to following COVID-19 norms. There are no restrictions on the height of idols and immersion processions are allowed, for which massive arrangements are being made. How is it a case of equitable health and safety when one State prioritises people's interests and another does not?

## PICTALK



Devotees take a holy dip in the Ganga on the occasion of Teej, in Prayagraj

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## Now or never

Filing her nomination, it's Mamata's final chance to get elected and remain the CM

If any sort of elections are announced in West Bengal, can mudslinging and name-calling be far behind? Barely had the Election Commission of India announced the byelection to three Assembly seats (Bhabanipur, Jangipur and Samserganji) on September 30 than the Enforcement Directorate issued fresh summons to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee in connection with a money laundering case.

Now, Mamata is not the one to sit back and lick her wounds. She promptly called the BJP leaders "worse than Durvudhana and Dushasana" for foisting false cases on and "unnecessarily harassing" her party leaders. Earlier, in the run-up to the Assembly elections in March-April, the State's parties were highly charged and armed with slogans highlighting their USPs as well as barbs for the other contenders. The temperatures soared and the campaign soon turned acrimonious. Remember, when Mamata injured her ankle during electioneering, the BJP leaders taunted her first with the allegations that she was "doing drama"

for the sake of garnering sympathy votes, and subsequently advised her in mock sympathy to "wear a skirt". There was also a lot of chest-beating between the TMC and the BJP leaders over her "Khela hobe" and "Bengal's daughter" remarks.

When the BJP told then Uttarakhand CM Tirath Singh Rawat to resign as he was unable to get elected to the Assembly within six months (no polls could be held due to COVID-19), there was hush-hush talk in political circles that the move was actually aimed at putting moral pressure on Mamata, who was sailing in the same boat after having been defeated in Nandigram by confidant-turned-rebel Suvenu Adhikari. Unperturbed, the Bengali street-fighting leader ignored all such insinuations, besides of course appealing to the Election Commission intermittently to allow the by-elections since the pandemic had relatively subsided. Now that the bypoll has finally been announced, she is scheduled to file her nomination papers for Bhabanipur on Friday. One can only hope that wise counsel prevails on both sides (the Congress has anyway decided to sit out of the contest) and that the bypolls can be conducted in the honest sense of electoral politics and democracy so that people can give their verdict, ending the state of uncertainty in Bengal and giving it the rightful head of the State in the real meaning of the phrase.



# Intrusion of law in bedroom is bad

It doesn't make good sense to forcibly make and impose laws punishing 'marital rape' when the need of the hour should be to educate society

There has been a cacophony from various quarters, especially from feminine activists, that the concept of 'marital rape' should be recognised and the men forcing their wives to be intimate against their willingness should be tried under the law of rape. What an irony that instead of governing society through lessons of morality, ethics and compassion or using the tools of counselling, on each issue of the slightest importance we start emphasising on making laws.

What else will you criminalise in a domestic relationship? You have already started sneaking into bedrooms like a voyeur. There is strong possibility of vested interests promoting such non-issues. It has been frequently observed that as different watches and clocks give slightly different timings on the same scale of the Standard Time, different courts give varied, divergent and, at times, contradictory judgments on the same matter of law. The reason behind this can be attributed to judicial overreach crossing the barricades of the separation of power norms. Where is the need for individual observations all the time? This phenomenon will surely give rise to divergent judgments from Bench to Bench.

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court comprising Justices Mohammad Mushtaq and Kausar Edappagath on August 6, 2021, dismissed the appeal of a man who had challenged a family court order allowing his wife's plea for divorce on grounds of cruelty in the name of forced copulation, besides unnatural sex and dowry demands.

However, Section 375 of the IPC provides no space for marital rape. Its Exception 2 states: "Sexual intercourse or sexual acts by a man with his wife, the wife not being under 15 years of age, is not rape." It implies that sex with a wife who is over 15 is not rape, even if it is without her consent. However, in October 2017, in the *Independent Thought vs Union of India*, the Supreme Court ruled that sex with one's minor wife, who is below 18 years of age, would amount to rape despite her consent. Lord Mathew

Hale, the 17th century Chief Justice of England, wrote in the *History of the Pleas of the Crown*: "The husband cannot be guilty of rape committed by himself upon his lawful wife, for by their mutual consent and contract, the wife hath given up herself this kind unto her husband which she cannot retract."

Upholding the traditional and cultural history, matrimonial jurisprudence has approved that solemnisation of marriage shall mean the unconditional and lifetime consent to sexual acts by the wife. The 15th Law Commission headed by Justice BP Jeevan Reddy, in its 172nd Report captioned 'Review of Rape Laws' submitted in March 2000, denied to criminalise marital rape on the ground that it will be an excessive interference of law in marital lives of people. Further, the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Home Affairs, which examined the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2012, in the aftermath of the Delhi gang rape case, in its 167th Report in March 2013 did not recommend criminalisation of marital rape on the ground



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that it would have the "potential of destroying the sacred institution of marriage, which is based on mutual love and trust". In 2019, the Delhi High Court had turned down a petition seeking a declaration of marital rape as grounds for divorce. The Supreme Court, too, in the past refused to take up the issue, saying it is the domain of Parliament.

However, despite the above facts, the Kerala High Court gave a new twist to this issue which will have a significant impact on this sensitive matter. The Bench said: "Autonomy is now considered part of privacy and ennobled as a fundamental right." If bodily integrity is a violation of individual autonomy, then it contradicts the provisions of Section 375 of the IPC.

In contrast, the Chhattisgarh High Court on August 23, 2021, on a revision petition, discharged a 37-year-old man from the charge of matrimonial rape, saying that sex with a legally wedded wife is not rape under the IPC. The court, however, retained the charges of Section 377 for 'unnatural sex' and Section 498A for

dowry demands. In his order, Justice NK Chandravanshi said: "In this case, the complainant is legally wedded wife of applicant no.1 (husband); therefore, sexual intercourse or any sexual act with her by the husband would not constitute an offence of rape, even if it was by force or against her wish."

The flip side of this version is that it is not only the nuptial duty of the wife to provide sex to her husband but, on the contrary, it is the primary duty of the husband also to provide the desired level of concupiscence to wife besides meeting her other needs such as protection, provisions, home and other domestic facilities. In many statutes applicable in India, 'impotence' of the husband is one of the major grounds for divorce sought by the wife. But frigidity, barrenness and adulterous ways of wives are not grounds for divorce by men. There do exist promiscuous women who say, "Yeh dil maange more". Will there be any law to prevent such acts?

(The writer is a legal journalist and author. The views expressed are personal.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ONLINE EDUCATION SEEMS OFF

Sir — A survey called School Children's Online and Offline Learning (SCHOOL), conducted recently, observed that only eight per cent children in rural households in India attended regular online classes. The survey on learning gaps was conducted after schools in the country remained closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey, conducted on schoolchildren in underprivileged households in 15 States and UTs, shows that 37 per cent of children are not studying at all and about one half are unable to read more than a few words.

The report paints a dismal picture of the condition of school education after the pandemic in rural areas in the country. The survey found that as children did not attend schools for a prolonged period of time, their learning and cognitive abilities were greatly hampered. The report proves that pandemic and extended lockdowns have caused enormous harm to school education, especially in rural areas. A great deal of sustained effort is required to repair this damage. Given that most of the schools in the country are still closed, setting the school education right is indeed a hard task. Unless the schools, especially primary and middle schools, are not resumed, it may be difficult to reverse the learning gaps.

Venu GS | Kollam

### PRIVILEGED PASSENGERS

Sir — There are reports that certain people who are entitled to a free 'two-passenger rail pass', misuse the facility by selling the remaining one to others at a discounted price. The Railway Board should devise mechanisms to prevent such misuse. It can be made compulsory to submit ID proofs of the entitled one and the accompanying companion with signatures while getting free rail passes. Original ID proofs by both the entitled person and the accompanying companion should be made compulsory to be carried while travelling. Facility of free rail pass should be withdrawn immediately, if found being misused.

Additionally, the parliamentarians should be reimbursed for rail travels only on submitting proof of actual rail travel ver-

### Mahi returns in a new avatar



Indian cricket fans were in for a great surprise as former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni was on Wednesday appointed the mentor of India's 15-member T20 World Cup squad by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Announcing the move, BCCI said that they spoke to Dhoni in Dubai and he agreed to mentor the team for the tournament. The event is scheduled to start on October 17 in the UAE and Oman. The 40-year-old Dhoni retired from international cricket last year. Dhoni's enclosure will certainly

help the Virat Kohli-led team in formulating white-ball strategy. Dhoni's vast experience in winning crucial ICC tournaments will certainly come handy.

Dhoni is one of the most successful captains in the history of Indian cricket. The iconic wicketkeeper-batsman led India to two world titles — the 2007 T20 World Cup in South Africa and the 2011 ODI World Cup in India. Meanwhile, Ravichandran Ashwin returned to India's white-ball outfit after four years alongside the fast-rising trio of Ishan Kishan, Axar Patel and Varun Chakaravarthy. Also making it to the squad was Suryakumar Yadav, the 30-year-old Mumbai batsman who has been making a name for his power-hitting. The big names to plunge were opener Shikhar Dhawan and leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal. Rahul Chahar has been preferred over Chahal, who was a certainty in India's limited over squads until now.

Jaiwant Paritala | *Kothagudem*

lion litres of milk a day. This is a remarkable achievement. While we in India tend to take our achievements for granted, this feat elicited high praise and admiration throughout the world. In 1955, our butter imports were 500 tonne per year; today, our cooperatives alone produce more than 12,000 tonne of butter.

By 1975, all imports of milk and milk products stopped. The import permitted was that of food aid under Operation Flood. A separate agency called the Indian Dairy Corporation (IDC) was created to receive grants of food aid and use it in the Operation Flood; this agency was headed by Verghese Kurien. Any conversation around milk cannot ignore the contributions of Verghese Kurien, famously called 'the Milkman of India' as well as the 'Father of White Revolution'. Every year on the World Milk Day, Indians fondly remember Kurien for his contribution.

Jayanthy Subramanian | *Trichur*

Acroties on Muslims have been done at the BJP's behest while other parties kept quiet, not speaking on CAA, triple talaq.

### SOUND BITE

The BJP-led Government of India has played a cruel joke on the *annadaatas* with the current MSP hike.



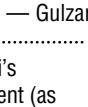
Punjab Chief Minister — Capt Amarinder Singh

California! You've got a big choice to make by September 14. Your vote could be the difference...vote "no" on the Republican recall.

Former US President — Barack Obama



It will be wonderful to collaborate with AR Rahman again. He is a wonderful artist and musician and I look forward to this collaboration.



Lyricist — Gulzar

MS Dhoni's appointment as Team India mentor is good news for India but I am just praying that there is no clash.

Former India captain — Sunil Gavaskar



Atrocities on Muslims have been done at the BJP's behest while other parties kept quiet, not speaking on CAA, triple talaq.

AIMIM chief — Asaduddin Owaisi



HASAN KHURSHID



## FIRST COLUMN IT IS 'ALL HANDS ON DECK' FOR INDIA

The coming BRICS summit and the dialogue with the US assume importance for India



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

**S**eptember brings to the table key multilateral meetings with focus on recent developments in Afghanistan and the way forward. It is also a crucial month for India's outreach to global powers on issues vital for sustained growth and security in India and the neighborhood. To recap the week's events, Pakistan intelligence agency chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed landed in Kabul, Pakistan facilitated a meeting of leaders of countries neighboring Afghanistan (Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China) and Taliban claimed end of resistance in Panjshir. And finally, a caretaker government in Afghanistan is in place led by a team that seems like a Pakistan intelligence agency prop with a few recognized international terrorists. Most of these events are currently unfolding like a Pakistan (also China) choreographed narrative. As we have been mentioning in these columns, the future of Taliban (if not Afghanistan) and their acceptance as a force of governance is being curated by its old benefactor Pakistan. However, one fails to understand



if the situation is temporary optical advantage or long-term nation building. The latter, i.e., building a unified, inclusive and participative government structure in Afghanistan seems beyond the capabilities of Taliban's new dictators. Pakistan in the mid-1970s had managed a similar power game when they installed Daud Khan in Kabul followed by the Mujahideen in late 1980s and finally Taliban in mid-1990s. However, they were short-lived fantasies. Therefore, Pakistan's current euphoria at being Taliban's spokesperson and key negotiator seems ephemeral. Pakistan cannot erode all its resources while trying to prop up a made for 21st century Taliban regime while its citizens suffer at home. It needs a clutch of global sponsors to run with its central Asian and most important anti-India agenda besides as well as all-weather ally China and silent supporter Russia. It definitely needs some verbal assurances from rich Western nations to maintain its credibility in Afghanistan. The Western nations, post a hasty retreat of US and NATO allied forces, are currently using their past allegiances with Pakistan for rescue and evacuation exercises. Most dominant Western nations formally accepting the Taliban regime could be tough. This leaves the landlocked nation Afghanistan again as a global pariah, and a fertile hotbed for any regional power to exploit for terror activities and plunder away the remaining natural resources and minerals.

All this is happening in India's neighborhood and has a direct threat to Indian interests. Therefore, the BRICS summit and the India-US dialogue assume importance. India's agenda at BRICS relates to reform of the multilateral system, counter-terrorism, using digital and technological tools for achieving SDGs and enhancing people-to-people exchanges in the overarching backdrop of evolving geopolitics in Afghanistan. Even though Russia has maintained that it will adopt a wait and watch policy before it recognizes any new Afghan Government, it aligned with China in the UN security council (under India's presidency) on a resolution on Afghanistan. The verbiage emerging from UNSC seemed like a mild rebuke to the Taliban for not keeping its promise of maintaining rights of women, minorities and youth. The outcome of the talks between BRICS leaders moderated by India seem to converge on a shared interest of reminding Afghanistan of not being used as a terrorist training camp and prevention of planning violence in any country around the globe. The objective appears a little difficult to achieve at present. The second crucial window of opportunity for India is the QUAD summit (in person) in end-September and the India-US head of government level bilateral. The focus has to be on peaceful co-existence for all powers in the region for sustained prosperity.

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

# A better alternative to conventional urea

Application of nano-fertilisers is emerging as a promising strategy to promote plant growth and development, and limit environment degradation



NN KAUL

**E**ven though food is a necessity for a healthy living, excessive use of conventional urea to grow the food is irreparably damaging the environment. The damage is in the form of degraded soil quality that adversely impacts on the climate and contributes to global warming.

So, on one hand conventional urea is helping us grow more food for the population, while on the other, it is harming the environment - the key constituent for a healthy living. In the absence of a substantial alternative, the world is in a Catch-22 situation as it needs a solution to do away with the excessive use of harmful, conventional urea.

World over, agriculture is facing a wide spectrum of challenges, such as stagnation in crop yields, low nutrient use efficiency (NUE), declining soil organic matter, multi-nutrient deficiencies, shrinking arable land and water availability. Depletion and degradation of land and water resources present serious challenge for food, livelihood and nutritional security for the ever-growing population. Hence, a solution was warranted that could solve both the problems of food production at the same time keeping the environment safe.

Finally, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) came out with a solution. IFFCO has developed a nanotechnology-based Nano Urea (liquid) fertilizer that offers solutions to most of the problems that come with the use of conventional urea. The Nano Urea has been developed indigenously, for the first time in the world, at IFFCO's Nano Biotechnology Research Centre (NBRC) in Kalol, Gujarat through a proprietary patented technology.

IFFCO's drive into this revolutionary product was based on the contemporary and future challenges for agriculture in terms of water scarcity, impact of climate change, farm productivity and contribution towards creating a nutritious food surplus country.

Nano Urea (liquid) is a source of nitrogen which is an essential nutrient required for proper growth and development of a plant. Nitrogen is a key constituent of amino acids, enzymes, genetic materials (DNA-RNA), photosynthetic pigments (chlorophyll) and energy transfer compounds (ATP-ADP) in a plant.

Since nano nitrogen particles are dispersed in liquid form in Nano Urea, it starts acting almost immediately when sprayed on crop leaves to meet the crop's nutritional requirement and also triggers pathways for uptake and assimilation of nitrogen inside the plants.

Typically, nitrogen content in a healthy plant is in the range of 1.5 per cent to 4 per cent. Foliar application of Nano Urea (liquid) at critical crop growth stages of a plant effectively fulfills its nitrogen requirement and leads to higher crop productivity in comparison to conventional urea.



SINCE A 500ML BOTTLE OF NANO LIQUID UREA IS EQUIVALENT TO A BAG OF UREA, THE COST OF THE SAME TO THE FARMERS WILL ALSO COME DOWN ACCORDINGLY. BEING SMALLER IN PACKING, THE EXPENDITURE ON ITS TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE WILL ALSO BE REDUCED

# Taliban decrees end to demonstrations

AP ■ KABUL

The Interior Ministry of the new Taliban Government is seeking to end protests in Afghanistan after days of demonstrations that have brought heavy-handed assaults on protesters.

The Minister has issued an order to end all protests in the country — unless demonstrators get prior permission, including approval of slogans and banners.

It's unlikely the women who have been leading near daily protest demanding their rights from the country's hard-line Islamic rulers will be allowed to protest under the new rules. In the words of the Ministry's statement, "It is announced to all citizens not to attempt at the present time to hold any demonstrations under any name whatsoever."

## Austin: al-Qaeda may seek comeback

Kuwait City: US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said, the al-Qaeda extremist group that used Afghanistan as a staging base to attack United States 20 years ago may attempt to regenerate there following an American withdrawal that has left the Taliban in power. AP



## CIA director discusses regional security, Afghan situation with Pak Army chief, ISI head

**Islamabad:** America's Central Intelligence Agency Director William Burns on Thursday met Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and ISI head Lt Gen Faiz Hamid during which they discussed issues related to regional security issues and the current situation in Afghanistan, the Military said.

The meeting was held after the Taliban on Tuesday unveiled a hardline Interim Government with at least 14 members of the Cabinet, including acting Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund, being listed on the UN Security Council's terrorist blacklist.

Burns and Bajwa exchanged views on matters of mutual interest, regional security and the current situation in Afghanistan, the Pakistan Army's media wing, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said in a statement. PTI

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This is to inform to all concerned that Late Shri Ramesh Chander Mahajan S/o Late Ishar Das, R/o B-107, Sector-50, Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar U.P. has property in Noida, House No. B-106, Sector-50, Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar (U.P.) which is registered at sub registrar office, sader-1st, Gautam Budh Nagar in Bahl No. 3, Jild No. 891, at page no. from 117-130 on 21.08.2019 at serial no. 1693. So the above property is being transferred to the name of Smt. Keena Mahajan & Rohit Mahajan R/o B-107, Sector-50, Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar U.P. on the basis of registered Will. So all the related people are informed that if someone has any objection about the transfer of above property, then they can submit their objection in Noida Authority Residential department with all document proof within 30 days from the publishing date of this information. Smt. Keena Mahajan

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**WESTERN RAILWAY**  
**RENEWAL WORK OF PIPE BRIDGE**  
Executive: DEN (East) BCT Tender No.: BCT/21-22/192 Date : 08/09/2021  
**Work & Location :** Udhna - Jalgaon  
**Description:** Renewal of pipe bridge by providing box culverts (total = 16 bridges)  
**Approx. Cost of Work :** ₹ 7,53,79,115.50/- EMD: Nil Last Date & Time for Submission & Opening : 15.00 Hrs on 05/10/2021 and Opening at 15.30 Hrs. on 05/10/2021. Please visit our website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) to view detailed tender containing cost of tender document. (Non-Refundable). EMD, Eligibility Criteria, Similar Nature of Work, detailed tender conditions, Manual offers will not be considered.  
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**Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi- 110005  
**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**  
(See proviso to rule 8(6))  
**Notice for sale of immovable assets**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.                                    | Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any   | Amount Outstanding                            | Reserve Price                     | Date and Time of Property Inspection  | Date & Time of Auction                 |
|---------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| (A)     | (B)   | (C)   | (D)   | (E)                               | (F)                                   | (G)                                    |
| 1.      | Mudit Agarwal (Borrower), Varsha Agarwal, Bharti Agarwal (Co-Borrower) LBLUC00002367082             | Fiat No 1704, Floor- 17 Tower T1, Sunworld Arista Sector-168, Noida, Noida 201301 Area - 2100 Sq Ft                                 | Rs. 1,45,86, 550/13/- (as on August 24, 2021) | Rs. 1,00,00, 00/- Rs. 10,00, 00/- | October 04, 2021 From 11AM to 2:00 PM | October 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards |
| 2.      | Amit Kumar Agarwal (Borrower), Bharti Agarwal (Co- Borrower) LBLUC00002367083                       | 1703 17th Floor, Tower -1 Sunworld Arista, Sector- 168, Noida, Noida 201301 Area – 2100 Sq. Ft.                                     | Rs. 1,45,75, 907/- (as on August 24, 2021)    | Rs. 1,00,00, 00/- Rs. 10,00, 00/- | October 04, 2021 From 11AM to 2:00 PM | October 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards |
| 3.      | Esha Laxman (Borrower), Divy Mehta (Guarantor) LBDEL00002430981                                     | Fiat No 504, 5th Floor Tower 1 Plot No GH 01/C, Sunworld Arista Sec 168, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar 201301. Area 2100 Sq Ft         | Rs. 1,39,37, 326/- (as on August 24, 2021)    | Rs. 1,00,00, 00/- Rs. 10,00, 00/- | October 04, 2021 From 11AM to 2:00 PM | October 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards |
| 4.      | Amit Munshi (Borrower), Bharti Munshi (Co-Borrower) LBFDB00002392846, LBDEL00002401887              | Fiat No 12a06, 12A Floor , Tower 6 Sunworld Arista, Plot No Gh 01/C Sector 168, Noida, Noida 201301. Area 2100 Sq Ft                | Rs. 1,42,26, 069/01/- (as on August 24, 2021) | Rs. 1,00,00, 00/- Rs. 10,00, 00/- | October 04, 2021 From 11AM to 2:00 PM | October 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards |
| 5.      | Manu Agarwal (Borrower), Samta Gupta (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002391703                                 | Fiat No 304, 3rd Floor Tower 1 Sunworld Arista, Plot Num GH 01/C Sector-168, Noida, Noida 201301. Area- 2100 Sq Ft.                 | Rs. 1,39,24, 606/- (as on August 24, 2021)    | Rs. 1,00,00, 00/- Rs. 10,00, 00/- | October 04, 2021 From 11AM to 2:00 PM | October 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards |
| 6.      | Anupam Kumar Nigam (Borrower), Preeti Anupam Nigam (Co-Borrower) LBLUC00002420735                   | Fiat no 1605, 16th Floor, Tower 1 Sunworld Arista, Plot No GH 01/C Sector 168, Noida, Noida 201303. Area- 2100 Sq Ft                | Rs. 1,45,89, 566/- (as on August 24, 2021)    | Rs. 1,00,00, 00/- Rs. 10,00, 00/- | October 04, 2021 From 11AM to 2:00 PM | October 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards |
| 7.      | Nabajoyti Borah (Borrower), Jonali Nabajoyti Borah (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002437971                   | Fiat No 706, 7th Floor Tower 1, Plot No GH 01/C Sunworld Arista, Sec 168, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar 201301. Area 2100 Sq Ft.       | Rs. 1,34,56, 253/- (as on August 24, 2021)    | Rs. 1,00,00, 00/- Rs. 10,00, 00/- | October 04, 2021 From 11AM to 2:00 PM | October 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards |
| 8.      | Amit Verma (Borrower), Neetu Verma (Co-Borrower), Deepak Arora (Guarantor) LBGHZ00002423457         | Fiat No 1606, 16th Floor Tower 1 Sunworld Arista, Plot No GH 01/C Sector 168, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar 201301 Area- 2100 Sq Ft.   | Rs. 1,44,17, 505/- (as on August 24, 2021)    | Rs. 1,00,00, 00/- Rs. 10,00, 00/- | October 04, 2021 From 11AM to 2:00 PM | October 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards |
| 9.      | Nishant Dalmia (Borrower), Nayan Dalmia (Co- Borrower), Vasudha Dalmia (Guarantor) LBGHZ00002422226 | Fiat No 1606, 16th Floor Tower T6 Plot No GH 01/C, Sunworld Arista Sector 168, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar 201301. Area- 2100 Sq Ft. | Rs. 1,44,99, 012/- (as on August 24, 2021)    | Rs. 1,00,00, 00/- Rs. 10,00, 00/- | October 04, 2021 From 11AM to 2:00 PM | October 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards |

The online auction will be conducted on website ([URL Link-https://disposalshub.com/](https://disposalshub.com/)) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till October 22, 2021 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rdFloor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh, Delhi-110005 and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website on or before October 22, 2021 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD.

Kindly note, incase prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh, Delhi-110005 on or before October 22, 2021 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 9372730494 or M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/ 9810029926/01244233933

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3. Propa AMC, have been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit [www.icicibank.com/n4p4s](http://www.icicibank.com/n4p4s)

Date: September 10, 2021 Place: Delhi NCR

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

## Afghanistan's music school attacked Journalists thrashed by Taliban

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the signs of the times ahead in Afghanistan post-Taliban takeover, the members of the militia have attacked journalists there and destroyed the instruments at the National Institute of Music of Afghanistan.

"The Taliban entered the National Institute of Music of Afghanistan and destroyed all the instruments there," an expert tracking the development said.

The premiere music institute was an important cultural and arts rejuvenation story of the erstwhile democratic Afghanistan. The institute's ensembles comprising school students, including the all-female Zohra orchestra, have performed around the world from Carnegie Hall in New York to the World Economic Forum in Davos. Many of these young musicians came from impoverished communities but the Taliban has banned all such arts under the Sharia administration.

In another incident on Wednesday, Ghorban

Mohammad "Andarabi" of the Afghan National Defence Force was kicked out of his house by the Taliban and shot dead in front of his children in Khenjan district. He was liquidated despite being given amnesty by the Taliban in an indication that there is no shift in the brutality of the UN-sanctioned outfit or any respect for its own words of commitment.

While the Taliban has

assured freedom of expression under its rule, the outfit members tortured at least two reporters of the newspaper *Al-Itteha Rooz* after their arrest.

The manner and the contents of the orders being issued by the Ministers of the interim Government in Kabul suggests they are largely not capable of handling an administration even though they may be good at guerilla warfare, they added.

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PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US is not in a rush to recognise the new Taliban-led interim Government in Afghanistan but was engaged

with the people who are now overseeing and controlling the country to get the American citizens out of the strife-torn nation, according to a top White House official.

Their departure on

Thursday represented a breakthrough in the bumpy coordination between the US and Afghanistan's new Taliban lead-

## ARSF calls for respect of freedom of expression

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

justice. Every human being and system has flaws and in order to eliminate these flaws, it is necessary for the state to listen to the voice of the people, fill the gaps by taking advantage of their advice and sound criticism.

Freedom of expression must not be erased and constructive criticism should be utilised to improve the functioning of the Government in Afghanistan, it said.

"After years of hardship and oppression, Afghans were given the opportunity to assert their rights under the republic of Afghanistan. But twenty years later, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has re-emerged and gained control of Afghanistan. Now the Taliban need not deprive them of their rights," ARSF president Ajmal Sohail said in a statement.

"Every citizen of a country has the right to speak out against injustice and to demand

justice. The Talib

an have said they would let foreigners and Afghans with valid travel documents leave, but a daylong stand-off over charter planes at another airport had cast some doubt on Taliban assurances.

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charter planes at another airport had left dozens of passengers stranded and cast

doubt on Taliban assurances.

AP

## Af's acting PM appeals to past Govt officials to return; assures 'full protection'

**Peshawar/ Kabul:**

Afghanistan's acting Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund has appealed to former officials of past Governments to return to the country and assured them "full protection", saying the period of bloodbath is over and they face a humongous task to rebuild the war-ravaged nation.

"We paid a heavy price for seeing this historic moment in Afghanistan," Mullah Hasan said on Wednesday, a day after the hardline Islamic insurgents unveiled an interim Cabinet after seizing power in Kabul.

"We appeal to the officials of past governments to return to their country as we will give them full protection of their lives. We are faced with the huge task of rebuilding and reconstruction of war-ravaged Afghanistan," he said. PTI

## Dozens of Westerners, including Americans, leave Kabul

**Kabul:** Dozens of foreigners,

including Germans, Hungarians and Canadians are on the flight.

Some 200 foreigners, including Americans, boarded the international commercial flight from Kabul airport.

# RBI hopes 9.5% growth estimate will be met

PTI ■ MUMBAI

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday said many fast indicators are showing an uptick in economic activity and the Reserve Bank is quite optimistic about its 9.5 per cent GDP growth estimate for FY2021-22 at present.

He said the impact of the second wave of Covid-19 has waned by August, and economic growth will be better from the second quarter onwards on a sequential basis.

Speaking at an event organised by The Indian Express and Financial Times, Das said the RBI has decided to give more emphasis on

growth because of the pandemic and operate in the 2-6 per cent inflation band set by the government for it.

The central bank will seek to gradually move towards achieving the 4 per cent target over a period of time, he said, adding that the possibility of a sustained increase in inflation is unlikely.

Easy liquidity conditions in the global markets are among the conditions which are leading to a surge in markets domestically, he said, making it clear that there is no evidence of the high asset prices affecting the inflation situation.

A call on continuing with the accommodative stance or

notwill be taken by the rate-setting panel of the RBI, he said, replying to a question and added that it does not see high inflation getting generalised.

The banking system's gross non-performing assets ratio stood at 7.5 per cent as of the end of June quarter, and the same is "manageable" as of now, Das said, underlining that lenders also have adequate capital buffers.

To a question on high haircuts taken by banks in debt resolutions, he said there is scope for improvement in the functioning of IBC which can include legislative changes and also time taken for a case by the bankruptcy courts.

## Govt to release ₹56,027 cr to exporters against pending tax refunds

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Thursday said it will release ₹56,027 crore to exporters against pending tax refunds under different export incentive schemes.

The amount will be disbursed to more than 45,000 exporters, the commerce ministry said. The ₹56,027 crore, which is being released under various export promotion schemes, is over and above duty remission of ₹12,454 crore for the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP) Scheme and ₹6,946 crore for Rebate of State and Central Levies and Taxes (RoSCTL) Scheme already

announced. The amount will be disbursed this year only, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal told reporters here.

Benefits will help sectors to maintain cash flows and meet export demand in international market, which is recovering fast this financial year, he said.

Further, the commerce and industry ministry said that the Government of India has decided to budget ₹56,027 crore in 2021-22 itself in order to disburse all pending export incentives due to exporters. This amount includes claims relating to MEIS (Merchandise Export India Scheme), SEIS (Service Exports India Scheme), RoSL (Rebate of State Levies), RoSCTL.

## India's fuel demand jumps 11% in Aug

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's fuel demand soared almost 11 per cent in August when compared with the same month last year but lower than the previous month as monsoon rains stalled the mobility of trucks.

Cooking gas or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) sales increased 2.4 per cent to 2.3 million tonnes, while naphtha sales fell 5.1 per cent to 1.02 million tonnes.

LPG sales fell 1.6 per cent month-on-month. Sales of bitumen, used for making roads, were 3.1 per cent up, while fuel oil use edged up 8 per cent in August. Naphtha demand at 1.02 million tonnes was 5 per cent lower than a year back and 16 per cent lower than July 2021.

## India can export 6 million tons of sugar next season: ISMA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India, the world's second largest sugar producer, can export 6 million tonne of the sweetener in the 2021-22 season commencing next month, taking advantage of the firm global market, industry body ISMA said on Thursday.

The country exported about 6.67 million tonne of sugar in the first 11 months of the 2020-21 season (October-September), higher than the 5.57 million tonne shipment made in the year-ago period.

Total sugar exports in the current season could surpass 7 million tonne, it said.

Currently, global prices are ruling a more than four-year high at around 20 cents per pound due to likely sugar deficit in the world market in the next season on expected fall in production in Brazil, it added.

"This would mean that Indian sugar mills have a good opportunity to export their surplus sugar in the next couple of months up to January 2022, and thereafter till April 2022 before Brazilian sugar comes into the market," Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) said in a statement. Many sugar mills have signed forward contracts for export in the upcoming season, it said.

## Sensex, Nifty end marginally higher in volatile trade

PTI ■ MUMBAI

HDFC Bank and Axis Bank were among the laggards.

Of the Sensex constituents, 18 shares logged gains and 12 suffered losses.

During the holiday-truncated week, the Sensex rose 175.12 points or 0.30 per cent, while the Nifty advanced 45.65 points or 0.26 per cent.

Sectorally, telecom, power, utilities, capital goods and metal indices rose up to 2.40 per cent. On the other hand, realty, consumer durables, bankex and finance ended in the red. Broader midcap and smallcap indices rose up to 0.56 per cent. "Domestic markets were highly volatile tracking negative cues from global markets amidst selling seen in realty and pharma stocks.



Union Minister for Food Processing Industry Pashupati Kumar Paras on Thursday inaugurated 'Food Processing Week' as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on Thursday along with his deputy Prahlad Singh Patel. Total six projects worth over ₹76 crore were cleared by the Ministry

## Google brings accelerator programme for digital news startups in India

New Delhi: Google on Thursday announced an accelerator programme 'GNI Startups Lab India' for independent local or single-subject journalism organisations find a pathway to financial and operational sustainability through intensive coaching, skills training and other support.

Under its Google News Initiative (GNI), the tech giant

will offer a four-month programme that "seeks to help independent local or single-subject journalism organisations find a pathway to financial and operational sustainability through intensive coaching, skills training and other support".

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### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 36th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Members of Integra Telecommunication and Software Limited is scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 03:00 P.M. (IST), through video conferencing ("VC") or other audio-visual means ("OAVM"), to transact the businesses, as set out in the Notice of the AGM.

In view of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") vide its circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 w.r.t. Clarification on holding of Annual General Meeting (AGM) through video conferencing ("VC") or other audio visual means ("OAVM") read with circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and Securities and Exchange Board of India vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMID1/CIR/P/2020/7 dated May 12, 2020 w.r.t. Additional relaxation in relation to compliance with certain provisions of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015- Covid-19 pandemic ("SEBI Circular"), permitted the holding of the AGM through VC/OAVM, and dispensed personal presence of the Members at the common venue during AGM. In compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular, the AGM of the Company is being held through VC/OAVM. Hence, the Members can attend and participate in the ensuing AGM through VC/OAVM.

In terms of the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular, the Notice of the AGM and the Annual Report for the financial year 2020-21 has been sent on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021** by email to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. The requirements of sending physical copy of the Notice of the AGM and the Annual Report to the Members have been dispensed vide the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended, the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ('SS-2') issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('SEBI Listing Regulations'), the Company is providing the facility for Remote e-voting as well as the e-voting at the AGM to Members to exercise their right to vote by electronic means on any or all of the businesses specified in the Notice convening 36thAGM through NSDL e-voting platform. The details pursuant to the Act are as under:

- Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the Cut-Off Date, i.e., **Thursday, September 23, 2021** only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting, participating in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and e-voting during the AGM, and exercise their right to vote by electronic means on any or all of the businesses specified in the Notice
- The Remote e-voting commences on Monday, September 27, 2021, 09:00 A.M. (IST)** and ends on **Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 05:00 P.M. (IST)**. During this period Members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL after the aforesaid date and time for voting and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- A person who is not a Member as on cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purposes only.
- A member whose Email ID is already registered with the Company/Depository, may follow the instructions for e-voting as provided in the Notice of the AGM. Member whose Email ID are not registered with the Company/Depository Participants, shall follow the process as mentioned in the Notice of the AGM for procuring User ID and Password and registration of Email ID for e-voting.
- Detailed procedure for remote e-voting is provided in the Notice of AGM. The instructions for attending the AGM through VC/OAVM are also provided in the Notice of the AGM.
- Any Person who becomes a Member of the Company after dispatch of Notice and holding shares as on cut-off date i.e. Thursday, September 23, 2021 may obtain login id and password by sending an email at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or [cs@sjagroup.co.in](mailto:cs@sjagroup.co.in) by mentioning Folio No./DP ID and Client ID. The voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date.
- AMember can opt for only one mode of voting i.e. either through Remote e-voting or by e-voting system at the AGM. The procedure for e-voting at the AGM is same as the procedure for remote e-voting. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again through the e-voting system during the AGM. Only those Members, who are present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not casted their vote on the businesses as specified in the Notice through Remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting system available during the AGM.
- The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Rushabh Narendra Doshi, Practicing Company Secretary (holding ACS No. 24406 and CP No. 11412) as a Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting at AGM and Remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
- The Notice of AGM and the Annual Report for the financial year 2020-21 are available on the Company's website at [www.integratelesoftware.com](http://www.integratelesoftware.com), website of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and NSDL's website at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).
- The result of e-voting along with Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the Company's website [www.integratelesoftware.com](http://www.integratelesoftware.com) and shall also be submitted to BSE Limited.

In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) or call on toll free no.: 1800-222-990 or send a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager or Ms. Soni Singh, Asst. Manager, National Securities Depository Limited, Trade World, 'A' Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400 013, at the designated email id – [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or [pallavid@nsdl.co.in](mailto:pallavid@nsdl.co.in) or [sonis@nsdl.co.in](mailto:sonis@nsdl.co.in) or telephone nos.: +91 22 24994545, +91 22 24994559, who will also address the grievances connected with the voting by electronic means.

For, Integra Telecommunication and Software Limited

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Director &amp; CFO

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**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

The Head, Engineering Cell, FRI, Dehradun invites on behalf of Director, FRI Dehradun online item rate bids from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD, MES, Railways, P&T, State PWD & other Govt. Department etc. :

- NIT No. : 36-125/2021-22/Head/Engineering Cell/Civil
- Tender ID No.: 2021\_CFR\_E\_647179\_1.
- Name of Work : Repair and renovation work in Forest Seed Testing Lab(Room No. 1 & 2) Near Range Office at FRI
- Estimated Cost : Rs. 2,30,300/-, Earnest money : Rs.4,600/-, Tender fee Rs. 590/- and Period of completion: 30 days, Last date and time of submission of bid: 15.09.2021 at 3.00 P.M.
- The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app/> and [www.fri.res.in](http://www.fri.res.in)

Head, Engineering Cell,  
Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

**JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
Indira Circle, Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004  
No. : JDA / EE / Housing-I / 2021-22 / D-440 Dated : 08.09.2021

**CORRIGENDUM**

Following amendments are been made in the tender notice no. जयपुर/अधि.आमि./हात्सिंग-१/०३/२०२१-२२ "Concessionaire for Repair / Retrofit, Develop, Operate and Transfer (RDOT) by converting existing Government funded vacant houses into Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) for a period of 25 years"

| Description                | Earlier Date | Amendments in Date |
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All the conditions of bid remain the same.

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**Invitation for Bid No.: RUIDP/OCB/FSTP/07**

- Local Self Government Department, Government of Rajasthan invites online unconditional bid through e-procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> for the following works (Design, Build, Operate & Maintenance) from eligible enlisted contractor.
- Design, Supply, Construction, Testing, Trial run and commissioning of FSTP with 5 years operation and maintenance at Bayana (Bharatpur), Rajasthan including supply, testing of vehicle mounted suction machine for fecal sludge desludging (RUIDP/FTP/BY/01).
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- Bid document for downloading would be available at e proc website [www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) starting from 3rd September, 2021. Deadline for bid submission is as shown in the Table above.
- Pre-bid Meeting for all the work packages will be held at 15:00 hours on 15th September, 2021. All the prospective bidders are advised to participate in the Pre-bid meeting.
- Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc. will be published on the e-proc web sites and will not be published in Newspapers.
- Bidders may contact Additional Project Director, RUIDP (0141-2548404), Jaipur for any information on bidding process. UBN-UID2122WLOB00012 Project Director, RUIDP

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Bollywood  
 'It was a lot of fun getting together with Tony and Honey Singh for Kanta Laga.'  
 —Neha Kakkar

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Through the ages, people have always believed in supernatural powers and elements. The unworldly — some prefer to give it the rather cold name of the underworld or the Hades — images have haunted people all their lives and, in certain cases, across generations. Today, the movie-makers have started fusing different genres together. One of the most everlasting genres that impacts our minds is horror. The powerful genre can stimulate, rather tingle, almost every sense one can think of. The latest in the series is *Bhoot Police*.

On the shoot for the horror-comedy, director Pawan Kripalani says, "It was a great experience, to be honest. We shot the movie amid the raging pandemic and we had to face a lot of hurdles but, despite that, we had a rather fulfilling and satisfying experience."

Despite the restrictions, the pandemic didn't hinder their schedule. "We really didn't waste too much time. We were extremely lucky that we found a window, we found a part of the country that was less infected by the virus and we just went for it," Kripalani adds.

Upon being asked about his fascination and deep love for the horror genre, he explains, "My fascination with the genre is that, for me, it is like my go-to genre, it is something that I as an audience will like to consume. It is something that I have been watching since I was a kid. I have always enjoyed horror; reading horror, making horror watching horror... it has been a part of who I am, what it does, and deeper sub-textual narratives that it also gives. The horror genre branches out into many subgenres. Within that, you get to explore a variety of things that you otherwise don't get to do too much of."

Furthermore, he recounts, "Two movies that really scared me; one was Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* that really freaked me out and then there was this Steven Spielberg movie called *Jaws*. *Jaws* left a long-lasting phobia of water in me. I was scared of even a bathtub. That was the beginning of my association with horror. I was so taken in by what *Jaws* had done to me, done to my mind. This genre really grips you in ways that no other genre can. It can really affect you. I was kind of consumed by that, then I explored *The Shining*, *Rosemary's Baby*, *Exorcist*, and all other great films that were made,



## LOVE FOR SCARES

In a tête-à-tête with TANMAYA DAS, before the theatrical release of his forthcoming horror-comedy, *Bhoot Police*, PAWAN Kripalani sheds light on his fascination with the horror genre

but *Psycho* and *Jaws* were the two impressions that really pushed me." Moreover, he goes on to say, "I have watched *Psycho* and *The Birds* and all of these other movies over a thousand times by now. I have watched them without sound, I have watched them only for the visual, I watch every version of these available."

However, he laments the lack of elements of scenography in horror movies in the Indian cinema. "In our country, we have not really explored horror too much, to be honest. I still love *Mahal*, *Madhumati* and movies like that. There were a couple of other movies in that space that I have really been big fans of and I enjoyed some of them. But I think generally we don't have really good scenography when it comes to horror films. Abroad, there are so many that I kind of worship and they are kind of ideals for me, and I look up to them and I see the filmmakers have kind of studied the subjects exhaustively."

On watching movies from an analytical point of view, he says, "These movies still move me, scare me even now. Even now I am mesmerised by them; the way these have been put together. I think every couple of years, I still watch *The Shining*. You lose yourself in these movies."

The conventional approach of making horror movies in Indian cinema has always been commercial. He says, "It has got its own per-



spective, its own voice which is something that I have cultivated over the years. So it's a projection of all things. Tips has taken it because it is inherently commercially accessible. With the actors, with the packing, we push it to make it a little wider." Kripalani said that all the actors were thorough professionals and excited to work together. "As I say, it was a comedy, adventure, light-hearted and fun. There was a lot of goofing around, a lot of fun, inherently everyone was kind of enjoying the absurdity. Saif (Ali Khan) has given his all and Javed Jaffrey is an extremely hilarious person. It was a delight to work with him. Yami (Gautam) and Jacqueline (Fernandez) were extremely fun. They are such fine actors. It was kind of a chill set," he says.

There were also other people on the set who made a mark. "We had other people as well, we had Johnny Lever's daughter Jamie (Lever), such a funny actor. We had Amit Mistri, who recently passed away. He was also a fascinating actor. It was a fun cast and they were all really fun to work with."

Presented by Tips Industries Ltd, in association with 12th Street Entertainment, *Bhoot Police* is all set to release on Disney+Hotstar today, September 10. Starring Saif Ali Khan, Arjun Kapoor, Jacqueline Fernandez and Yami Gautam, the film is a brave attempt to raise high the flag of the horror-comedy genre in our country.

## 'Let's start working with nature'

Actor DIA MIRZA believes that everything that we claim to own comes from the planet and we must respect that fact. By TEAM VIVA

Actor, producer, a champion for Anature and its preservation, Dia Mirza recently elaborated on her initiation into environmental issues and the importance of raising climate-sensitive citizens. She recalled how her love for nature was born from the engagement she had with it right through her childhood and shared, "I had a beautiful school, we did a lot of our classes under big trees and spent a lot of time in neighbouring villages working with grass-root communities. I also had the privilege of growing up in a home that had a front yard, back yard and many fruit-bearing trees. A lot of my time was spent watching sparrows and squirrels building their nests."

When the first scientific reports about climate change were published, her school discussed them and initiated conversations about consumerism, the way people were producing and how that impacted the planet. "My attention was drawn consistently to our own choices and patterns of consumptions so much so that we would feel almost virtuous about saving a pencil right till the end. I became increasingly aware of the fact that everything we use and throw comes from the earth and should go back to the earth in a manner that doesn't harm it. I learnt that human activity is changing the temperatures of the planet. That was the beginning of learning about the planet and our place in it. A very big shift was also created in my consciousness when I watched the documentary, 'The Inconvenient Truth,'" recalled Mirza.

In a chat with environmentalist Abhiir Bhalla for the *Candid Climate Conversations* podcast, she also shared how visiting a tiger forest in Madhya Pradesh made her understand the challenges of ecology conservation. Mirza expressed, "I learned about the compulsions of the forest rangers, how dangerous it is for them to face the threats of the wild, poachers and encroachers. Associating with people like Bittu Sehgal who runs the Sanctuary Nature Foundation and Vivek Menon who is the CEO of the Wildlife Trust Of India made me realise the huge gap that exists between what climate scientists were talking about and what children were learning in schools. Such issues are also completely ignored by the mainstream media and it is around this time that I decided that I could be a bridge between science, policy and the general public. This is how, over 15 years ago, I started working for the environment."

Six years ago, while shooting the series *Ganga, The Soul Of India*, Mirza saw how polluted some of the most ecologically sensitive environments are with plastic waste. Thinking back, she said, "I was using this great opportunity to not just highlight the cultural or environmental aspect of the river but also the fact that it supports the lives and livelihood of over four million people. And then I saw millions of pieces of plastic in the most pristine environments and I wondered where all this was going to go because these



areas had no waste management systems, and when the locals burn the waste, it ends up contaminating the air, the soil and also entering our food chain. That was a huge trigger

and I felt a deeper sense of urgency about doing something about this. I remember when I had my first meeting with UNEP (UN Environment Programme) in South Africa just after I was appointed the national goodwill ambassador, I suggested a really strong powerful global campaign addressing plastic pollution and I was told that this was exactly what we were going to be working on next!"

Mirza believes her education played a big part in shaping her as a sensitive individual and feels it is very important that the youth are sensitised early to climate change. "We are consumed by capitalism and material success because we are trained to think that way. But all of that adds up to nothing because what transcends everything is our identity as citizens of this planet. Everything that we have or claim to own comes from the planet. And we must respect that," she underlined.

Mirza also believes that the synergy between individuals, civil society, policymakers and grassroots organisations is critical in creating a groundswell of change. She remarked, "Kids for Tiger programme was launched after a giant push was made to include and involve young people. Today we have the power of social media and some people are willing to invest in the environment and wildlife campaigns. I think PETA has also played a very big part in helping people understand how bad testing on animals is. There's a very big part that organisations play in increasing people's awareness about issues. For instance, just the gesture of carrying my own water bottle all over the world has spread the message of sustainability and I feel so grateful that so many people have followed suit. I also don't think we would have had the win with the Aarey forest in Mumbai if it wasn't for the participation and incredibly consistent efforts of the local NGOs, civil society and also celebrity supporters."

Mirza has also been looking at data and statistics and is encouraged by the level of participation by young people who are in turn mounting more pressure on governments, policymakers and industry than, perhaps, ever before. However, she added, "Still, our gains are so few in contrast to the larger picture. We have a very long way to go. Climate change is still not an electoral issue and only those platforms that are independent have been asking the right questions and have been linking natural disasters with climate change. Climate change needs to become a political issue. Only then will people start talking about it. The media also needs to mainstream this conversation. There is enough data to show how much we would gain if we work with nature rather than against it."

## Living with contemplation

On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, GOLDY NAGDEV elaborates on how the use of fragrance aids meditation



the trail of smoke release by incense.

■ Simply enjoy the current time while watching the basic and elegant show.

■ Carry on in this fashion for as long as you desire, or until you feel settled from inside.

■ Spend only five to 10 minutes at first for a few times in a week, then gradually extend the length of your sessions and try the practice more regularly. This method will increase your ability to concentrate and you will improve gradually.

### Effects of fragrance

The aroma of plants, spices, and herbs has medicinal and therapeutic effects, and it is incredibly significant to our psychology. You need to remain quiet. Relaxing the mind becomes increasingly important as our lives get more hectic and muddled. Meditation with essential oils has a healing effect on both the mind and the body.

It is thought that the aroma is pleasing to God and has a purifying effect. The lamp shines brightly, dispelling the negative energy that has taken over the puja grounds. Diffusers with essential oils create a warm and inviting atmosphere in your home. You might also use scented candles as an alternative.

So be ready to refresh yourself in this Ganapati festival!

(The author is the managing director of Hari Darshan Seashram Pvt Ltd, a home-grown brand for incense products.)



When is the last time you meditated because of your hectic schedule? Amidst the pandemic, we are all dealing with mental and physical stress. That is when we think of meditation for a while.

Now that the festive season has arrived, it is a good time to greet Lord Ganesha with all of the enthusiasm and zeal. From Ganpati *Bappa Morya*'s cheers to painted pandals to lit up sites of worship to the preparation of *modak* in every home, it is that time of the year when devotees leave no stone unturned to greet Lord Ganesha and seek his blessings.

Almost all Indian celebrations include diya, lighting, and decorations. Using diya, decorative candles, and string lights to light up your puja space can add a shine to your decor. In the puja room, you can use string lights, diya, and scented candles in front of the mandap. It will add to the brightness and vibrancy of your decor.

The importance of fragrance in worship helps to connect spiritually. The magnificent fragrance from perfumes and incense sticks was originated in ancient India. These fragrances calm or soothe our spirits from within. We tend to meditate while praying so that we can focus on something we wish to do without any difficulty.

Due to hectic lifestyle, meditation helps in relaxing while redirecting your energy, and improving your overall health. However, the obligations and distractions make it difficult in the beginning of meditation. In such circumstances, aromatherapy comes to rescue.

Aromatherapy is the practice of inhaling essential oil-derived scents that assists in managing emotions and promotes healthy life. Essential oils such as lavender, chamomile, frankincense, and others can be used to combine aromatherapy and meditation. These oils will enhance your medita-

tion experience, while also offering mental clarity and serenity. You may get these fragrances blended in a variety of incense sticks.

The ancient vedic school of Ayurveda teaches about the deeper holistic science behind the stimulation of the senses when people come into contact with scents and feel their therapeutic effects. Perfumes' restores our hearts, spirits, and senses, in all of their forms, can be best described as spiritual, healing, and liberating from egoic servitude.

Outlined below is one way how you may integrate an incense stick as part of your daily meditation. However, don't forget, consistency is key!

■ Arrange yourself in a comfortable posture and light a stick of incense. Bring your attention back to

photos by Pankaj Kumar



Actor Kangana Ranaut and producer Vishnuvardhan Induri, captured during a promotional event for *Thalaivi*, in New Delhi

photos by Pankaj Kumar

## CONNECTING WITH HER ROOTS: YAMI

Actor YAMI GAUTAM got a chance to extensively explore her home state of Himachal Pradesh during the shooting of her latest film *Bhoot Police*.

She went on to reveal how the shooting experience re-established her sense of belonging with the mountains, "It was such a profound experience. I feel that if there is God, he exists there...in the silence, in the mountain, the snow. Despite the hectic schedule, I got the best hug from Mother Nature during the shoot."

## fairtalk

BHUMI PEDNEKAR



"I have always been keen that my films should have a positive message along with the entertainment factor, as that's what cinema is primarily meant to do; I also feel that's how films in the future would be. If someone is spending two hours watching a film, or a piece of my content, it must lead to some kind of a positive change in their mindset."

## dailytalk

RAVEENA TANDON



"It was a mazedaar (funny) act and I have to say that Jamie truly took over the stage at the Zee Comedy Show. I know her since several years and she is a friend, but I need to mention something today. I've worked with Johnnyji in several movies with Govinda, so I know him well personally and whenever I see Jamie, I see his presence in front of me."

## EXPANDING HER HORIZONS: ANISTON

Hollywood star JENNIFER ANISTON has launched her new vegan hair care line after teasing the line earlier this month.

"Hi world! Meet Lolavie. This project has been in the works for a long time and I'm so excited to finally be able to introduce it to you. We're really proud to say it's been made without all the bad stuff and of course we are cruelty-free because we love our animals," she delightfully announced via Instagram.



# APPETISING AFFAIR

**KHUSHBU KIRTI**  
explores  
Mamagoto's fresh  
cocktail menu,  
'Shanghai Nights'

The Asian look of the age-old Mamagoto (which literally translates to 'to play with food'), is an atmosphere that attracts all its customers. The colourful imagery and quirky abstractions catch the eye. I spotted the Japanese and Chinese paintings at my first look, and was especially impressed by the impressionistic nature of the *Taking Tiger Mountain* of the Chinese cigarette cards. The whimsical semblance of the manga movement could be distinguished in the cafe's varied pictures.

Since 2010, the pan Asian cafe is renowned for its street hawker cuisine and its urban art. The food is supposed to be a fusion of street food of various places like Hong Kong, Seoul, Bangkok, Tokyo, and so on. Hitherto, I had only heard about its popularity, but now was the time to test the waters. We were supposed to try Mamagoto's newly inducted menu 'The Shanghai Nights'. The name Shanghai in the 1920s denoted the hedonistic liberal metropolitan in China which was filled with a plethora of jazz clubs, gambling

dens and, of course, gangsters. Through their new cuisine, I could sense their attempt to evoke nostalgia for the tradition.

We were treated with rice crackers as hors d'oeuvre, which were basically fryums but tastier and better cooked. They also came



in colourful patterns that quickly captivated the eye.

I was *In The Mood For Love*, no, don't get me wrong. That's the

name of the first cocktail that was served to us. I can easily claim it was what love would taste like in a cocktail: strong, bitter-sweet, enthralling, hot and cold at the same time. It looked enchanting in its appearance, with a huge bubble fixated magically on the top of the glass. Instead of creating butterflies in the stomach, the tequila, beguiled by rose vermouth, formed this sensation in my \_, something I had never experienced before. After trickling down the food pipe and creating chills along the way, the drink softly hit. I could taste the apricot puree, mixed with vanilla syrup differently. The muddled strawberry and lime juice proffered the bitter-sweet taste that lasted on the tongue for a while.

We were worried the first drink itself would give us the high most cocktails in a row cannot provide. Thus, the *Chicken Dumplings* were a major saviour. The soft dumpling dissolved in our mouths, the moment we tasted it. The chicken was perfectly cooked, and steamed just the right amount.

The *Le Shanghai* cocktail was up next. The excitement level, along with the expectations, of my friends and mine was high, since the start was so impeccable. True to their name, Mamagoto didn't

fail us. The drink was brought inside a glass dome kind-of structure, filled with smoke. The base of whisky blended well with the sweet taste of maple and hazelnut. It was only enhanced with smoke. While the drink was light and sweet, it was a good pre-appetiser for *The Smuggler's Paradise*, a blend of dark rum plus brandy. We were told that this was the very drink Shanghai originally became known for. While it was garnished with the local pudina, it gave a certain hit well appreciated by the tasters around me. The minty taste was only augmented by the angostura bitters. The only additional lime juice and sugar syrup gave it, yet again, a sweet taste.

This was followed by *Lentil Chicken With Peanuts*, as the name suggests, a spicy mixture of delicious pieces of chicken with peanuts. The dish was the perfect combination of spicy, chewy and soggy.

We were served with *Wild Dance*, a bourbon, grenadine, lime juice and honey concoction, the taste of which was supplemented by fruits, especially orange. It was garnished with an 'okay' sign of orange peeling, signally the fine drink we were going to have. We were informed of the allusion of *Wild Dance*, which was supposedly the first jazz band of Shanghai in the 1930s. We were surprised to hear that the band was actually commissioned by a gangster named Du Yuesheng (Big-Eared Du).



The last cocktail of the evening was *Paris Of The East*. With the base of relaxing rum *Old Monk*, the fusion of juices escalated the tangy flavours. The amalgam of pineapple, pomegranate, lime and coconut juices gave it a sweet fruity taste — a flawless ending to a pleasant night.

**CHRISTY VARGHESE** heads out to sample the fare by Westin, Gurgaon's 'Treasures of Trichy'

## GASTRONOMIC DELIGHTS OF TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

Picking up from where we left off after sampling the wares of Kerala for Onam, we felt we have not yet had enough. We were eager to taste some more dishes from South India, and were on the lookout for any opportunity that could cater to our cravings.

And that is when we found out that The Westin, Gurgaon had commenced a 13-day long culinary symphony titled, 'Treasures of Trichy' to enliven the traditional and flavourful spirit of Tiruchirappalli, from September 3. On further enquiry, we found out that the 'Treasures of Trichy' food festival, curated by chef Vijaykumar, was all about celebrating the cuisine with a traditional showcase of timeless delicacies based on authentic South Indian recipes from his homeland - the vibrant city of Tiruchirappalli. Lying along the banks of the Cauvery, this ancient city, soaked in spirituality and rich history, is full of diverse and flavourful treasures. Well, we were hooked from the moment we realised we would be able to binge on another cuisine from Southern India, and reserved a table for lunch without further ado.



The day we visited Westin, we took particular care in having an extremely light breakfast, preparing well in advance for a sumptuous lunch.

As we made our way to Westin we could not stop thinking about food, probably because we were somewhat hungry, and decided to while away our time reading about the food from Trichy. The cuisine here has been influenced by the various regimens that have ruled this area over the centuries and an amazing blend of fragrant spicy dishes has emerged from the melee. Majority of the dishes here are rice based, with the regions situated on the banks of Cauvery being known as the rice bowl of Tamil Nadu. Aside from that, coconut also plays an important role in the cuisine of Trichy.

Scrolling through some drool-worthy images of traditional dishes engineered in Trichy households, we did not realise how quickly time passed as our cab pulled up at the entrance of The Westin. As we navigated through the lobby to the establishment's all-day dining restaurant, Seasonal Tastes, the lunch buffet was being spread. But we had our eyes only on the Treasures of Trichy.

We sought out chef Vijaykumar and expressed that we were there only for his food and that we couldn't wait to fill ourselves to the brim. He had a hearty chuckle before sharing, "For this food festival, I have

recreated some simple yet heavenly recipes perfected and passed on by generations. These recipes are restricted to the homes in the interiors of the region and untapped by people outside of those places. You may rest assured, I will be sending only the most choice dishes your way."

After we seated ourselves we rubbed our hands together in giddy joy, in eager anticipation of what was to come. Right off the bat we were spoilt for choice, in a throwback to the sense of hospitality that the southern regions of India are known for, with three different appetisers. Small vadas, crispy fried florets of cauliflower, and succulent chicken nuggets were served with an assortment of chutneys and pickles. We were particularly obsessed with the soft hunks of chicken, which the chef told us were so succulent because they were marinated for over half an hour with lemon juice, and the cauliflower crisps, which went really well with the tomato chutney.

When the main course was set on our table, we realised what a wise decision that light breakfast was, because what we had in front of us was a diverse array of some of the best dishes to be featured among the 'Treasure of Trichy'. The selections included a delectable *Mutton suka* (mutton roast), *Kozhi varuval* (fried chicken curry) which went really well with the *Malabar porotta*. The chef, in one of his customary chats with us, as he dropped by our table periodically to check that everything is in order, shared that he preferred the porottas with the fish curry. The *Paal katti melagu* (paneer curry) was particularly creamy and we fancied it as a standalone dish. The *Lemon rice* disappeared in a jiffy, and that was no surprise, it reminded us of home, after all.

Rubbing our tummies, we had just enough room for the traditional *Seviyan payasam* and the rich *Rava kesari*. While the *payasam* hit the right notes as a sweet dish, since there are some among us who don't like a dessert that is too sweet, the *kesari* was extremely sweet. But we did not mind that, we reveled in the sugar rush.

Without wasting any time, considering how the festival ends on September 15, we would recommend you visit The Westin, Gurgaon for some lip-smacking fare from Trichy.



### COCONUT MACAROONS

#### WHAT YOU NEED

- Unsweetened coconut (finely shredded and dry): 1 cup
- Almond flour: ½ cup
- Pure maple syrup: ¼ cup
- Coconut oil (melted): 3 tbsp
- Vanilla: ½ tsp
- Sea salt: ¼ tsp
- Chocolate chips (dairy-free): 3-4 tsp

#### METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 300°F.
- In a medium-sized mixing bowl, combine the coconut, almond flour, maple syrup, coconut oil, vanilla, and sea salt.
- Scoop the batter onto a parchment-lined baking sheet with a rounded tablespoon or tiny cookie scoop.
- Preheat oven to 200°F and bake for 20-22 minutes.
- Remove from the oven and set aside to cool. Wait around 15 minutes before serving or dipping in chocolate because they will harden up as they cool.
- If using melted chocolate, place chips in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave for 30 seconds, stirring halfway through. Heat for additional 10 seconds if the chips aren't completely melted. Add a teaspoon of heated coconut oil to thin out the chocolate if it seems too thick after melting.
- Dip and/or drizzle each macaron with melted chocolate.
- Allow 5-10 minutes for the chocolate to solidify before placing the macarons in the fridge or freezer. Refrigerate or freeze any remaining macarons. Allow at least 10 minutes for them to defrost before eating if you store them in the freezer.

Courtesy: Shikha Mahajan, a holistic nutritionist and the founder of Diet Podium

### KESARI POTATO HALWA WITH SILKEN PISTACHIO RABDI

#### WHAT YOU NEED

##### For kesari potato halwa:

- Potatoes: 200 gm
- Coconut milk: 100 ml
- Sugar: 150 gm
- Cardamom powder: 2-3 gm
- Almond: 10 gm
- Cashew: 10 gm
- Pistachio: 10 gm
- Raisins: 10 gm
- Saffron: 8-10 strands
- Ghee: 2 tbsp
- Godrej rice bran oil: 50 ml

##### For silken pistachio rabdi:

- Milk: 250 ml

### KHASHAWADI ROLL

#### WHAT YOU NEED

##### For Khashawadi Roll:

- Cottage cheese: 150 gm
- Green chutney: 10 gm
- Mango chutney: 10 gm
- Cashew nut: 30 gm
- Turmeric powder: ½ tsp
- Salt to taste
- Tomato puree: 1 cup
- Red chili powder: 1 tsp
- Coriander powder: 1 tsp
- Garam masala: ½ tsp
- Curd: ½ cup

#### RECIPIES

- Sugar: 30 gm
- Cardamom powder: 2 gm
- Pistachio: 30 gm
- Condensed milk: 15 gm

#### METHOD

##### For silken pistachio rabdi:

- Boil milk on low flame. Keep on stirring till only half of it is left.
- Add condensed milk, sugar and cardamom.
- Reduce it to thick paste consistency. It will take about 20 minutes for this stage.
- Add boiled pistachio paste to the mixture.
- Cook for five minutes more and let it cool.

##### For kesari potato halwa:

- Soak saffron strands in coconut milk.

#### WHAT YOU NEED

##### For Dahi ke roti kebabs:

- Hung yogurt: 200 gm
- Paneer: 50 gm
- Onion (small): 1
- Capsicum (small): 1
- Carrot (small): 1
- Coriander: 2 tbsp
- Salt to taste
- Black pepper powder: 1 tsp
- Chopped green chili: 2



- Take the potatoes and wash it well. Prick it using a fork.
- Boil over the stove top till the potatoes get boiled. Keep stirring. Now add the sugar. The sugar will start to



from heat, strain and let it cooldown properly. It will help in peeling the skin easily, as the potatoes will be too hot.

● The potatoes should not contain any excess water. Place the cooked and peeled potatoes in a large bowl and mash it well using a potato masher. At the end you may have to use hands to knead it like dough and break the small lumps, if any.

● In a medium size frying pan, heat about half the oil and sauté the mashed potato in the pan for ten minutes. Keep stirring it frequently on medium heat otherwise the potatoes will stick to the pan.

● Add the saffron soaked coconut milk and keep stirring. Now add the sugar. The sugar will start to

- Bread slices: 6 to 7
- Corn flour: 2 tsp
- Water: 4 tsp
- Cooking oil

#### METHOD

- Take a thick and creamy curd (hung curd) and add one cup crumbled paneer.
- Then, add onion, ginger, chili and coriander powder. Also, add salt and crushed pepper.
- Then, add breadcrumbs to remove excess moisture.
- Mix it well making sure

melt and you will get a soupy consistency mixture.

● Stir in the cardamom powder and keep adding the remaining oil slowly. Keep mixing the halwa until the ghee separates and the halwa thickens. This might take another ten minutes. Transfer it to a greased mould and de-mould it onto a plate.

● Heat oil and lightly fry the cashew nuts, almond slivers and pistachios till light brown.

● Serve hot the *kesari* potato halwa with silken pistachio rabdi and garnish with slivers of almond, cashew, pistachios and raisins.

Courtesy: Chef Chetan at Godrej Veg Oils' Sahi Shuruat initiative of Godrej Vikhroli Cucina

the paneer and hung curd are combined well. Do not over knead as the curd will start to release moisture.

● Prepare small size kebab and coat them with corn flour to remove excess moisture

● Then, deep fry the patties in oil on medium flame while stirring occasionally till they turn golden brown.

● Serve *dahi ke kabab* with *pudina* chutney or sauce.

Courtesy: Chef Satvir Singh, Executive Chef at Anuraga Palace in Ranthambore.



## A healthy lifestyle

HIMANSHU AGARWAL discusses if consuming protein post-workout is required



There are several questions that people have when it comes to protein intake right after the workout. The quantity of protein everybody needs varies, and it is based on several factors such as age, sex, fitness, and activity level. Your daily diet should give you the required amount of protein.

To learn how the proper meals can benefit you after a workout, it's vital to examine how physical exercise affects your body. During the workout, the muscles use to utilise their glycogen, so post-workout the body tries to repair its glycogen storage as well as improve and regrow those muscle protein. Consuming the proper nutrients right after you exercise can improve your body to work faster. It's essentially important to consume carbohydrates and protein after your workout.

weight, 20 grams to 30 grams serving of protein is required. Tofu, milk, yogurt, eggs, chicken parts, fish, whey protein, vegan protein can be consumed. Along with it, one portion of carbs, for example, a slice of toast or two, rice, cereal, or fruit will be sufficient.

To strengthen muscle, consuming adequate protein and overall calories over the day is the most crucial part. If you're aiming to grow muscle, consume bigger portions of protein. To slim down, consider having a protein shake on your off-training day. For instance, if you have a company meeting in the morning and tend to skip breakfast, drinking a protein shake can substitute a meal and provide the stamina that is needed to work optimally. But it cannot replace a meal, its purpose is to supplement the food, not replace it.

#### What should your post-workout meal, or snack, look like?

All macronutrient protein, carbs, and fat are required in your body's post-workout recovery method.

It is essential to consume the right food; exercise triggers the downfall of muscle protein. Consuming a sufficient quantity of protein after an exercise gives your body the amino acids it needs to repair and rebuild these protein. So, eating both carbs and protein after a workout can maximise protein and glycogen synthesis.

#### What is protein, and why is it necessary?

Protein are built up of several different amino acids mixed. There are various amino acid building blocks generally seen in plants and animals. Amino acids are categorised as either basic or non-essential.

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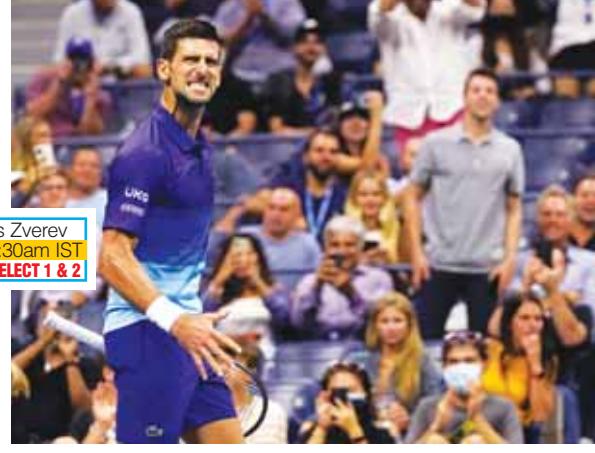
# Novak two wins away from Calendar Slam

World No 1 will face Olympics Gold medallist Zverev in rematch of Tokyo 2020 semi-final

AFP ■ NEW YORK

Novak Djokovic moved within two matches of completing the first men's calendar-year singles Grand Slam in 52 years on Wednesday, rallying to defeat Italian Matteo Berrettini in US Open quarter-final.

**Djokovic vs Zverev**  
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"I think it was a great performance overall," Djokovic said, calling his last three sets "the best three sets I've played in the tournament."

The world No 1 booked a semi-final date on Friday against Olympic champion Alexander Zverev, who beat Djokovic in the semi-finals in Tokyo.

"He's in tremendous form. He has been winning a lot," Djokovic said. "He's one of the best players in the world right now and I'm pumped. The bigger the challenge, the more glory in overcoming it."

Djokovic is trying to become the first man to win all four major titles in the same year since Rod Laver in 1969, but he wasn't ready ponder the glory of that challenge just yet.

"Only focusing on the next match. Don't ask me about history," Djokovic said. "I'm thinking only about the next match. Step by step."

The 34-year-old Serbian also seeks his fourth US Open title and men's record 21st career Slam trophy, which would lift him one above the mark he shares with Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, both absent with injuries.

German fourth seed

## Emma's dream run continues

New York: British 18-year-old sensation Emma Raducanu became the first qualifier to reach the US Open semi-finals by defeating Tokyo Olympic champion Belinda Bencic 6-3, 6-4 on Wednesday.

Raducanu, only the fourth qualifier to reach a Grand Slam semi-final, made the Swiss 11th seed the highest-rated victim of her young career in making history on the New York hardcourts.

"It was a really tough match," Raducanu said. "I'm really glad to have come through."

Next for World number 150 Raducanu, who hasn't dropped a set at the Open is a first-ever matchup against

Greek 17th seed Maria Sakkari, who ousted Czech fourth seed Karolina Pliskova 6-4, 6-4.

Sakkari, whose first Slam semi-final came in June at the French Open, also eliminated 2019 US Open winner Bianca Andreescu, and Czech 10th seed Petra Kvitova, a two-time Wimbledon champion, in matching her best Slam run.

Raducanu became the youngest US Open women's semi-finalist since Maria Sharapova in 2005, although she is only a couple of months younger than Canadian 19-year-old Leylah Fernandez, who will face second-seeded Aryna Sabalenka in Thursday's other semi-final.

AFP

## ITTF calls meeting to discuss Manika's fixing allegations against national coach

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Table Tennis Federation of India (ITTF) has called its executive committee meeting on Saturday to discuss star player Manika Batra's allegations of match-fixing against national coach Soumyadeep Roy.

After Manika's allegation, in response to the ITTF's show-cause notice, that the national coach had asked her to throw a match during the Olympic qualifiers, the federation had asked Roy for a written response which he has submitted.

"The issue will be discussed in the virtual meeting and I will propose formation of an inquiry panel but the committee will take the final call," ITTF secretary Arun Banerjee said on Thursday.

ITTF president Dushyant Chautala is expected to attend the meeting.

### CAMP IN SONIPAT

On the ongoing national camp in Sonipat, Banerjee said most of the players have reported barring Manika. G Sathiyan,



AFP ■ LONDON

Ben Stokes was left out of England's provisional squad announced on Thursday for next month's T20 World Cup.

Stokes is currently taking an indefinite leave of absence from cricket for his mental wellbeing and to recover from a finger injury.

The 30-year-old all-rounder, a key member of the side that won the 2019 50-over World Cup, has not taken the field since July.

"Durham's Ben Stokes was not available for selection and continues to take an indefinite break from all cricket to prioritise his mental wellbeing," said an England and Wales Cricket Board statement.

But fast bowler Tymal Mills has been included, returning to the side for the first time since 2017.

Mills has impressed during this season's domestic T20 Blast and starred for Southern Brave as they won the inaugural edition of the Hundred.

"I believe we have selected a squad that covers all bases and has the depth to be successful in what is expected to be a very competitive

fast bowler Jofra Archer

had already been ruled out

with an elbow injury while, as expected, there is no place for Test skipper Joe Root in the 15-man squad.

Surrey's Tom Curran and the Hampshire pair of Liam Dawson and James Vince are the travelling

reserves.

As part of their build-up

to the tournament, England

are scheduled to play four

warm-up matches, including

a two-match T20 series

against Pakistan.

### SQUAD

Eoin Morgan (capt), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Sam Billings, Jos Buttler (wk), Sam Curran, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, David Malan, Tymal Mills, Adil Rashid, Jason Roy, David Willey, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood

### Reserves:

Tom Curran, Liam Dawson, James Vince

### NO TAMIM

Bangladesh on Thursday

named all the players

who completed a series win

over New Zealand in their

squad for T20 World Cup.

### Squad:

Mahmudullah Riyad (capt), Mohammad Naim,

Soumya Sarkar, Liton Das,

Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur

Rahim, Afif Hossain, Nurul

Hasan Sohan, Mahedi Hasan,

Nasum Ahmed, Mustafizur

Rahman, Shoriful Islam,

Taskin Ahmed, Mohammad

Saifuddin, Shamim Hossain.

AFP

## Syed Modi Int'l tourney cancelled

New Delhi: The Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament was on Thursday cancelled by the Badminton World Federation for the second year in a row.

The tournament, which was also cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, was scheduled to be held in Lucknow from October 12 to 17.

"Further to August's announcement detailing updates to the BWF Tournament Calendar 2021, the BWF can confirm the Syed Modi India International 2021 is now cancelled," the apex body said in a statement.

BWF, which has had to cancel several tournaments due to Covid-19 complications and restrictions, however, did not specify the exact reason for calling off the tournament in India.

"The BWF regrets the cancellation but remains committed to delivering a safe and structured series of badminton tournaments for the rest of the year," the statement read. PTI

## CA to cancel Afghanistan Test over Taliban stance on women

Melbourne: Cricket Australia

on Thursday made it clear that it will not host the Afghanistan men's team next month if women are not allowed to play the game under Taliban rule.

CA's statement comes a day after Taliban's cultural commission, Ahmadullah Wasiq, was quoted as saying that it wasn't necessary for women to play cricket.

"Driving the growth of women's cricket globally is incredibly important to Cricket Australia. Our vision for cricket is that it is a sport for all and we support the game unequivocally for women at every level," the CA said.

If recent media reports that women's cricket will not be supported in Afghanistan are substantiated, Cricket Australia would have no alternative but to not host Afghanistan for the proposed Test Match due to be played in Hobart.

"We thank the Australian and Tasmanian Governments for their support on this important

issue," it added.

The one-off Test between Australia and Afghanistan is scheduled to begin on November 27 in Hobart.

The Australian Cricketers Association (ACA) also endorsed CA's stance.

"What is happening now in Afghanistan is a human rights issue that transcends the game of cricket."

"And while we would love to see players such as Rashid Khan play against Australia, hosting this Test Match cannot be considered if that same opportunity to play the game is denied to Roya Samim and her teammates," it said.

Sports Minister Richard Colbeck has called for the ICC's intervention on the matter.

"Excluding women from sport at any level is unacceptable," Colbeck said in a statement.

"We urge international sport authorities, including the International Cricket Council, to take a stand against this appalling ruling."

## Italy, Spain & Germany win

AFP ■ LONDON

Moise Kean grabbed his first international goals since March 2019 as Italy thrashed Lithuania 5-0 in World Cup qualifying on Wednesday, as Damian Szymanski's late header forced England to settle for a draw in Poland.

Italy had drawn their previous two qualifiers to slip into a battle with Switzerland for automatic qualification from Group C.

But the European champions produced a dominant display against Lithuania in Reggio Emilia.

Young striker Kean, who rejoined Juventus from Everton, scored twice in the first half.

Edgaras Utkus put through his own net and Giacomo Raspadori also scored as Italy moved four ahead at the break.

Giovanni Di Lorenzo made it five in the second period as Roberto Soriano's side stretched their lead over Switzerland at the top of the table to six points.

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2020 final, lost their 100 percent record in qualifying with a 1-1 draw against Poland in Warsaw.

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PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG

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