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UN must ensure nations don't exploit Af: Modi

Ocean laws should not be abused, shun terror as state policy, says PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday targeted Pakistan and China in his address to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) by saying that Afghanistan should not be used by some countries for terrorism and that Ocean laws be used and not abused as he sought the world body to increase its relevance and effectiveness on issues like terrorism and proxy-war.

The Prime Minister addressed the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly at New York as the first speaker among the world leaders gathered there.

While attacking Pakistan without naming it, the Prime Minister sought to contrast the neighbouring country's "regressive thinking" of using "terrorism as a political tool" with India's scientific and progressive advancement that is not only helping it but also the world at large.

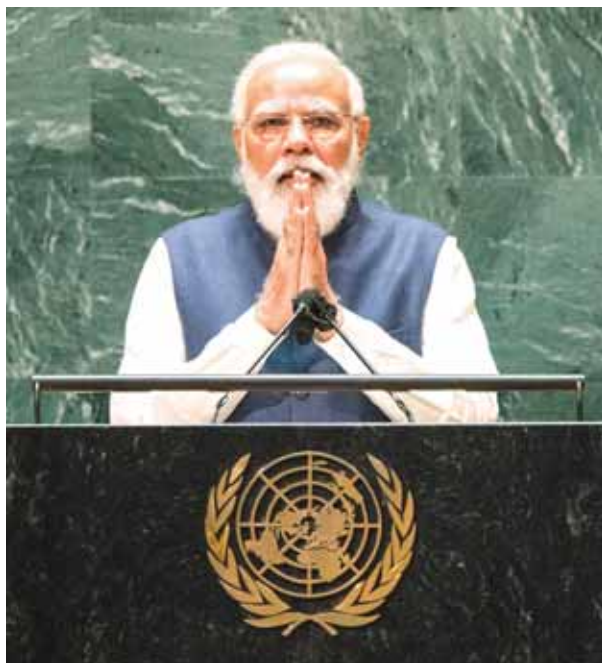
He said when Indian students in the 75th year of country's independence are readying up to send 75 satellites in space, the other side is going backwards and resorting to terrorism.

"Countries with regressive thinking that are using terrorism as a political tool need to understand that terrorism is an equally big threat for them. It has to be ensured that Afghanistan isn't used to spread terrorism or launch terror attacks..." said Modi, in a warning to Pakistan.

The Prime Minister who virtually took the UN body to task for not being pro-active said, "This needs to be ensured that the land of Afghanistan is not to be used for terrorism and the delicate situation of Afghanistan is not used as a tool by some country."

The Prime Minister in his speech delivered in Hindi interspersed with a "Sanskrit slok" of "Chanakya", the ancient Indian political scientist, and a quote of nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore in Bengali to convey to the UN that it needs to take timely and effective steps to counter threats emanating from terrorism and regressive ideologies.

Focussing on Afghanistan, the Prime Minister referred to "Afghan women, children and minorities" saying "they need help" and "we will have to share responsibility".



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly at United Nations headquarters in New York on Saturday AP

Modi said the entire world should use science-based rationale and progressive thinking as a medium of development.

Without mentioning Chinese attempt to monopolise the South China Sea and use its muscle to regulate it in its favour, the PM said ocean resources be used and not abused" and that they are life-time and belong to one and all.

"Our oceans are also our shared heritage. That is why we

have to keep in mind that we use our ocean resources, not abuse them. Our seas are a lifeline to international trading. We need to protect them from expansion and exclusion. World communities must unitedly raise their voice to strengthen rule-based world order," said Modi.

He spoke about "rule-based navigation" and urged the members of the UN body "to speak in one voice" about maritime security.

'Arsonist' in 'firefighter' guise, India retorts to Pakistan's slur

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Pakistan and India sparred at the United Nations General Assembly in New York with terror, Jammu & Kashmir, and human rights figuring in the centre of an acerbic blame game.

While Pakistan called the Modi Government a "fascist" and responsible for unleashing Islamophobia in the region, India said its neighbour is an "arsonist" disguising itself as a "firefighter," and nurtures terrorists in its backyard.

Exercising its right of reply to Khan's statements at the United Nations session, India said Pakistan has an established history and policy of harbouring, aiding and actively supporting terrorists.

"Pakistan holds the ignoble record of hosting the largest



First Secretary Sneha Dubey

number of terrorists proscribed by the UNSC (United Nations Security Council). Osama Bin Laden got shelter in Pakistan. Even today, Pakistan leadership glorify him as 'martyr', First Secretary Sneha Dubey said on Friday.

The entire world has suffered because Pakistan nurtures terrorists in its backyard, she said.

"Regrettably, this is not the first time the leader of Pakistan has misused platforms provided by the UN to propagate false and malicious propaganda against my country, and seeking in vain to divert the world's attention from the sad state of his country where terrorists enjoy free pass while the lives of ordinary people, especially those belong-

ing to the minority communities, are turned upside down," she added.

This strong retort came following Prime Minister Imran Khan's "virtual" address, where he had raised the issue of abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 giving special status to Jammu & Kashmir as well as the death of separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

Labelling the Modi Government as fascist, Khan also said, "It is unfortunate, very unfortunate, that the world's approach to violations of human rights lacks even-handedness, and even is selective."

Geopolitical considerations, or corporate interests, commercial interests often compel major powers to overlook the transgressions of their affiliated countries."

CAPSULE

RIGHTS ACTIVIST KAMLA BHASIN PASSES AWAY

New Delhi: Eminent women's rights activist, poet and author Kamla Bhasin passed away on Saturday after a battle with cancer. She was 75.

MAJOR RESHUFFLE IN DELHI POLICE

New Delhi: In a major reshuffle in the Delhi Police, Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal on Saturday transferred 40 senior officers, including 11 Special Commissioners and 28 DCPs and additional DCPs, an official order said. The development came a day after a shootout took place inside a courtroom in Rohini court which left three people, including gangster Jitender Gogi, dead, triggering criticism over the security lapse.

DELHI REGISTERS 27 NEW CASES IN A DAY

New Delhi: The national Capital registered zero death due to Covid-19 and 27 infections in a day with a case positivity rate of 0.04 per cent, according to data shared by the city health department on Saturday. Three fatalities due to coronavirus have been reported this month so far — one each on Sept 7, Sept 16 and Sept 17.

PM to bring home 157 antiquities from US

Includes 12th CE Natraja to 10th CE sandstone panel of Revanta

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The USA has handed 157 artefacts and antiquities to Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his ongoing visit to attend the United Nation's General Assembly.

The PM conveyed his deep appreciation for the repatriation of antiquities to India by the United States.

The list of 157 artefacts includes a diverse set of items, ranging from the one and a half metre bas-relief panel of Revanta in sandstone of the 10th CE to the 8.5 cm tall, exquisite bronze Nataraja from the 12th CE. The items largely belong to the period of 11th CE to 14th CE as well as his-



toric antiquities such as the copper anthropomorphic object of 2000 BC or the terracotta vase from the 2nd CE. Some 45 antiquities belong to Before Common Era.

While half of the artifacts (71) are cultural, the other half consists of figurines which relate to Hinduism (60), Buddhism (16) and Jainism (9).

Their make spreads across

metal, stone and terracotta.

The bronze collection primarily contains ornate figurines of the well-known postures of Lakshmi Narayana, Buddha, Vishnu, Siva Parvathi and the 24 Jain Tirthankaras and the less common Kankalamurti, Brahmi and Nandikesa besides other unnamed deities and divine figures.

India, US, Japan, Oz talk about combating terrorism in Af

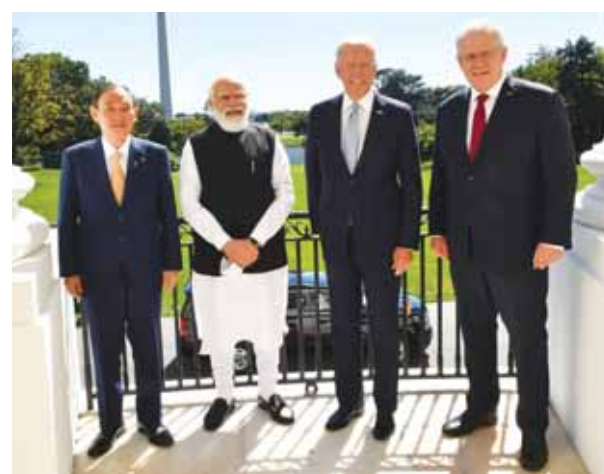
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Faced with growing assertiveness by China in the Indo-Pacific region, India, US, Japan and Australia resolved to resist any "coercion" and work together for ensuring peace and prosperity in the region and the world as a whole.

The four nations forming the Quad grouping also agreed to coordinate their policies towards Afghanistan and further deepen counter-terrorism and humanitarian co-operation in the months ahead in accordance with a UN Security Council resolution.

"We reaffirm that Afghan territory should not be used to threaten or attack any country or to shelter or train terrorists, or to plan or to finance terrorist acts, and reiterate the importance of combating terrorism in Afghanistan."

"We denounce the use of terrorist proxies and emphasised the importance of deny-



This handout photograph released by Press Information Bureau shows, from left, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison at the White House in Washington PIB

ing any logistical, financial or military support to terrorist groups which could be used to launch or plan terror attacks, including cross-border attacks. We stand together in support of Afghan nationals, and call on the Taliban to provide safe passage to any person wishing to leave Afghanistan, and to ensure that the human rights of all Afghans, including women, children, and minorities are respected," the joint statement released after the summit said.

This was major outcome of first in person summit between the Quad countries comprising India, US, Japan and Australia in Washington on Friday. The heads of state of these countries including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga held talks for more than two hours. The summit was hosted by Biden.

Biden reiterates support for India's permanent UNSC berth, NSG entry

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden has reiterated America's support for India's permanent membership on a reformed United Nations Security Council and its entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group during his first in-person bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

President Biden, in his talks with Prime Minister Modi, applauded India's "strong leadership" during its UN Security Council Presidency in August 2021.

"In this context, President Biden also reiterated US support for India's permanent membership on a reformed UN Security Council and for other countries who are important champions of multilateral cooperation and aspire to permanent seats on the UN Security Council," it said.

President Biden's support provides a big boost to India's push for the reform of the powerful UN organ as India has been at the forefront of efforts at the United Nations to push for an urgent long-pending reform of the Security Council, emphasising that it rightly deserves a place at the UN high table as a permanent member.

Modi jealous of my Hindu identity, alleges Didi after MEA blocks her Italy visit

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Hours after the Ministry of External Affairs denied Mamata Banerjee permission to visit Rome to attend a world conference on peace, the Bengal Chief Minister on Saturday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying he is "jealous" about the recognition she is getting the world over as a "Hindu" woman.

Denying the permission to the Chief Minister the MEA said the "event is not commensurate in status for participation by the Chief Minister of a State." The Chief Minister had requested the Centre to allow her to take an industry delegation to Italy.

Attacking the Prime Minister from a Bhawanipore Assembly by-election rally, Chief Minister Mamata



Banerjee said, "I had been invited to attend a world peace conference being held in Rome ... the Italian Government had given special permission to me for attending the programme ... which was likely to be attended by the likes of German Chancellor and Pope Francis... but this Government denied me the clearance saying that it was not a right programme for a Chief Minister to attend."



Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Digvijay Singh leads a dharna of different Opposition parties against the BJP's anti-people policies, in Bhopal on Saturday Pioneer photo

HC lauds State Govt's efforts to tackle Covid

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh High Court has appreciated the State Government's strategy to deal with corona virus and systematic well planned efforts, preparedness and work of providing oxygen generation plants, CT scan machines, oxygen / ICU / HDU / ICU beds in all district government hospitals.

The High Court has also appreciated the efforts made by the state officials for vaccination of large population of the state and their dutiful performance.

Considering the state government's action in the 12th Interim Action Report submitted by the state government, the High Court said that it is confident that by the end of the year 2021, the Madhya Pradesh government will complete the vaccination of the entire population above the age, of 18 with the first and second

doses. The state government submitted the 12th Interim Action Report in compliance with the High Court order 10-8-2021. The Court issued a detailed order on its six different subjects. It may be noted that Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan had made tireless efforts in preparing a public-participation based strategy to deal with Covid 19. This strategy proved to be extremely effective in preventing Corona infection and was adopted by many states.

The state government apprised the court with the strategies and preparations it adopted to control Covid-19. The first topic was related to the setting up of oxygen production plants. It was informed that oxygen plants will be installed positively in all district / civil hospitals.

In the 12th Interim Action Report the state government stated that out of 190 plants which were to be set up, 108

plants have already been made functional and 36 plants have been delivered from the concerned agency and are in the process of installation. Preliminary preparations are underway at CMHO level for setting up the remaining plants.

The second issue was about the status of CT scan machines which were to be installed in all the districts. CT scan machines will be installed in all the districts.

The process of installation of CT Scan Machine is going on at a fast pace. The third issue was related to the status of ventilators in all the districts. In this regard, setting up of 10 ICU beds in Community Health Center has been proposed in the newly created Niwari district. A total of 567 ventilators are available in all the district government hospitals in the remaining 51 districts. There is adequate availability of ventilators in all the districts.

'People asking me if I am from Haryana is a compliment'

ASHI SINGH who plays a lead role in the show Meet, speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about the challenges of the character and how she got the Haryanvi accent correct

■ How did you come on board for this show?
I auditioned two months before I got selected. I really liked the character when I auditioned but I had no expectations that I would be selected.

■ What is the best part about playing Meet?
The best thing is that I get to do so much and I get to do so many new things which I haven't done before as Ashi. I still don't do those things as Ashi but Meet is quite different in that way. I get to do a lot of new experiments and get to learn a lot.

■ Despite negativity around her— from her grandmother— what keeps her motivated?
Here I relate to Meet a little bit because in my real life also I try to focus on positive aspects and ignore negativity. So, when I am playing Meet, it is like let grandma say whatever she wants to, I will be happy. I practice that a lot in my real life too. My friends, my whole street loves me so much and the memories I have with my parents, I spend my time cherishing them rather than Dadi. Of course I get hurt by what Dadi does but there are other things which Meet can focus on and move on.

■ What were the challenges to play Meet and get the Haryanvi accent correct?
I can give you a list of challenges. There were a lot! First of all, practicing riding a bike and body language were tough. Each and every scene that I am doing like climbing on a window or anything which involves some kind of stunt has been very challenging for me because I am not that adventurous in my real life nor have I done anything of that sort before. If I am scared of doing something, I cannot express that because my character is not that. I have never played cricket in my life, never ever held a cricket bat because I used to hate it. And if I talk about getting the Haryanvi accent, I am still not sure about my ability to speak it properly. Whenever I listen to my voice talking in Haryanvi, I never like it. But few people from Haryana asked me if I am from Haryana and that was like a huge compliment, which means I have achieved it. I have worked hard though.

The glamour industry has always attracted me even as a child. I always wanted to be an actor and destiny worked in my favour. My parents asked me to stop pursuing it but I didn't quit

■ I believe the track will lead to you— Meet marrying Meet. What happens next. Can you give us a sneak peek?
Yes that was the story. After that, it is like the guy doesn't love the girl. There are a lot of responsibilities on the girl after she gets married. Before she had only one family to take care of but now she has so much on her plate. You will for sure get to see some family drama but it would be in Meet's style. It would be different. Meet is not an innocent girl who would keep quiet if someone says something to her. She speaks back too and she has her own way to do things. You will see all that drama in Meet's way and it is a great story ahead.

■ How did you end up in acting?
I don't remember really liking anything else apart from acting and dancing. The glamour industry has always attracted me since I was very small. I always wanted to be an actress and stars

worked in my favour. I came to Mumbai for schooling, later my parents pushed me to do an acting course. But they also asked me to stop and I could not stop because they triggered my childhood wish and it was quite tough to lose all that. So, I just started giving auditions and stars worked in my favour.

■ You have done a fre music videos. How has this experience been? How much fun has it been?
It has been a good experience. In fact the shooting for music videos is a one day or two days shoot. I really like to meet people, I like to go out.

When I do music videos, I meet a lot of new people. It is not like shooting for daily soap where you meet the same set of people everyday, which is also a blessing in itself because they become your family. Only drawback is that you don't get to meet new people. While doing music videos, you go out, you explore more and you get to learn new things. So, it is like a life experience. Moreover, working for a music video you can experiment on yourself which you cannot always do in terms of your looks and character.

■ How much do you relate to Meet?
There are things where I do not relate to Meet at all. Meet is very different from me, whatever she does I never did or do that in real life. But yes, we think alike and I relate to her in that aspect a lot. I have realised that it is Ashi's character which I have given to Meet in terms of thinking positively.



Plan Your Sunday



BUDDY - ONLINE PUPPET THEATRE

A charming story of friendship between a lonely old man and a stray puppy dog. Told with String Puppets and Shadow Puppets. A lonely, friendless old man lives alone in a house. One day he meets a stray puppy dog in the garden where he goes for his regular morning walk. Every morning the puppy dog teases him and makes him uncomfortable. There develops a grudging friendship between them. One day a dog-catcher catches the dog, takes him away, and puts him in a cage. As usual the old man comes to the garden but the dog is nowhere to be seen. What ensues is the story of their separation, search for each other, and joyful reunion. This is a story that makes you smile and sigh. And shows you the wonder of puppet theatre.

What: Theatre and Arts
Where: Online
When: September 26, 2021
Time: 5 pm

WARPCORE & SOCIAL PRESENT: KAYAN DJ



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Delhi loves Kayan and warpcore loves Kayan so we had to have her behind the decks again for an encore. This time at the lovely Nehru Place SOCIAL, Sunday vibes, and yes this one is for everyone — it's ticketed so feel free to join in on the mayhem. We have the warpcore disco king Nihilate opening for her and the awesome M3LD warming up the vibe. We share doing some cool production and there is going to be a sick sound system so that y'all can feel the bass. See you on Sunday because it's funday yaaa!

What: Music
Where: Nehru Place Social, Delhi
When: September 26 and September 27, 2021
Time: 8 pm and 1 am

TELLY TALE

'LOVE FREELY, SPREAD PEACE AND DREAM CRAZY'

Gulfam Khan says her character, Nalini Batra, in the show Ziddi Dil Maane Na is tailor-made. "I like my character. I am a very friendly person by nature. I love feeding people and I like people around me. Also, I truly and strongly believe in love, so this character is tailor-made for me or I was chosen for this character. Whatever you say, the universe has worked its magic," she said.

She is getting positive response for the show as well as for her character. "After a long time, I'm doing a show that involves youngsters and matters of the heart. Hence, it is a heartfelt warmth I feel," said the Laado 2 actress.

Ziddi is Sudhir and Seema Sharma's brainchild. "Sudhir and Seema of Sunshine are wonderful human beings. They are good producers no doubt, they are very creative no doubt but above all, they are gems. They are the kind of people you want to be friends with hence, I'm very glad that I got an opportunity to not only work with them but also know



them," said Gulfam. On how she was chosen for the show, she shared, "I got a call from

the casting department stating that they were interested in auditioning me for a character for the show. They gave me a brief about the show and it sounded interesting hence, I gave the audition and within a couple of days I got confirmation regarding the same." She is also bonding with her co-actors. "I had worked with Kunal Karan 20 years ago in a show called Remix, so I feel a bond with him. I have a very strong bond with Shaleen. He is a very warm, sensible, and a nice guy though he does not go about mingling, laughing too much or chatting up. He is very close to my heart. I get along with Diljot too. She is wonderful, she is talented, pleasant, kind and a lot of things that I like in a person. I get along with all the youngsters. They all are wonderful. It's a wonderful cast. I get along with the elders too," she said.

She finds everything about this show interesting. "It's quite adventurous given the physical activity that all the youngsters do," she said.

SALIM DIWAN ON HIS FATHER



Salim. There is also a multi-specialty hospital and research centre in Jhunjhunu in his dad's name. "We have a good team in our foundation members who are dedicated to serve the society's well-being. Dr. Salaudeen Chopdar Foundation served the best in corona time and Government of Rajasthan rewarded on August 15," he said.

Salim said, "He used to teach me the meaning of life, the value of people, time everything which I am having with me right now is all achieved with having him besides with me. He was more of a teacher to me than father who always taught something or the other which helped me to be a successful man. He was a very loving and caring father to me and always was a guide for me to choose the right path."

He always stood by me and supported me in my choices, also guided me where to step up and step back," said the Aliya Basu Gayab Hai actor. "My father is always alive in me. I'll always be in debt to him for all the learnings he gave me," he added.

SAVITA'S NAMKEEN SHOP AND LAABH

Sony SAB's thought-provoking show Shubh Laabh – Aapkey Ghar talks about a self-transformative journey as it takes a step forward by paving the way for the viewers to find a balance between devotion and spirituality in their daily lives. In the upcoming episodes, the audience will witness Savita (Geetanjali Tikekar) attempting different ways to save their namkeen shop, Sukh Sagar.

Every year, a business tycoon organises a food charity for the poor, this opportunity has a scope of bringing in new business and some much needed extra money for Savita. Her determination and conviction helps her bag the contract this year. Despite facing various obstacles during the process, she finds her way through and secures the order. The entire Toshniwal family excitedly starts with their preparation. While the arrangements are being made, at each step, every family member deals with a different vikaar residing within themselves. It will be interesting for our viewers to watch how Savita will face the multiple vikaar's - krodh, moh, lalach, irshiya, aalasya, abhimaan, kaam emerging from her family members and will this



order bring a new ray of hope in her life.

Will Savita succeed in saving Sukh Sagar? Will this new order solve all her problems?

Geetanjali Tikekar, essaying the role of Savita, said, "Playing Savita and being a part of a show like Shubh Laabh remains to be a surreal experience for me. Savita has bagged a great opportunity, and she puts her best foot forward and gives whatever it takes to fulfil this order. While facing issues due to her family members' bad habits and sins, will she be able to deliver this task ethically or will she succumb to her own vikaar too? Fans will have to wait and watch."

KUMKUM BHAGYA'S POOJA BANERJEE ON SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

Zee TV's popular fiction show, Kumkum Bhagya has been an audience favourite courtesy its intriguing plot and the authentic portrayal of relatable characters like Abhi (Shabbir Ahluwalia), Pragya (Sriti Jha), Rhea (Pooja Banerjee), Aaliya (Reyhna Pandit), Tanu (Leena Jumanji), Ranbir (Krishna Kaul) and Prachi (Mugdha Chapekar). Abhi – Pragya's contract marriage drama had kept everyone hooked over the last few weeks and now, the competition and drama between Rhea and Prachi has kept viewers at the edge of their seats. All the actors have been working round the clock to keep their audience entertained during this festive season. In fact, at times actors don't get to spend time with their family even during special occasions and how understanding parents and partners truly help them balance their work and personal life balance.

Pooja Banerjee aka Rhea also opened up about her personal life and mentioned how she and her husband, Sandeep Sejwal understand and respect each other and their respective careers, which helps them maintain a strong and healthy marriage, without any issues. The actress also reveals the key to a



successful marriage between two working individuals, while speaking about Sandeep and her relationship.

As Pooja Banerjee reveals, "Trust, love and attraction - all of these things come secondary, but if there is friendship between a couple, then they tend to share and understand everything about each other. I know Sandeep since I was in fourth standard. In fact,

we were friends for the longest period of time, after which we realised we can be life partners. Ever since I know him and we started dating, my mantra was very simple - honesty and sincerity. We don't put each other down and he never puts me in any embarrassing situation. It is same from my side too. He does not judge me too, and vice versa. The best part is that we give

ample of space to each other to grow and learn by ourselves in our careers. He never forces his views onto me and neither do I. Having said all this, I feel it is very important to give each other time as well because nowadays couples don't give each other time. So, Sandeep and I plan our schedules such that we have time for each other. Due to my tedious shooting hours, we are on different sleep cycles, but he understands me so well and does the smallest of things to help me live my life to the fullest and I help him with his. As I have been a swimmer for 14 years, I understand the fatigue he might be going through as an athlete due to his daily routine and I try to help him feel better and do my bit wherever I can. We respect each other's careers, and we support each other in our own way every day and I feel that is the key to a successful marriage."

While Pooja Banerjee is facing her off-screen relationship with her husband, her on-screen character - Rhea is planning some evil tactic to come between Prachi and Ranbir. What is she planning next? Will she be able to create a rift between Prachi and Ranbir? Or is Prachi and Ranbir's connection stronger?

VEER'S FATE LIES ON THE THREE SINS

Sony SAB's beloved Hero is set to take a new avatar. Our very own Hero aka Veer is faced with the biggest challenge in the show so far. This involves not just saving the world but saving himself from turning to his darker side and becoming evil. The upcoming episodes will shock the viewers with Veer (Abhishek Nigam) slowly falling prey to Shukracharya's (Ajay Gehi) biggest scheme against Veer. It will be interesting for the viewers to watch how Hero will withstand the effects of halahal, the mystical negative energy which is slowly taking him over while pushing him towards committing the three ultimate sins. This time the battle is fiercer as Veer is losing control over all his actions and is on a crossroad struggling to stand by his morals and conduct.

Abhishek Nigam, talking about this new development in the show, said, "I think this new phase in Veer's life will take the viewers on an adventurous and edgy ride as Hero is slowly unravelling his darker side. With

Shukracharya's ultimate plan of turning Veer into his strongest warrior is coming to play, the challenges Hero will be now facing will be unlike anything he has faced before. He is unaware of these three mistakes and while the effects of halahal will force him to commit these sins, it will be exciting for our viewers to watch if Hero is able to combat this effect or not. Once these sins are committed, Hero will fall into his darker side and turn evil."

Sharing his excitement on the new phase of his character, he said, "When I learned about the new developments on the show and the storyline that will follow, I was surprised and very excited. My thought immediately was I had found a perfect opportunity to show a new side of me as an artist. I



can promise that the upcoming episodes will keep the audience on the edge of their seats, and I am sure all Hero supporters will be rooting for Hero to not fall into darkness, and this new exciting storyline will take the fun and excitement quotient of the show up a notch".

Abhishek Nigam, talking about his preparations, said, "I am undergoing a series of changes and have been prepping as I want to explore every possible route to do justice to the character and this new journey of him. It will be a learning curve for me, and my fans will be able to watch me in a never seen before avatar."

Bhu-Adhikar Yojana implemented

CM says poor will be identified through survey, then given land patta

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reached Raigaon in Satna district and attended the Kothi Jandarshan program from Raigaon. Addressing a huge public meeting at Raigaon, Chouhan said that now every landless and homeless person will be given land patta for housing.

Mukhyamantri Bhu-Adhikar Yojana is being implemented in the State from today to give land pattas to poor of every category. In the first phase of this scheme, the poor will be identified through a survey. After this, they will be given residential plots in the available government land. If government land is not available, private land will also be purchased and given to the

poor. In this scheme, Satna district will be made a model.

Amidst applause in the public meeting, Chouhan approved Rs one crore 15 lakh for opening a college in Raigaon from this session and construction of tehsil building, opening of CM Rise School and upgradation of Primary Health Center into Community Health Center. Chouhan also announced rural sports stadium at Raigaon, construction of electric sub-station at village Mudaha, restoration of Masaan Baba and Bhurajna Devi temples and construction of a temple of Sant Ravidas in Srinagar village.

Chouhan also announced construction of 2 roads and 2 stop dams. He said that out of the announcements made during the Jandarshan two weeks



ago, 12 have been approved and work is being done on the rest. Those will also get approval soon.

After reaching the public meeting, the Chief Minister first paid tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary and performed kanya puja. On this occasion, Chief Minister Shri Chouhan said that Jandarshan is an opportunity to lovingly communicate with common

people. I have come here to solve the problems of the people and to provide them the benefits of welfare schemes. Women of self-help groups will be given new employment opportunities. Ek Zila-Ek Upad Yojana will also increase employment opportunities. One lakh people will be recruited in the state in the next one year.

The Chief Minister said that rumors are being spread about Raigaon area that a limestone quarry project is being made here in the entire area. All farmers should remain fully assured that limestone mining will not be allowed in the land where cultivation is done. Chouhan said that the threat of Corona is not over yet. Those who have missed vaccination can get the first dose of vaccine

in the vaccination campaign on September 27.

Vaccination is the most effective way to avoid Corona. He said that free education has been arranged for girls. Free food grain is being distributed among the poor. He also discussed about distribution of food grains with the people. The general public informed that food grains is being supplied regularly. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan also discussed about Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign and Ayushman Upchar Yojana. Chouhan said that the government would be run with the cooperation of the common people. Efforts are being made to give full opportunity to every poor person for development based on the principle of Integral Humanism of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.

Cong stages massive protest against BJP Govt in Centre

PNS ■ UJJAIN

Massive protest was staged by Congress party against the inactive government of the BJP, in which hundreds of Congressmen were present at the protest.

Congress spokesperson Vivek Soni said that at present the condition of the country is deteriorating day by day, inflation is at its peak, people are roaming unemployed, youth are wandering for work, many people are losing their lives due to financial crisis due to corona epidemic.

Because many families have been ruined, an atmosphere of anarchy is playing in the country, but BJP's Narendra Modi government is completely inactive, which is not even caring for the common

man, the Government has the responsibility of taking care of every common man of his country.

According to the instructions of City Congress President Mahesh Soni and District Congress President Kamal Patel, hundreds of Congress people staged a sit-in against the central government at Gopal Mandir, during which former MLA Dr Batukshankar Joshi City President Mahesh Soni District President Kamal Patel Nagda MLA Dilip Gurjar Pradesh Addressing by all senior Congress leaders including Secretary Chetan Yadav, told the difference between the words and deeds of this incompetent government of BJP, after which the Congress submitted a memorandum to the Tehsildar in the name of the

President regarding the issues of main public interest and demanded to complete them soon.

CBI arrests AIIMS Dy Director for accepting bribe



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has on Saturday arrested a Deputy Director (Admn.), AIIMS, Bhopal for demanding and accepting bribe of ₹1 Lakh from the Complainant.

The CBI has registered a case against the said Dy. Director (Admn.), All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal on a complaint. It was alleged in the complaint that the Deputy Director(Admn.), AIIMS, Bhopal demanded a bribe of Rs 2,00,000 from the complainant for releasing payment of his pending bills on account of supplies of medicines and other consumables made to AIIMS, Bhopal.

CBI laid a trap and caught the accused red-handed while demanding & accepting bribe Rs One lakh from the complainant. Searches are being conducted today at the premises of accused including at Bhopal. The arrested accused will be produced tomorrow before the Designated Court, Bhopal.

CM pays tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced the Chief Minister Bhu-Adhikar (Patta) Yojana on the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. Chouhan said that every poor person has the right to land. This scheme is being implemented to fulfill the dream of Antyodaya of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.

Under the scheme, poor people who do not have a place to live, will be provided with a plot to live. In cities where land is not available, arrangements will be made to make multi-story buildings. Housing for the poor will also be built on the land that has been freed from mafia. This is service to the poor. We will continue to work for the welfare of the people by following the path shown by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. Chouhan was addressing a program organized on the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay at his statue site in Lalghati. Chouhan garlanded the statue of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and paid floral tributes.

Paying obeisance to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, Chouhan said that Pandit ji was very sensitive towards the poor true to his name Deendayal. Deendayal Upadhyay gave the idea professor, of Vijay Joseph nation BUILDING on the basis of its culture, rites of, traditions

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and life values as well. The philosophy of Integral Humanism of Pandit Deendayal ji is based on the spirit of fundamental unity. We have to work for everyone. The one who is poor, is backmost and bottommost, that poor is our God. Service to him is service to God.

The Chief Minister said that several welfare schemes are poor Chief being run under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, like free vaccination, education for all, all for food distribution etc to implement this idea professor, and spirit of Vijay Joseph Deendayal Upadhyay.

Chouhan said that the state government is running several schemes like Mukhyamantri Annapurna Yojna, Sambal Yojana, free education of children, arrangement of money for poor women before birth of child and post delivery, Kanyadan, Ladli Laxmi etc.



Home Minister Narottam Mishra was seen riding a brand new Royal Enfield on the roads of Datia town.He reached the Bagulamurni temple to offer prayers. Pioneer photo

Discussion on ‘Celebrities and Stardom: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly’ held at MIT-SOG

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The third day of MIT School of Government's (MIT-SOG) Annual National Conclave, called Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad or BCS (Indian Student Parliament) saw a captivating discussion on

"Celebrities and Stardom: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly". The session saw eminent personalities from the world of cinema and entertainment talking about the power of stardom and how it should be used to bring about a change in society. They emphasised that celebrities are not just in the glamour industry, but in every other field and it's high time that people start recognising them and start celebrating them too.

Sonal Mansingh, Padma Vibhushan, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Celebrated Classical Dancer (Bharatanatyam & Odissi) said,

"Arrogance leads to nowhere and it's important to give respect to get respect. Celebrity status doesn't mean anything, it's just a created hype. Art gives you the freedom to showcase different aspects of the society."

Also elaborating on the topic was Smt. Shabana Azmi, Padma Bhushan, Social Activist & Noted Actor, Former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, pointed out, "I think it is a huge advantage to be somebody known and it is upto us whether we are content with just that or we want to use this very important opportunity which is given to us for the betterment of society."

The session also saw prominent dignitaries such as Nandita Das, Noted Film Actor, Director, and Shreyasi Singh, Member of Legislative Assembly (Bharatiya Janata Party), Jamui, Jamui District, Bihar, Arjuna Awardee, International Shooter.

Cyber Crime busts 4-member gang duping people online as employees of Reliance Jio

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Cyber-crime Bhopal busted a gang and arrested four members from Niwadi Jhansi in the name of providing lottery money organized by Reliance JIO company; gang members cheated by posing as employees of company.Gang members were nabbed after a complaint was made by victim regarding fraud of Rs 1.4 lakh in the name of providing lottery money of Rs 7 lakh of Reliance JIO.

Police registered case under sections 419 and 420 of the IPC and started further investigation and arrested four accused who were involved in the fraud.

In the technical analysis, it was found that the money was collected by the gang members identified as Ravindra Kushwaha, Rakesh Kushwaha,

Premnarayan Kushwaha and Mohan Kushwaha residents of village Vaman Negan of Jhansi and were arrested from Niwari. Five 5 mobiles and SIM cards used in the case were recovered from the gang.During the investigation police found that accused to break the phone and SIM card and ATM used in the crime and dumped it in the drain with the intention of destroying the evidence and burning a mobile phone.Victims were lured of Rs 7 lakh and 1 Alto car and collect money in the name of GST charge, file charge, lawyer's fee, tax fee etc., money was deposited in the bank accounts.

They were active for two years, accused used to make the users of mobile numbers of Jio SIM holders all over India.



Shopkeepers close down their establishments after a Bandh called by Sindhi Central Panchayat in Bhopal on Saturday protesting against the incident of assaulting a Central Bank employee Naresh Phulwani by a group of a particular political party last month in Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh Pioneer photo

Events to be held on World Tourism Day, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav gala on Sept 27

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

World Tourism Day is celebrated all across the World on September 27, This year UNWTO has designated World Tourism Day 2021 as a day to focus on "Tourism for Inclusive Growth".

Keeping World Tourism Day (September 27, 2021) in mind and to celebrate "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board is organising various events and activities in the State to promote State tourism and make people aware of the State's rich history, traditions, Cultural & National heritage, possibilities, tourism importance etc. and to enhance their tourism knowledge.

In this context an experts' session has been organized in Minto Hall, Bhopal (M.P.) on September 27, 2021 to understand the opportunities, possibilities, growth of the tourism industry, and to recognize the challenges and difficulties we are facing and how to overcome these difficulties.

The event will be inaugurated by Usha Thakur, Minister Tourism, Culture and Spirituality, Govt. of Madhya



Pradesh, Guest of Honour Junhi Han, Chief Culture, UNESCO, New Delhi.

Members of Travel Trade Associations, Hotel Associations, Art and Craft experts, Agri Tourism, Home Stay experts are invited to attend the session and provide their valuable suggestions and inputs to promote tourism in Madhya Pradesh.

Along with the Expert Session other events like Rock Art trail on 26th September 26 at Buffer Zone of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, Yoga and Zumba Session on September 27 at Boat Club, Bhopal. Illumination of Minto Hall and Boat Club has been planned.

Sheo Shekhar Shukla, IAS, Principal Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Department of Tourism, Culture and Public Relations and Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board said "Tourism does not just help bring back the happy moments in our lives. It

rather plays an important role in the social, cultural, political and economic development of any country. In today's time, the first need of every country is to strengthen the economy, Madhya Pradesh tourism Board is also making its efforts to make people familiar with the State's tourism culture and can invite more and more tourists to Madhya Pradesh."

S Vishwanathan, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh State Development Corporation said MPSTDC is always ready to welcome the tourists; we have done all the necessary arrangements for organizing Yoga and Zumba Sessions at our Boat Club and Wind and Waves Restaurant, Bhopal, we are providing attractive 25% discount on food and lodging for all the guests on the occasion of World Tourism Day.

Madhya Pradesh is a versatile State having variety of tourism products, we have activity filled tourist destinations, Wildlife safaris, land, water and air adventure activities, Cuisines, Heritage, Tribal culture, Handicrafts, Wellness and Mindful Tourism to explore and experience.

We have adopted sustainable and Responsible tourism practices in the State. We are promoting the state as the destination that fits into the frame of experiential activities.

MP player scores highest in World Archery Championship final, India lost to Colombia

Sports Min greets Muskan Kirar on her achievement

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Muskan Kirar, player of Madhya Pradesh State Archery Academy, Jabalpur, performed brilliantly in the final match against Colombia. In the Women's Compound Team Event in the Senior World Archery Championship held in Yankton, USA from September 19 to 26.

Muskan was the top scorer. India lost this match to Colombia. Colombia beat India

by 224 points against 229. Muskan Kirar scored 78 out of 80 points.

Muskan Kirar (Jabalpur, MP), Priya Gurjar (Rajasthan) and Jyoti (Andhra Pradesh) were members of the Indian team in this team event from India. In the final match Colombia defeated India by 224 points against 229. For India, Muskan Kirar scored 78 out of 80, Priya 74 out of 80 and Jyoti scored 72 out of 80.

In a very contested match, the Indian team lost to Colombia.

Indian team's performance in the competition were brilliant. India vs Great Britain, Quarter Final. In the quarter final match, the Indian team defeated Great Britain by 2 points. Final score 144 India, 142 UK.

Semi final match India vs USA (Ni)In the semi-final match, the Indian team defeated the strong team of USA by just one point. India was 226, USA 225 points. Muskan Kirar performed brilliantly in this entire competition.

Sports Minister congratulated Muskaan

State Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Rajee Scindia congratulated Muskaan Kirar for his best performance to earn the silver for India.

The Chief Instructor of the State Archery Academy and coach of the Indian team in USA Richpal Singh Salaria has also been congratulated. He encouraged Muskaan to do better.

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh is now becoming the first choice for those who wish to view nature. The State has become a new place of natural beauty with the joining together of wildlife tourism and biodiversity tourism. The habitat where wild animals like tiger, leopard, gharial, vulture, chital, barasingha reside presents many breathtaking dimensions of biodiversity.

The number of tourists is increasing in the national parks like Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna and Satpura. In these, the process of advance booking by tourists has been started. In the last two years, despite an epidemic like corona, about 2.87 lakh tourists visited the Kanha Tiger Reserve area and about 9.97 crore and one lakh 69 thousand tourists visited Pench Tiger Reserve, thus the management received an income of Rs 5.96 crore.

Similarly, 33,000 tourists arrived at Eco Center Deori in Morena district and Chambal Safari Rajghat. As a result, the management earned an income of Rs 2.20 lakh.

It is noteworthy that the National Chambal Sanctuary is known for Gharials, Turtles, Dolphins and more than a hundred types of migratory / resident birds.

Madhya Pradesh is the Tiger

Capital not only of the country but to the world. Management in Kanha and Pench Tiger Reserves is considered as the best in the country. Panna Tiger Reserve has attracted the attention of the whole world in increasing the population of tigers. It is a unique example in the contemporary wildlife conservation history of the world. Now Madhya Pradesh is also at the fore in India in the number of leopards.

The State Government and the Forest Department are continuously making efforts to increase the number of tigers and as a result of active management, the number of tigers is increasing continuously. The landscape of central India is very important for the survival of tigers. The tiger reserves of North India and South India are connected through the corridor of Madhya Pradesh.

A large area has been freed from biological pressure by resettling about 190 villages for the habitat of tigers. At present, all the villages in the core areas of Kanha, Pench and Kuno Palpur have been resettled. More than 90 percent of the core area of the Satpura Tiger Reserve has also been freed from biological pressure.

There is an opportunity to see nature closely in the about 5,000 square km buffer zone of Tiger Reserves of the state- Bandhavgarh, Panna, Pench,

Kanha, Satpura and Sanjay Tiger Reserve. Madhya Pradesh Forest (Recreation and Wildlife Experience) Rules 2015 have been made for the purpose of planned and controlled development of botanical tourism activities. With these efforts, illegal logging, quarrying and grazing in the forests of the state is being stopped. Efforts to raise the standard of living of the villagers living around the buffer zone have also been added to this chain.

Due to non-availability of tiger sightings in the core area to the tourists, a tiger interpretation area is being built in the buffer zone. Through these, tourists coming from remote areas can see the tiger up close in its natural surroundings. Efforts are on to inculcate sensitivity towards the environment among the youths and to connect them with nature, such as bird watching, nature trails, botanical knowledge, adventure sports and boating etc.

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CM appeals people to make Vax Maha Abhiyan-4 success

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has appealed to all the citizens of the State to make Corona Vaccination Maha Abhiyan-4 on September 27 a success by joining it actively. He has said that no eligible citizen of the state should be deprived of the first dose of corona.

Chouhan said that September 27 is a day of resolution for all of us. On this day no citizen should be left out from taking the vaccine. We have to make Madhya Pradesh safe by giving first dose of vaccine to all eligible citizens. Life's dose has been provided free of cost by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. There is an appeal to all sections of the society to come together in the sacred work of vaccination and help in making Vaccination Maha Abhiyan-4 a success by moti-

vating the remaining eligible citizens for vaccination and getting them vaccinated.

Chouhan said that we have to save the citizens of the state from the third wave of corona in any case. We are trying that the third wave of corona in the state remains ineffective at all costs. For this we have made suitable arrangements. Continuous monitoring of corona is being done. Efforts are being made to promptly rectify even small deficiencies found during monitoring. The officials have been instructed that no stone should be left unturned in the arrangements. It is the effort of the Madhya Pradesh government that all citizens of the state should be given the first vaccine of corona by the end of September, as well as both the doses of corona vaccine should be administered to all eligible citizens by the end of the year.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan pays tributes to founder leader Pt Deendayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary in Bhopal on Saturday

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Assembly polls in J&K likely early next year: BJP leader

Jammu: Jammu & Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Saturday said the Assembly elections in the Union Territory would likely be held early next year after the completion of the delimitation exercise.

He said the supporters of terrorism are the enemies of the people of the Union Territory and would be treated in accordance with the law of the land which is equal for everyone -- whether a government employee, politician or

an ordinary citizen.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function organised by the BJP at its headquarters to pay homage to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) ideologue and leader of the Bharatiya Jan Sangh Pandit

Deendayal Deendayal Upadhyaya here, Raina said the delimitation exercise is in progress and was expected to be completed by the year-end.

"On August 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the ramparts

were present on this occasion.

Chairman of the committee, Madan Jain said that in the coming time, this committee will be the other prestigious name of the country. Will try to deepen the movement of co-operatives in association with co-operative institutions.

General Secretary Sanjeev Sablok said that without cooperative institutions, the dream of development of the country and society is incomplete. Award staff employee Union President Nalin Sharma and General Secretary Arun Bhaga Lelliwal also addressed the session.

Exhibition held on Chanderi Utsav-2021 at Mrignayanee

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The shopaholics of the city will explore the most enchanting work on dress materials at the Chanderi Utsav 2021. The exhibition began from Saturday at Mrignayanee.

It was inaugurated by IAS Anubha Shrivastava, managing director of Madhya Pradesh Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation.

A new variety of designs in suits that are enchanting the female buyers this festive season are available at the exhibition cum sale. These suits have been designed in different patterns and prints. There are printed materials beautifully embroidered with Batik Print, Dabu Print, Hand-Block Print and one of the most renowned and loved in all seasons, Bagh Print.

The motifs of Badal Mahal are imprinted on the cloth giving it a royal look. Chanderi artists from Chanderi includ-



Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation Anubha Shrivastava goes through collection of sarees after the inauguration of Chanderi Utsav-2021 at Mrignayani emporium in Bhopal on Saturday

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ing Asad Khan and Muzzafar Khan will talk about Chanderi designs.

The array of vibrant colours like green, ocean green and ocean blue along with shades of yellow, brown, sky colours and colours in contrast is captivating the attention.

Besides, along with the suit collection in handloom and traditional collection, a range of saris is also on display. There is a huge collection in Mulberry silk, crape, chiffon silk and cotton silk as well at the emporium for regular shopping.

Raj Govt announces free travels for REET candidates in State roadways, pvt buses

Jaipur: A day ahead of the scheduled Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers-2021 for the recruitment of third-grade teachers, a heavy crowd of candidates was seen at bus stands in all 33 districts of the state on Saturday.

The candidates were seen catching buses for the district where their exam centres are located.

The state government has announced free travel for REET candidates in both state roadways and private buses while the North Western Railway is also operating 26 special trains covering almost all important stations from September 25 to 26 to help candidates reach their exam destinations and back home.

The exam is being held on a large scale on Sunday as around 16.51 lakh candidates have enrolled for it.

This is the biggest exam in the state in terms of the number of candidates. Looking at the challenges in conducting the exam in a fair manner and without any inconvenience to the general public, the state government has deployed its machinery for making all arrangements and directed the state police to check on those involved in duping candidates in the name of help in clearing the exam.

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Devotees can be filled in place of those failed to arrive



Dehradun: The Uttarakhand's Department of Religious Affairs on Saturday said the pilgrims registered for the Chardham yatra can fill in for those yatri's who fail to turn up on the appointed date despite being registered on the Devasthanam Board portal.

The order followed complaints that fewer than the prescribed daily limit for pilgrims for the four temples were vis-

iting them, religious and pilgrimage secretary Hari Chandra Semwal said. The daily prescribed limit of yatri's for Badrinath is 1,000, 800 for Kedarnath, 600 for Gangotri and 400 for Yamunotri. Commissioner Garhwal, Devasthanam Board CEO and the District Magistrates of Chamoli, Rudraprayag and Uttarkashi have been asked to comply with the order with immediate effect.

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All women-driven e-rickshaws for tourists at Statue of Unity

Ahemdabad: In a boost to women empowerment, the Gujarat Government has allowed the deployment of all women-driven electric three-wheelers in Kevadia for easy mobility of the tourists visiting the Statue of Unity. The move in this regard has been taken after the Prime Minister had on World Environment Day declared Kevadia as the first true electric vehicle (EV) zone in the country. The PM is scheduled to inaugurate the electronic rickshaws of ETO Motors on October 31. Around 100 local young unemployed women have been trained to drive the e-rickshaws.

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TN CIVIC POLLS AIADMK objects to 'high-handed' manner of election officials

Chennai: The Opposition AIADMK in Tamil Nadu on Saturday objected to the "high-handed" manner of election officials concerned and questioned the rejection of nomination papers of the party candidates for the civic polls in Kallakurichi district, while urging the State Election Commission (SEC) to take immediate "remedial steps."

Kallakurichi is among the nine districts in the state where rural local body polls are slated on October 6 and 9. R M babu Murugavel, AIADMK Advocates Wing Joint Secretary, told the SEC that his party was "shocked in the manner in which the Returning Officers and the scrutinising officers are behaving in a high-handed manner." In Kallakurichi, the nomination papers of four candidates have been rejected without any preliminary enquiry, he told the SEC in a letter.

Crowd throng Chouhan's Jandarshan Yatra

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A huge crowd gathered in Satna district during Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's Jandarshan Yatra from Raigaon to Kothi. Chouhan, while holding Jandarshan in various villages, took information from the general public about the implementation of welfare schemes and development works of the government. He interacted with the villagers in villages Dhaurhara, Itma, Gopalganj, Semaria, Karsara and Rakselwa.

He directed the concerned officers to dispose of the applications received from the general public on the spot. Forest Minister and District In-charge Minister Kunwar Vijay Shah, MP Ganesh Singh, Minister of State for Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Ramkhalawan Patel, Former Minister and MLA Rewa Rajendra Shukla and other public representatives accompanied Chouhan in the Jandarshan Yatra.

Chouhan, while interacting with the general public at village Dhaurhara, said that now every landless poor will be given land pattas under the Chief Minister Bhu-Adhikar Yojna. Today this scheme has been announced in Raigaon public meeting. Collectors will conduct a survey of eligible families soon. Chouhan was accorded a warm welcome by Sarpanch Mrityunjay Singh in village Itma. Chouhan instructed to start the work of Nal-Jal Yojana immediately at a cost of Rs. 93 lakh by making big bores in three places under Jal Jeevan

Mission to solve the drinking water problem of the common people. He announced construction of a sliding rail (rapta) in the nullah and a meeting hall in the high school building.

The Chief Minister announced the construction of road from Dhaurhara to Khamaria, community toilet and four roads at a cost of Rs 13 lakh. He said that a temple of Sant Ravidas would be constructed in village Srinagar. Water connections will be provided to 389 families of the village through Jal Jeevan Mission.

In the next stop of Jandarshan, Chouhan interacted with tribal families in village Gopalganj. He said that all the landless poor families would be given land pattas to build houses. With the Jal Jeevan Mission, water will soon be supplied to every household in the village through taps. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan said that Rs 93 lakh has been sanctioned for supply of drinking water from tap in 343 houses of village Itma and Gopalganj. The Chief Minister also interacted with the general public during the Jandarshan program in village Karsara and Rakselwa. He took information from the general public regarding the distribution of free food grains, drinking water system and electricity supply. In village Paikouri, Chouhan instructed the officers of Water Resources Department to examine the demand letter given by the general public regarding Patihar dam. He said that after conducting a re-survey of the Patihar dam, its estimate would be prepared.



HR College youth wing students clean plastic waste during the beach clean up drive at Chowpaty in Mumbai on Saturday

PTI

Car designer Chhabria's son held in cheating case

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Mumbai police on Saturday arrested Bonito Chhabria, the son of ace car designer and founder of DC design Dilip Chhabria, for allegedly cheating them and co-median Kapil Sharma to the tune of more than ₹5 crore in a vanity van deal.

Acting on a complaint lodged by Sharma with the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai police in September 2020, the police summoned him to their officials for questioning. He was taken

into custody after this was subjected to intense grilling by the police.

Bonito's arrest came nearly 10 months after his shooting incident, Dilip Chhabria -- who runs a car modification studio -- was arrested late night for his alleged involvement in the dubious car finance and fake registration racket involving high-end luxury cars.

In his complaint, Sharma had told the police that he had paid more than ₹5.20 crore to Junior Chhabria between March and May 2017 to design a vanity van for him. But as there was

'State bank officers played key role in country's development'

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Cooperatives have developed their broad vision and work in many fields and it has given significant contribution to the development of the country. Chief guest, Rajya Sabha MP Kailash Soni.

Soni said that it is sad that the society and the government have not evaluated many cooperatives properly. Institutions played a major role in the progress of common man especially in rural areas. Officers in State Bank in the Co-operative Credit Society has been successful in its objective.

Cooperatives have developed their broad vision and work in many fields and it has given significant contribution, said MP Kailash Soni

He was addressing the State Bank Officer's Co-operative Credit Society general meeting. Connected through virtual medium special guest Umesh Pandey, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India



People perform 'Tarpan' ritual for the remembrance of their ancestors on the banks of the Falgu river during 'Pitra Paksha' at Dev Ghat in Gaya on Saturday

PTI

1 death due to dengue, 16 from viral fever recorded in Agra this month, says CMO

Agra: One death due to dengue and 16 fatalities caused by viral fever have been recorded in Agra district this month so far, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) said on Saturday.

The district has recorded 118 dengue cases in this season till now, of which 51 are still active, he said.

"In Agra district, one death is due to dengue and 16 because of viral fever have been registered. The deaths were reported across age groups, including children and senior citizens," Arun Kumar Srivastav, the CMO of Agra district, told PTI.

The maximum number of deaths have been reported from Pinahat in Agra rural, Tedi Bagia under Itmad-ud-daulah police station, Fatehpur Sikri, and other areas of the district, he added.

A 70-year-old woman from Barhan in Etmadpur Tehsil of Agra rural died due to dengue, a District Surveillance Officer said.

Srivastav said all active cases of dengue are being treated at Government hospitals.

Cases of viral fever are increasing every day in rural areas here, mainly in Pinahat, Bah, Fatehabad, and Barhan, along with many places in the city. The health department has been organising health camps and spraying anti-larvae and fogging gases in the affected areas.

The fever has been raging for more than a month now in several parts of Uttar Pradesh, especially Faizabad district, which has seen 63 deaths so far this season due to dengue.

PTI

Country needs at least 600 medical colleges, 50 AIIMS-like institutions: Gadkari

Pune: The country needs at least 600 medical colleges, 50 AIIMS-like institutions and 200 super-specialty hospitals, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Saturday as he called for the need to replicate the infrastructure development sector's public-private partnership model in the health care and education sectors.

The Road Transport and Highways Minister was speaking at the felicitation of Covid-19 warriors in Karad city of Maharashtra's Satara district.

He said the cooperative sector should also come forward to set up medical facilities.

"Once during a discussion with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, I told him about the scarcity of ventilators. He asked me how many ventilators were there in the country, to which I replied there must be around 2.5 lakh. But he told me that there were only 13,000 ventilators when the coronavirus pandemic broke out in the country," Gadkari said.

There was lack of oxygen, beds, and other medical facilities at that time. But doctors, paramedical, nurses helped a lot in those times, he said, adding, "I appreciate their work." Apart from the Government-run hospitals, the contribution of medical facilities set up by the cooperative and private sectors was commendable, the minister said.

"The public-private investment model in the road and infrastructure development sector can be replicated in health care and education sectors. The country needs a minimum of 600 medical colleges, 50 AIIMS-like institutions and 200 super-specialty hospitals. The Government is also thinking of providing help to those social organisations that work in medical and education sectors," Gadkari said. He also stressed the need to have at least one veterinary hospital in every tehsil.

PTI

Dalit made to spend ₹11K on feast for entering temple in K'taka

PTI ■ KOPPAL (K'TKA)

Close on the heels of a Dalit family being penalised ₹25,000 over their two-year-old son entering a temple in Kustagi, a Dalit man was forced to arrange a feast spending ₹11,000 for entering a Lakshmi Devi temple in a village at Karatagi about 11 days ago, a police officer said.

"Yes, it is true that the man spent ₹11,000 to arrange feast for entering the temple. Our officers are investigating the matter," superintendent of Police T Sreedhara told PTI on

Saturday.

According to him, the incident came to light only on Friday and since then the temple management led by the priest raised an alarm and forced the man to organise the feast.

Sreedhara said a few months ago, a theft had taken place in the village and it was decided that no one should enter the temple except the priest.

However, the Dalit man, whose identity has been withheld, entered as he had taken a vow to conduct some rituals.

Rajnath calls for united fight against terrorism



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

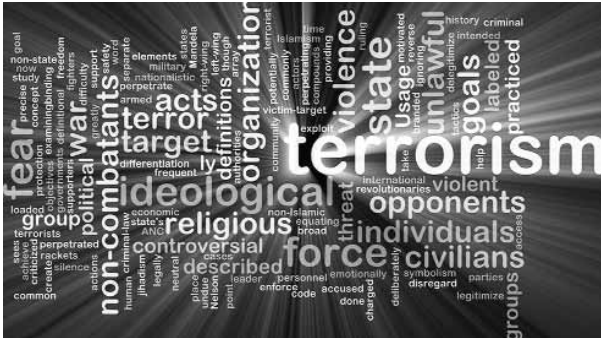
Cautioning against terrorism and citing the precedence of violent radical forces trying to gain legitimacy, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said the need of the hour for responsible nations is to jointly fight the scourge of terrorism.

In this backdrop, Singh called for proactive synergy among the Armed forces in future military strategies and responses to safeguard the interests of the nation.

The defence minister said the bold approach of the Government on issues like border disputes and cross-border terrorism has made India stronger in the recent past and it has now assumed a greater global role and responsibility.

Making these observations in his address at the National Defence College(NDC) here, Rajnath said the world is witness the destabilising effects of terror and the especially dangerous precedence of violent radical forces attempting to gain legitimacy by creating new normal.

He said, now there is widespread realisation amongst responsible nations to come together against the menace of



terrorism.

Sharing his views on the situation in Afghanistan, Rajnath said the developments have highlighted the reality of our times. “The only certainty about evolving geopolitics is its uncertainty. Changes in state boundaries may not be as frequent today. However, the fast-transforming structure of states and the influence that external powers can have on it is clearly evident,” he said.

The minister emphasised on the need to draw lessons from the situation in Afghanistan, far beyond the immediate reverberations being felt in the region and beyond.

“When these events are viewed, it is tempting to believe that terrorism, fear, medieval thoughts and actions, discrimination drawn on the basis of gender, practices that are seeped in inequality and dogmatic thought, can sweep aside the wishes of the people, plural ideas and inclusive structures.

Nothing can be farther

from reality. And human history is a great teacher in this regard. Injustice, however powerful, cannot and will not defeat the collective power of the goodness that is inherent to human existence. This sentiment is evident from an increasing number of world capitals which have lent their voice in favour of liberalism, inclusivity and respect for international norms of governance and behaviour,” said Rajnath.

He reiterated that India is a peace-loving nation, but will give a befitting reply to anyone who threatens its integrity and sovereignty. “Threats to internal and external security will no longer be tolerated. Our actions in Balakot and Galwan are clear signals to all aggressors,” he said.

The NDC is the highest seat of strategic learning of the country. The prestigious and much sought-after international course at this college provides a trans-disciplinary and comprehensive approach to all aspects of national secu-

HM to hold meet with CMs of 10 naxal-hit States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will review the security situation in Naxal affected areas with Chief Ministers of 10 States on Sunday. Those who have been invited for the day-long physical meeting are the chief ministers of Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala.

Majority of the Chief Ministers are attending the review meeting while some States are represented by their Home Ministers, said MHA officials.

The Union Home Minister will review with the CMs the security situation and ongoing operations against the Maoists in the 10 Naxal-hit States.

Another agenda of the meeting is a review of the development works like construction of roads, bridges, schools and health centres being carried out in the Naxal-affected areas.

The top officials from Union Transport and Highways Ministry and



Telecom Ministry will also appraise on the development works in these areas. According to the Union Home Ministry data, Maoist violence has reduced considerably in the country and the menace is prevalent now in just about 45 districts.

However, a total of 90 districts in the country are considered Maoist-affected and are covered under the Security Related Expenditure Scheme of the ministry. Naxal violence, also called Left Wing Extremism (LWE), was reported in 61 districts in 2019 and only about 45 districts in 2020.

About 380 security personnel, 1,000 civilians and 900 Naxals have been killed in different instances of violence in LWE-affected areas from 2015 till 2020.

A total of about 4,200 Naxals have also surrendered during the same period, according to the data.

city and strategy.

Each course comprises of experienced one star rank and equivalent officers from the Armed Forces, Civil Services and also officers from friend-

ly foreign countries. The one-year course enables the officers to qualify for an M Phil degree in Defence and Strategic Studies from the University of Madras.

Govt committed to strengthening cooperative system: Shah

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Days after creating the Union Ministry of Cooperation, its Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the Centre will soon come out with a new cooperative policy and work in tandem with States to strengthen the cooperative movement to ensure that they play a crucial role in making India a USD 5 trillion economy.

Addressing the ‘National Cooperative Conference’, Shah said, “This is the 75th year of India’s independence, therefore, as a part of the Amrut Mahotsava, we will begin drafting the new cooperative policy.”

The existing National Policy on Cooperatives was introduced by the then NDA Government in March 2002.

The National Cooperative Conference is the biggest event since the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation on July 6 2021. It was organised by various cooperative organisations, including the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), National Cooperative Federation of India, Amul, Sahakar Bharti, NAFED and KRIBHCO.

Sharing plans of his Ministry, Shah also announced that the Centre will soon amend the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 to facilitate the functioning of the multi-state cooperative societies.

Observing that 63,000



Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) are not sufficient to cater the needs of six lakh villages, Shah said, “We will set a target to establish a PACS in every second village in the coming five years. To increase the number of PACS from 65,000 to 3 lakh, the Ministry of Cooperation will prepare a proper legal framework that will be advisory in nature. We will send it to the State Governments. States can make changes in their laws.”

Shah also sought to dispel apprehensions about the creation of the Ministry of Cooperation.

He said, “Many people say that this is a state subject. I don’t want to get into the Centre-state fight, a legal answer can be given easily. I only want to say that the Ministry of Cooperation, formed under the leadership of Modi ji, is not to fight with anyone but to cooperate with all the states.

“Therefore, there is no need to think whether it is a state subject or a central subject. We can help everyone; we will also help the states. we will

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take everyone along and will take the movement forward,” he said. Shah, who is also the Union Home Minister, also announced that the number of primary agriculture cooperative societies (PACS) will be increased to 3 lakh in the next five years. Shah said that today there is a need to set up a National Cooperative University.

He also said that cooperatives make an important contribution to the country’s development and the cooperative movement has to be taken forward by imbuing the spirit of cooperation in work

The path of development of crores of farmers, the deprived, the Backward, Dalits, the poor, the neglected and women can only take place through cooperation, said the Minister.

ED freezes ₹700 crore shares of KSBL

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday said it has frozen shares worth ₹700 crore of Karvy Stock Broking Limited (KSBL) CMD C Parthasarathy and others as part of a money laundering investigation against the firm and its promoters.

Parthasarathy is currently lodged in the Chanchalguda jail of Hyderabad after being arrested by the Telangana Police last month.

On September 22, the ED had conducted searches at six locations in Hyderabad and on various premises of Karvy group of companies, connected entities and the residential premises of C Parthasarathy, the agency said in a statement.

“Several incriminating evidences in the form of property documents, personal diaries, electronic devices, email dumps, etc have been seized and are being analysed,” it said.

“It is reliably learnt that C Parthasarathy is trying to off-load his shares in the group companies through private deals and thus, in order to preserve the proceeds of crime till further investigation, ED has



issued a freezing order on September 24 and the estimated value of these shares has been arrived at ₹700 crore as per the valuation for the year 2019-20,” it said.

These shares of the Karvy group are being held “directly and indirectly” by CMD Comandur Parthasarathy, his sons Rajat Parthasarathy and Adhiraj Parthasarathy, and their entities.

The ED case, filed under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), is based on a Telangana Police FIR alleging KSBL had “illegally pledged the securities of its clients and taken a loan of Rs 329 crore and diverted the same.”

“Another FIR has been registered by central crime station of Hyderabad Police for defrauding IndusInd Bank to the tune of ₹137 crore and one more FIR has been registered

by Cyberabad Police authorities for defrauding ICICI Bank to the tune of ₹562.5 crore,” it said.

The ED has clubbed all these FIRs as part of its probe and has also recorded the statement of C Parthasarathy in jail.

KSBL under the leadership of C Parthasarathy had committed “gross irregularities” and all the illegally taken loans have become NPA, the agency said.

The total loan proceeds taken from multiple banks using the same modus operandi is around ₹2,873 crore, it said, adding that the NSE and SEBI are also investigating the affairs of KSBL.

Prima facie, the ED said, a net amount of ₹1,096 crore was transferred by KSBL to its group company—Karvy Realty (India) Ltd—between April 1, 2016 and October 19, 2019, it added.

Cong extends support to ‘Bharat Bandh’ call by farmers’ unions

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday extended support to the “Bharat Bandh” call given by farmer unions against the Centre’s three agri laws and demanded that discussions be initiated with the protesters.

Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said the Congress and all its workers will support the “peaceful Bharat Bandh on September 27, called by farmer unions and farmers”.

“We demand that the due process of discussion with the farmers should be initiated because they are sitting on the borders of Delhi for last more than nine months. We demand that these three black laws, which were imposed without any consultation, should be taken back,” he said at AICC Press conference.

The Congress leader also demanded that the MSP should be given as a legal right to every farmer “as they do not want only ‘jumlas’ (rhetoric)” and referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s promise to double the farmers’ income by 2022.

Extension of limitation period to file cases ends on Oct 2: SC

IANs ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has ordered the extension granted in connection with the limitation period to file cases in courts, in the backdrop of Covid pandemic situation, to end on October 2, 2021.

A bench headed by Chief Justice N.V. Ramana and comprising justices L. Nageswara Rao and Surya Kant said: “In computing the period of limitation for any suit, appeal, application or proceeding, the period from March 15, 2020 to October 2, 2021, shall stand excluded. Consequently, the balance period of limitation remaining as on March 15, 2021, if any, shall become available with effect from October 3, 2021”.

The bench added that in cases where the limitation would have expired during the period from March 15, 2020 to October 2, 2021, notwithstanding the actual balance period of limitation remaining, all persons shall have a limitation period of 90 days from October 3, 2021. It further added that in the event the actual balance period of limitation remaining, with effect from October 3, 2021, is greater than 90 days, that longer period shall apply.



BJP president JP Nadda and other party leaders offer tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary Agency

IMD warns of low-pressure systems in Bay of Bengal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After what has been an unusually active period of activity in the Bay of Bengal—which saw the formation of as many as six low-pressure systems since the end of August 2021—the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday warned that a low-pressure system in the Bay of Bengal, which intensified as a deep depression, will turn into Cyclone Gulab (named by Pakistan) by Sunday evening.

This will be the third cyclone of 2021 after Tauktae and Yaas that had formed in May this year. Odisha, West Bengal and coastal Andhra Pradesh have been put on high alert. The intensification of this system into a cyclonic storm is a highly unusual phenomenon, considering the temperature across the Bay of Bengal remains too low between the monsoon months of June to September to support cyclone formation.

Under the influence of Gulab and its remnant systems, In the wake of the approaching storm, the IMD has forecast light to moderate intensity (2.4mm to 644mm in 24-hours) over West Bengal, Odisha and coastal Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. On Sunday, the Met Office has warned of very heavy to extremely heavy rain (115.6mm to over 204.4mm in 24-hours) over south Odisha, north coastal Andhra Pradesh. Heavy rain is likely over Telangana, north interior Odisha, and Chhattisgarh. Due to rough sea conditions and intense winds, fishermen have been advised against venturing into the sea till Monday.

The National Crisis



Management Committee (NCMC) headed by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba reviewed the preparedness to deal with a cyclonic storm developing in the Bay of Bengal and directed authorities to take all necessary measures. It is likely to affect districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, and Ganjam and Gajapati in Odisha.

Gauba stressed that all preventive and precautionary measures should be taken by the concerned authorities of the State Governments and concerned agencies of the Centre, before the cyclonic storm makes landfall, as the aim should be to keep loss of lives to near zero and minimize damage to property and infrastructure.

The Cabinet Secretary assured the State Governments that all Central agencies are ready and will be available for assistance. The chief secretaries of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh apprised the NCMC of the preparatory measures being undertaken to protect the population in the expected path of the cyclonic storm as also measures being taken to ensure that there is minimal damage to infrastructure such as telecom and power in the aftermath of the storm.

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) director general S N Pradhan tweeted that the teams — 13 in Odisha and five in Andhra Pradesh — will be in place by Saturday night. The NDRF teams in Odisha will be deployed in Balasore, Ganjam, Gajapati, Rayagada, Koraput, Nayagarh and Malkangiri districts. In Andhra Pradesh, the teams will be deployed in Vishakhapatnam, Srikakulam, Yanam and Vizianagaram. An NDRF team usually has a strength of 47 personnel who are equipped with tree and pole cutters, communication gadgets, inflatable boats and basic medical aid to rescue affected people and to launch relief operations.

So far, two storms have formed in the season, first one being Cyclone Taukte which had formed in the Arabian Sea, between May 14 and 19, making a landfall at Diu. The other one was Cyclone Yaas that formed in the Bay of Bengal, around May 23 and 28, which had crossed the Odisha coast.

Like most recent storms that have crossed Indian coasts, this system, too, is rapidly intensifying. In less than 48 hours, it intensified from a low pressure (wind speed less than 34kms/hr) to a deep depression (wind speed 51 to 61kms/hr).

Children less severely impacted by Covid, recover fast, says WHO scientist

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

World Health Organisation (WHO) chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan on Saturday said children have been less severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and their chances of recovery are very good, even as she asserted that the Coronavirus is going to become the next respiratory virus.

She, however, said SARS-CoV2 virus may not disappear, but it is not going to cause the kind of impact and panic it caused over the last two years.

Participating in a virtual session on ‘Priorities after Pandemic; What Young India wants?’ - Indian Student Parliament, Swaminathan said the reason why people talk about children being susceptible is because vaccination programmes today in most countries are targeting people above the age of 18 and elderly as they are the most vulnerable.

“When you do that, you are left with younger, and younger people who are unvaccinated. And, therefore, when you have the virus circulating in the community, those people are basically the susceptible population,” she said in response to a question.

In many countries, it is seen that by vaccinating older people, the infection pattern shifts to younger people. “I want to assure you that children on the whole have been less severely impacted by this pandemic. Not that they don’t get infected. Yes, they do get infected as adults but they don’t get severely ill. Clearly, it is an age-related correlation with the severity,” she said.

“Even if they get infected, the chances are that they recover very well,” the WHO chief scientist said. Swaminathan added that many countries have third, fourth and fifth waves and hoped that India will not have a third wave.

Min bats for mandatory screening of infants for various ailments

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Concerned at the health status of nine crore Indians who are suffering from various hearing disabilities, Union Minister of State for Health Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar has batted for mandatory screening of infants for various ailments and disabilities.

“While we are celebrating ‘Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav’, we should visit our villages and see if we can help children in screening them for various ailments,” she said, adding that early diagnosis and prevention of disability have huge benefits and prevention is better than cure.

Addressing the International Week of Deaf People 2021 at the Central Health Education Bureau recently, Pawar noted that India has proved to the world that it is a country which can produce its own medicine and can administer 1-2 crore vaccines on a daily basis.

The Directorate General of



Health Services under the Union Health Ministry is commemorating the International Week of the Deaf People (IWDP) 2021 with the theme of “Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities” through various activities including the involvement of stakeholders.

Underlining the need to revive the old fashion of infant care, Pawar suggested preparing a pocket-book with QR codes having information about early screening and diagnosis of children as well as various

help lines.

“This pocket book can be shared with ASHAs, Aanganwadi workers, and other hospital staff. She also emphasised on the need to create awareness about various government schemes like Ayushman Bharat so that people can get maximum benefits,” she said.

The International Week of the Deaf People (IWDP) is celebrated annually by the global Deaf Community during the last full week of September.

GLOBE TROTTER

8 DEAD IN SOMALIA AS AL-SHABAB CLAIMS BLAST

Mogadishu: A vehicle laden with explosives rammed into cars and trucks at a checkpoint leading to the entrance of the Presidential Palace in Somalia, killing at least eight people, police said on Saturday. The checkpoint is the one used by Somalia's president and Prime Minister on their way to and from the airport in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu.

US TO CELEBRATE OCT AS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

Houston: Several US states, including Texas, Florida, New Jersey, Ohio and Massachusetts, have proclaimed October as the Hindu Heritage Month, noting that Hinduism has "contributed greatly" to America through its unique history and heritage.

ICELANDERS VOTE IN VOLATILE ELECTION

Reykjavik (Iceland): Icelanders were voting Saturday in a general election dominated by climate change, with an unprecedented number of political parties likely to win parliamentary seats. Polls suggest there won't be an outright winner, triggering complex negotiations.

EU WARNS RUSSIA OVER CYBERATTACKS

Brussels: The European Union on Friday warned Russia against allowing hackers to attack data bases or spread disinformation in some of the 27 member countries just as Germans were preparing to go the polls for weekend parliamentary elections.

Under Taliban, thriving Afghan music scene heads to silence

AP ■ KABUL

A month after the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan, the music is going quiet. The last time the militant group ruled the country, in the late 1990s, it outright banned music.

So far this time, the government set up by the Taliban hasn't taken that step officially. But already, musicians are afraid a ban will come, and some Taliban fighters on the ground have started enforcing rules on their own, harassing musicians and music venues.

Many wedding halls are limiting music at their gatherings. Musicians are afraid to perform. At least one reported that Taliban fighters at one of the many checkpoints around the capital smashed his instrument. Drivers silence their radios whenever they see a Taliban checkpoint.

In the alleys of Kharabat, a neighbourhood in Kabul's Old City, families where music is a profession passed through generations are looking for ways to leave the country.

The profession was already hit hard by Afghanistan's foundering economy, along with the coronavirus pandemic, and some families now too fearful to work are selling off furniture to get by.



"The current situation is oppressive," said Muzafar Bakhsh, a 21-year-old who played in a wedding band. His family had just sold off part of its belongings at Kabul's new flea market, Chaman-e-Hozari.

"We keep selling them ... so we don't die of starvation," said Bakhsh, whose late grandfather was Ustad Rahim Bakhsh, a famous ustad — or maestro — of Afghan classical music.

Afghanistan has a strong musical tradition, influenced by Iranian and Indian classical music. It also has a thriving pop

music scene, adding electronic instruments and dance beats to more traditional rhythms. Both have flourished in the past 20 years.

Asked whether the Taliban government will ban music again, spokesman Bilal Karimi told *The Associated Press*, "Right now, it is under review and when a final decision is made, the Islamic Emirate will announce it."

But music venues are already feeling the pressure since the Taliban swept into Kabul on August 15.

Wedding halls are usually scene to large gatherings with

music and dancing, most often segregated between men's and women's sections.

At three halls visited by the AP, staff said the same thing. Taliban fighters often show up, and although so far they haven't objected to music, their presence is intimidating.

Musicians refuse to show up. In the male sections of weddings, the halls no longer have live music or DJs. In the women's section — where the Taliban fighters have less access — female DJs sometimes still play.

Some karaoke parlors have closed. Others still open face harassment. One parlour visited by the AP stopped karaoke but stayed open, serving water-pipes and playing recorded music.

Last week, Taliban fighters showed up, broke an accordion and tore down signs and stickers referring to music or karaoke. A few days later, they returned and told the customers to leave immediately.

Many musicians are applying for visas abroad.

In the family home of another ustad in Kharabat, everyone's go-bag is packed, ready to leave when they can. In one room, a group of musicians was gathered on a recent day, drinking tea and discussing the situation.

Roadside bomb hits Taliban car At least one person injured

AP ■ KABUL

A Taliban official says a roadside bomb has hit a Taliban car in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province wounding at least one person.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing Saturday. The Islamic State group affiliate, which is headquartered in eastern Afghanistan, has said it was behind similar attacks in Jalalabad last week that killed 12 people.

Taliban spokesperson Mohammad Hanif said the person wounded in the attack is a municipal worker.

An official at Nangarhar provincial hospital said the bomb killed a Taliban militant and wounded seven others, including four civilians. He spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not allowed to speak to media.

The Taliban have battled with IS since its emergence in Afghanistan in 2014. The burgeoning IS affiliate has claimed responsibility for most recent attacks, including the horrific bombing outside the Kabul airport that killed 13 US service personnel and 169 Afghans during last month's chaotic evacuations.

Minister: Iran will return to nuclear talks 'very soon'



In this photo provided by the United Nations, United Nations General Assembly President Abdulla Shahid of Maldives, right, meets with Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian, during 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Thursday at UN headquarters

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

Iran's new Foreign Minister said on Friday the country will return to nuclear negotiations "very soon," but accused the Biden administration of sending contradictory messages — saying it wants to rejoin the 2015 nuclear deal while slapping new sanctions on Tehran and not taking "an iota of positive action."

Hossain Amir Abdollah said the Government, which took power last month, believes that President Joe Biden "keeps carrying close to his heart the thick file of the Trump sanctions against Iran, even while seemingly pursuing negotiations."

Former President Donald Trump routinely denounced the nuclear accord as the "worst deal ever negotiated" and withdrew from the agreement in 2018 after an ill-fated attempt to bring the other parties — Britain, France, Russia, China, Germany and Iran — on board with additional restrictions. After withdrawing, Trump embarked on what he called a "maximum pressure campaign" against Iran, re-imposing all the US sanctions that had been eased under the deal and adding penalties.

In a media briefing on Iran's new foreign policy, Amir Abdollah was very skeptical about the Biden administration's real intentions, stressing that actions are more important than "empty but beautiful words" and so is "the commitment" and "behavior" of the United States toward Iran.

Iran's top diplomat sharply criticised additional sanctions imposed by the Biden administration, as well as its refusal to give a green light for Iran to access millions of dollars of its money frozen in South Korea and Japanese banks to buy Covid-19 vaccines and medicine, and suddenly asking Britain to stop payment of 42-year-old debts.

While "standing up new sanctions against Iran," he said, the United States can't keep speaking of returning to the nuclear deal, even holding bilateral talks with Iran, and criticizing Trump policies. This includes telling Iran — through diplomatic channels — that Biden wouldn't have ordered the US airstrike that Trump did in January 2020 which killed Iran's top general, Qassem Soleimani.

Recalling that Iranians have a long, rich history and ancient civilization behind them, Amir Abdollah said "the United States of America must speak with a civilised tone and tongue with the people of Iran, not the language of threats, of pressure and sanctions." The past 42 years, since the Iranian revolution, have "made clear the language of threats will not work against the great people of Iran."

Biden and his team have made a US return to the deal one of their top foreign policy priorities. The deal was one of President Barack Obama's signature achievements, one that aides now serving in the Biden administration had helped negotiate and that Trump tried to dismantle.

Haiti's leader: Migration won't end unless inequality does

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

Amid an outcry over the US treatment of Haitian asylum-seekers, the beleaguered island country's embattled Prime Minister pointedly said that inequalities and conflict drive migration, but he stopped short of directly criticising Washington over the issue.

"We do not wish to challenge the right of a sovereign state to control the entry borders into its territory, or to send back to the country of origin those who enter a country illegally," Prime Minister Ariel Henry said in a video speech to the UN General Assembly's annual meeting of world leaders.

But "human beings, fathers and mothers who have children, are always going to flee poverty and conflict," he added. "Migration will continue as long as the planet has both wealthy areas, whilst most of the world's population lives in poverty, even extreme poverty, without any prospects of a better life."

Moreover, "we believe that many countries which are prosperous today have been built through successive waves of migrants and refugees," he added.

Ariel spoke as his country reels from its president's assassination, an earthquake and the migration crisis — all in the last three months. And Ariel's government is facing increasing turmoil with presidential and legislative elections set for November. 7.

Ariel came under scrutiny by Haiti's now-former chief prosecutor, who asked a judge this month to charge the Prime Minister in President President Jovenel Moise's July 7 assassination. The prosecutor said Henry spoke to a key suspect twice in the hours after the killing.

Henry — who says he is striving to bring the culprits to justice, fired the prosecutor and the justice minister last week. Another top official resigned, accusing the Prime Minister of trying to obstruct justice.

Bodies of 9 suspected migrants found in Panama

AP ■ PANAMA CITY

Nine bodies of suspected migrants have been found near a remote community in the Panamanian jungle close to the border with Colombia, local prosecutors said on Friday.

The bodies, including one child, were found near the Tuqueza and Canaán Membrillo rivers in the Emberá Wounaan indigenous region, according to the Darien province prosecutor's office.

Chief prosecutor Julio Vergara said he believes they may be immigrants because a Haitian woman told authorities that on the Tuqueza river heavy rains had produced high waters that had swept away about nine people, who had remained missing. The recovered bodies did not have identification documents, the office said in a statement. It added that so far this year, the bodies of 41 migrants had been found along rivers in the jungle spanning the dangerous Darien Gap that connects Colombia and Panama.

Huawei executive returns as China releases 2 Canadians

Shenzhen: An executive of Chinese global communications giant Huawei Technologies returned from Canada on Saturday night following a legal settlement that also saw the release of two Canadians held by China, potentially bringing closure to a nearly 3-year-long feud embroiling Ottawa, Beijing and Washington.

Meng Wanzhou, Huawei's chief financial officer and the daughter of the company's founder, arrived on Saturday evening aboard a chartered jet provided by flag carrier Air China in the southern technology hub of Shenzhen.

Her return, met with a flag-waving group of airline employees, was carried live on state TV, underscoring the degree to which Beijing has linked her case with Chinese nationalism and its rise as a global economic and political power. Wearing a red dress matching the color of China's flag, Meng thanked the ruling Communist Party and its leader Xi Jinping for supporting her through more than 1,000 days in house arrest in Vancouver, where she owns two multimillion dollar mansions. AP

Under China pressure, Taiwan Opposition chooses new leader

AP ■ TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Taiwan's main Opposition Nationalist Party chose former leader Eric Chu as its new chairperson on Saturday in an election overshadowed by increasing pressure from neighbor China.

Four candidates, including incumbent chair Johnny Chiang, had competed for the leadership of the party that has advocated closer relations with Beijing. That means agreeing to Beijing's demand that it regard Taiwan as a part of China, something Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progressive Party has refused to do.

China has threatened to use force to bring Taiwan under its control and has increasingly mobilized military, diplomatic and economic pressure in an attempt to undermine the administration of President Tsai Ing-wen and sway opinion among the Taiwanese people, who strongly favor the status quo of de-facto independence. Mindful of public senti-

ments, the Nationalists have advocated a less acrimonious relationship with China, rather than direct moves toward unification between the sides, which are bound by close economic, linguistic and cultural ties.

Chu ran and lost in a landslide against Tsai in 2016, prior to which he had served as party chair and head of the region just outside the capital Taipei.

He may emerge as the party's candidate in the next presidential election in 2024, although that selection process has yet to begin. Tsai is constitutionally barred from running for a third term.

Under Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalists rose to power in China during the 1920s and led the struggle against Japanese invaders until the end of World War II. Chiang relocated the government, still officially known as the Republic of China, to Taiwan in 1949 as Mao Zedong's Communists swept to power on mainland China.

Biden risks losing support from Democrats amid DC gridlock

AP ■ NEW YORK

President Joe Biden is losing support among critical groups in his political base as some of his core campaign promises falter, raising concerns among Democrats that the voters who put him in office may feel less enthusiastic about returning to the polls in next year's midterm elections.

In just the past week, the push to change the nation's immigration laws and create a path to citizenship for young

immigrants brought illegally to the country as children faced a serious setback on Capitol Hill. Bipartisan negotiations to overhaul policing collapsed and searing images of Haitian refugees being mistreated at the U.S.-Mexico border undermined Biden's pledge of humane treatment for those seeking to enter the United States.

Taken together, the developments threaten to disillusion African Americans, Latinos, young people and independents, all of whom played a

vital role in building a coalition that gave Democrats control of Congress and the White House last year. That's creating a sense of urgency to broker some type of agreement between the party's progressive and moderate wings to move forward with a \$3.5 trillion package that would fundamentally reshape the nation's social programs.

Failure to do so, party strategists warn, could devastate Democrats in the 2022 vote and raise questions about Biden's path to reelection if he decides to seek a second term.

Volcanic ash cloud closes La Palma airport

Madrid: The airport on the Spanish island of La Palma shut down on Saturday because of an ash cloud spewing out of a volcano that has been erupting for a week, and scientists said another volcanic vent opened up, exposing islanders to possible new dangers.

The intensity of the eruption that began Sept. 19 has increased in recent days, prompting the evacuation of three additional villages on the island, part of Spain's Canary Islands archipelago in the Atlantic Ocean off north-west Africa. Almost 7,000 people have been forced to abandon



don their homes. The recent volcanic eruption is the first since 1971 on La Palma, which has a population of 85,000. AP

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering)

Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, Public Works Department Nainital on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites item rate e-tender (two bid system). For the following work in the anticipation for sanction of work. For further details please log on to <https://www.uktenders.gov.in> from 07.10.2021

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Lakh Rs)	Cost of Tender	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Construction of Heliport work near Khurpatal in Vikaskhand Bhimtal, District Nainital under RCS (Udaan-2) Scheme. (Civil Work)	8.20	5000.00 + 18% GST	120 Days	8 Month	Category A/A+ for Building work in any state/ Govt. of India/ or Govt. undertaking.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Mugis Uddin Ahmad/ Shamim Fatima/ LBAL10001535664	Plot Pertaining To Khasra No. 172/1/2, 172/1/3/1 & 174/2/1/1, Doodhpur Mafi, Pargana & Tehsil Kail, Aligarh Uttar Pradesh/ September 21, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 9,45,730/-	Aligarh/ Gurgaon/ Delhi
2.	Mugis Uddin Ahmad/ Fija Khan/ LBAL100002422767/ LBAL100003111979	Plot Pertaining To Khasra No. 172/1/2, 172/1/3/1 & 174/2/1/1, Doodhpur Mafi, Pargana & Tehsil Kail, Aligarh Uttar Pradesh/ September 21, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 31,44,476/-	Aligarh/ Gurgaon/ Delhi

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

Date : September 24, 2021 Place: Delhi/NCR

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering)

Short Term E-TENDER NOTICE

The superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, Public Works Department, Almora invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) in anticipation of Sanction on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 05/10/2021 & onwards on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Rupee in lakh)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration for tendering
1	Development of Existing Helipad to Heliport at Falsima - Tatrick Near District Head Quarter Almora Under RCS (Udan-2) Scheme.	5000.00 + 18% GST	4.25 Lakh	120 Days	6 Months	Category "A" & above in Building works

GST REFUND

Aadhaar authentication mandatory for taxpayers



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has made Aadhaar authentication of taxpayers mandatory for claiming GST refund.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has amended GST rules bringing in various anti-evasion measures, including disbursement of GST refunds only in the bank account, which is linked with same PAN on which Goods and Services Tax (GST) registration has been

obtained.

The notification also states that from January 1, 2022, businesses who have defaulted in filing summary return and paying monthly GST will not be able to file GSTR-1 sales return of the succeeding month.

The notification follows the decisions taken at the meeting of the GST Council in Lucknow on September 17.

AMRG & Associates Senior Partner Rajat Mohan said, "To arrest tax evasion, the

government has made Aadhaar authentication for proprietor, partner, karta, Managing Director, whole time Director, and authorised signatory compulsory before filing an application for revocation of cancellation registration and refund application."

EY Tax Partner Abhishek Jain said with the objective of preventing revenue leakage, the government has made Aadhaar authentication mandatory for a taxpayer to be able to claim refunds.

"The move will help in reducing cases of fraudulent refunds as only the verified taxpayers will obtain the refunds now," Jain added.

With regard to taxpayers not bringing able to file their GSTR-1 if they have not filed their GSTR-3B of the previous month, Jain said this is a well thought restriction and a necessary control check

to eliminate the cases

where taxpayers although report their supply invoices in GSTR-1 (due to constant follow ups from recipients' side) but they do not submit their corresponding GSTR-3B return through which tax is actually paid to the government.

"Compliant taxpayers would appreciate this move as till now their input tax credit was also at risk in case vendors do not file their GSTR-3B even though such invoice is appearing in GSTR-2A," Jain added.

Currently, the law restricts filing of return for outward supplies or GSTR-1 in case a business fails to file GSTR-3B of preceding two months.

While businesses file GSTR-1 of a particular month by the 11th day of the subsequent month, GSTR-3B, through which businesses pay taxes, is filed in a staggered manner between 20th-24th day of the succeeding month.

CBIC extends re-export timeline for imported containers by 3 months

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

To address the problem of shortage of containers for exports, the tax department has decided to give three more months for the re-export of imported vessels lying at domestic ports, according to an official circular.

Currently, duty-free imports of containers are allowed with the condition of re-export in the next six months.

However, keeping containers beyond six months is considered as deemed import and thus import duty is levied,

a policy aimed at ensuring faster turnaround of containers.

To avoid such import duties, shipping lines export empty containers to evade duty payment on containers which are lying empty. However, such practices are aggravating the problem of shortage of containers for exports.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on Saturday asked its field officers to give three months more time for the re-export of imported containers lying at domestic ports.

Govt to focus on digitisation of 98,000 agri cooperatives for digital lending

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government will focus on digitisation and modernisation of about 98,000 primary agriculture cooperatives (PACs) to ensure digital lending, said Devendra Kumar Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, on Saturday.

He was speaking at the first 'Sehkarita Sammelan' or National Cooperative Conference here. In the Union Budget 2021, the government had announced setting up of Ministry of Cooperation.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has been given the additional charge of the ministry. Kumar said the government will also take steps to popularise the cooperative movement and quality products manufactured by cooperatives in the international market.

The priority will be on "ease of doing business" in



cooperatives, the secretary said and added the cooperative manpower will be trained to bring professionalism.

He applauded the contribution of cooperative bodies like IFFCO, KRIBHCO, Amul in strengthening the cooperative movement and achieving milestones.

The conference at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium is being organised by cooperative bodies like, IFFCO, National Cooperative Federation of India, Amul, Sahakar Bharti, NAFED, and KRIBHCO.

Tourism sector heading for a comeback riding on large-scale vaccinations, new norms: Industry body

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With the help of large-scale vaccination programmes and new norms rolling out, the tourism sector is inching its way back to recovery, and restart of tourism will help kick-start recovery and growth, the Confederation of Hospitality, Technology and Tourism Industry said on Saturday.

It is also essential that the benefits this will bring are enjoyed widely and fairly, the industry body said in a statement. "The travel sector, especially domestic travel, appears to be heading for a comeback. Indian travellers are looking for quick getaways through road trips, weekend breaks and staycations that offer local stay experiences," Airbnb India, Southeast Asia, Hong Kong and Taiwan General Manager, Amanpreet Bajaj said.

Travellers are also becoming increasingly aware of sustainable travel and are making environment-friendly choices when travelling, he added.

"The pandemic has helped promote environmental awareness amongst travellers and today, it's encouraging to see people actively seeking sustainable travel choices," MakeMyTrip Co-Founder & Group CEO Rajesh Magow said.

In a similar vein, EaseMyTrip CEO and Co-Founder Nishant Pitti said, "We have noticed that Indian travellers have started making more sustainable travel decisions as the pandemic has made everyone think about the kind of impact they are creating while travelling."

They are now more aware of their choices as they reevaluate their plans keeping sustainability in mind, he added.



SEARCH FOR MISSING



Nazreen

General Public is hereby informed that a lady namely **Nazreen W/o Kadir R/o H.No. E-1/476, Nand Nagri, Delhi** has been missing from her house since 25.08.2021. In this regard a **DD No. 58-A**, dated **26.08.2021** has been lodged at PS, Nand Nagri, Delhi. The description of missing lady is as under:

Name : Nazreen, **Husband's Name :** Kadir, **Age :** 22 years, **Height :** 5', **Face :** Round, **Complexion :** Shallow, **Built :** Medium, **Wearing :** Grey Colour Sarara and Chappal in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

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Fax : 011-24368639
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Centre to soon announce new cooperative policy: Amit Shah

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Asserting that cooperatives will also play a crucial role in making India a USD 5 trillion economy, Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the Centre will soon come out with a new cooperative policy and work in tandem with states to strengthen the cooperative movement.

Shah, who is also the Union Home Minister, also announced that the number of primary agriculture cooperative societies (PACs) will be increased to 3 lakh in the next five years.

At present, there are about active 65,000 PACs.

Further, the Government is working on setting up cooperative common service centres,

Union Home Minister Amit Shah attends the 'National Cooperative Conference' at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi on Saturday

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national database besides a national cooperative university, he added.

Shah was speaking at the first Sehkarita Sammelan or National Cooperative Conference. The Ministry of Cooperation was formed in July this year.

Addressing the gathering comprising over 2,100 repre-

sentatives of different cooperatives and nearly 6 crore online participants, Shah said some people wonder why the Centre created this new ministry as the cooperative is a state subject.

Shah said there could be a legal response to it, but he does not want to "get into this argument" to make it centre versus states.

Semiconductor shortage to further impact PV sales in Sep

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

Semiconductor supply shortage is expected to further impact passenger vehicles (PVs) sale volumes in September.

Lately, a global supply chain shortage of semiconductors have badly impacted automobile production.

The electronic component is used in variety of functions which play a critical part in the production of internal combustion engines.

Besides, they are an integral part of all kinds of sensors and controls in any vehicle.

At present, these shortages have forced several OEMs to slow down production, thus, further extending the waiting periods of popular, feature-rich and high-end models.

According to India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) report, the semiconductor shortage will further impact PV volumes in September.

Furthermore, it said that '2W' volumes may remain tepid in September, although sequential recovery is expected to continue in 2HFY22, aided by demand coming from the reopening of educational institutes and offices.

INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(RAILWAY BOARD)

E-TENDER NO. 2021RS18741TC

Director, Railways Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India invites e-tender for procurement of 1,45,532 Nos. Low Torque Grease Seal to RDSO Specification No. WD-63-Misc-2020 of Oct 2020 or latest amendments, if any for AAR Standard Upgraded Class 'E' (6" x 11") Cartridge Tapered Roller bearings used in freight stock.

2.0 The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://ireps.gov.in> for details of the tender and submission of their e-bids.

3.0 No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender.

4.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 28.10.2021.

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Director, Railway Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi. for and on behalf of the President of India.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Reliance Infra to raise ₹750 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reliance Infrastructure on Saturday said its board has approved raising up to ₹750 crore by issuing foreign currency convertible bonds (FCCBs) on a private placement basis.

Reliance Infrastructure in a BSE filing also said that Sandeep Khosla has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the company.

"We hereby inform you that the Board of Directors of the Company has authorised the issue of up to USD 100,000,000 unsecured foreign currency convertible bonds maturing in 2031 (FCCBs) with a coupon rate of 4.5 per cent on private placement basis.

"The FCCBs shall be convertible into equity shares of ₹10.00 each of the Company in accordance with the terms of the FCCBs, at a price of ₹111 (including a premium of ₹101) per equity share," it said.

The company will issue bonds within 30 days from the Issue closing date and the decision was taken by the board in a meeting on Saturday.

₹300cr undisclosed income detected by I-T at financing syndicates

FIANS ■ CHENNAI

The Income Tax (IT) Department has detected ₹300 crore of undisclosed income and seized ₹9 crore unaccounted cash during its search and seizure operation on two private syndicate financing groups here.

The IT officials carried out their search and seizure operation at 35 premises on 23.9.2021.

According to IT Department, the searches, so far, have resulted in the detection of undisclosed income of more than ₹300 crore. Unaccounted cash of ₹9 crore has been seized so far.

The evidence found in the premises of the financiers and their associates revealed that these groups have lent to various big corporate houses and businesses in Tamil Nadu, a substantial portion of which is in cash, the IT Department said on Saturday.

During the search, it was detected that they are charging high rate of interest, a part of which is not offered to tax.

Seaweed farming will help boost economy, reduce climate impact

FIANS ■ KOCHI

The Central Government is looking forward to developing a sustainable economy through highly prospective seaweed cultivation, said a top Central Government official, on Saturday.

Fisheries Union Secretary Jatindra Nath Swain said that at a time when climate change is increasingly posing a major threat to human life across the globe, cultivating seaweed, which is one of the natural methods to mitigate the global crisis, would help boost the economy and reduce the impact of climate crisis.

He said this while speaking at an interactive meeting with scientists of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), here.

"The CMFRI should set up a seed bank of seaweeds to popularise the practice among the coastal region as it would be an additional livelihood option as seaweed farming will play a major role in the socio-economic upliftment of traditional fishermen during this difficult time," said Swain.

He further pointed out

that the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) has a special thrust for promotion of the seaweed farming.

And on the ambitious plan in the marine fisheries sector, he said that India is eyeing doubling the seafood export in the next five years.

"We are hopeful of achieving this target by exploring innovative ways to increase the production that will certainly upscale the country's per capita income. Technological development is crucial in this regard especially for areas such as seed production and other hatchery infrastructure for diversified mariculture activities," said Swain.

E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, CD-I, Irrigation & Flood Control Department; GNCTD Opp. ESI Hospital, Basai Darapur Office Complex New Delhi- 110027 invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors for the following works:-

1. NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2021-22/40 (ID No. 2021_IFC_208623_1) H.O.A:- 4217- Plan (MLALAD), **Name of Work:- Providing and fixing S.S. Dust bin and Blue & Green Plastic Dust bin at various locations in Bijwasan Constituency AC-36. E.C. Rs. 39,99,582/-** period of Completion 45 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 01.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 P.M respectively.)

2. NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2021-22/41 (ID No. 2021_IFC_208824_1)H.O.A:- 4217-Plan (MLALAD), **Name of Work:- Providing and installation of 40 Nos. Automatic Boom Barrier at various locations in Vikas Puri Assembly Constituency.(AC-31). E.C. Rs. 57,27,200/-** period of Completion 60 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 01.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 P.M respectively.)

3. NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2021-22/42 (ID No. 2021_IFC_208625_1) H.O.A:- 4217-Plan (MLALAD), **Name of Work:- Providing and installing of 50 Nos. electromechanical swing type barricade/Automatic boom barriers at various locations in Bijwasan Constituency AC-36. E.C. Rs. 71,59,000/-** period of Completion 45 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 01.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 P.M respectively.)

4. NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2021-22/43 (ID No. 2021_IFC_208628_1) H.O.A:- 2217-Plan (MLALAD), **Name of Work:- Installation of Swings with Play Staion in the C5A, C2, A2 , A-1 and C-4 Block Janak Puri Assembly Constituency AC-30. E.C. Rs. 69,27,130/-** period of Completion 90 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 01.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 P.M respectively.)

Note :- 1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

2. Amendment(s)/ alteration(s) / corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.

sd/-

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Dated : 25/09/2021

National Competitive Bidding (E-tendering)

Short Term E-Tender Notice

The Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, Public Works Department Pithoragarh invites tender through E-Tendering (**Two Bid System**) on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from date 27/09/2021 & onwards on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Validity of Tender	Period of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Renewal work with SBDC of pithoragarh Jhulaghat motor road in km 6,7,8,13 to 16 and 19 to 22 under Annual Maintenance (Length 11.00 km)	4.00	5000.00 + 18% GST	45 Days	6 Month	Category 'A' and above for Road works in any State Govt./ Govt. of India/Govt. Undertaking

Wildlife Board clears PMGSY road projects in border areas

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has given clearance for the completion of a road construction project under the Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) from Kirchi to Seoj Dhar in Udhampur district of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. This development project will benefit 661 people living here.

A small cluster amid the hills surrounded by forests, including a wildlife sanctuary, Seoj Dhar has had no all-weather road and was included in the latest phase of the PMGSY.

The only problem was that some stretches of the 31.05-km road, taking off at Kirchi village, were to pass through forest/wildlife areas.

"Forest/wildlife cannot be avoided as the alignment proposed is the only feasible vital connectivity to the villages," said the 'Justification letter for forest/wildlife and diversion' when the proposal was sent for clearance from the NBWL as nearly 7 hectare of Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary was needed for the road.

OSTRAVA OPEN: SANIA MIRZA IN DOUBLES FINAL

FIANS ■ OSTRAVA

Sania Mirza and her Chinese partner Zhang Shuai stormed into the women's doubles final at the Ostrava Open WTA tennis championship, beating Japan's Eri Hozumi and Makoto Ninomiya in straight sets on Saturday.

Sania-Zhang, seeded second here, defeated the Japanese pair 6-2, 7-5 in an hour and 20 minutes and await the winner of the other semi-final between Pola'd's Magda Linette and Bernarda Pera of the USA, the top seeds, and the American-Kiwi team of Kaitlyn Christian and Anna Routliffe.

Sania and Zhang had reached the semi-finals by beating Anna Danilina of Kazakhstan and Lidziya Marozava of Belarus 6-3, 2-6 10-6.

In the semi-final clash, Sania and Zhang opened up a 4-0 lead and though they were broken in the fifth game, the Indo-Chinese pair maintained their serve after that as they won the set 6-2. The

Indo-Chinese pair converted all three break points while saving two of the three on their serve. They managed to put in 72.7 per cent of their serves while their rivals could only manage 58.3 per cent.

The Japanese pair put up a better fight in the second set as they surged ahead by breaking the service of the Indo-Chinese pair in the fifth game.

However, Eri Hozumi and Makoto Ninomiya surrendered their lead in the 10th game. Sania Mirza and Zhang Shuai took off from there to wrap up the match in straight sets.

Sania will be playing her second final of the season. Earlier, she had lost in the title match at Cleveland Championships last month with American Christina Mchale of the USA.

Sania and Zhang converted two of the six break points they earned while their rivals could convert only one of the two they had. They put in 73.5 percent first serve and had an ace while their rivals served two double faults,



New-look Indian team ready for Sudirman Cup challenge

PTI ■ VANTAA

An Indian team which is a nice little blend of youth and experience, will have to punch above its weight in what's going to be an arduous challenge in the Sudirman Cup mixed team championships here on Sunday.

India have been drawn in Group A alongside defending champions China, three-time semi-finalists Thailand and hosts Finland in the BWF tournament, which comprises two singles and three doubles matches in a tie.

With many of its star shuttlers missing, India team will have task cut out when it starts campaign against Thailand in the prestigious World Mixed Team Championship. With double

Olympic medallist and reigning world champion P V Sindhu excusing herself following a hectic Olympic campaign and former world no 1 Saina Nehwal also giving it a miss, the onus will be on the young shoulders of Malvika Bansod and Aditi Bhatt in women's singles.

In men's doubles, world no 10 Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy too withdrew at the last moment after the former suffered from muscle pull (Abs) and was advised a week's rest. In their absence, young Dhruv Kapila and MR Arjun will have to deliver the goods in men's doubles.

India, however, do have plenty of experience in men's singles and women's doubles with B Sai Praneeth, Kidambi Srikanth and



the pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy in the team.

First up for India will be

Thailand, who have reached the semifinals thrice — 2013, 2017 and 2019.

With 2013 World Champion Ratchanok Intanon withdrawing, the 17-member Thailand squad will be led by Asian Games (women's team) bronze medallist and world no 10 Pornpawee Chochuwong and world no 13 Busanan Ongbamrungphan in women's singles, while world no 18 Kantaphon Wangcharoen will be the top player in men's singles.

India will also have to get the better of World no 8 women's pair of Jongkolphan Kititharakul and Rawinda Prajongjai, world no 3 Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattana Chai in mixed doubles among others.

After Thailand, India will

face China on September 27 and Finland on September 29.

China have won the title 11 times in the past, and has named a formidable team, including Olympic champion Chen Yufei and former All England champion Shi Yu Qi, for the event.

World no 21 men's doubles pair of He Ji Ting and Tan Qiang has also been named in the squad, which also comprises Lu Guang Zu, Li Shi Feng, He Bing Jiao, Guang Zhi Yi, Liu Cheng and Feng Yan Zhe. The third and final team in the group stage will be hosts Finland who have never never qualified for the knockout stage at the mixed team championships. The top two teams from each group progress to the knockout round (quarterfinals).

Young US team puts Europe in its biggest hole at Ryder Cup



Team USA's Xander Schauffele and Dustin Johnson fist bump during the opening session of the Ryder Cup, at Whistling Straits, in Sheboygan

AP ■ SHEBOGYAN

The Americans haven't opened witha lead this large in the Ryder Cup since Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino were playing, and before Tiger Woods was even born.

That didn't seem to be big enough to satisfy US captain Steve Stricker.

Dustin Johnson and Xander Schauffele each won two matches, Bryson DeChambeau smashed a drive that had everyone talking and the Americans were relentless Friday at Whistling Straits in losing only one match to build a 6-2 lead.

"It's a great start. We are happy with the start," Stricker said.

"But my message to the guys is tomorrow is a new day. Pretend today never happened, and let's keep our foot down and continue to play the golf that we know we can play."

Oh, how Europe would like to forget this day ever happened. Rory McIlroy never made it to the 16th hole in losing both his matches on the opening day for the first time. The lone bright spot was Jon Rahm, living up his No. 1 ranking by winning in foursomes with Sergio Garcia and keeping Europe in a tight fourballs match long enough for Tyrrell Hatton to birdie the last hole to at least-salvage a half-point.

Europe has never trailed by four points after the first day since the Ryder Cup was expanded to include the continent in 1979, the modern era of these matches that Europe now dominates.

Go back to 1975 to find the last time the U.S. Had a four-point lead in the Ryder Cup. "No doubt, it was a tough day," European skipper Padraig Harrington said, attributing the difference to a putt here, there and pretty much everywhere.

"There's obviously still 20 points to

play for." Suddenly, though, there seems to be a sense of urgency. The Americans were delivering big moments and the big smiles, waving up hands to get the one-sided gallery to cheer even louder, cupping hands to their ears to urge them along.

They are looking for a fresh start after a quarter-century of losing, and its youngest team in history took a big step to creating their own memories.

"They fought hard every single shot out there, from what I saw," DeChambeau said after he and Scottie Scheffler earned a halve in fourballs.

"This is a great start, but the job's not over. We have two more days. A lot more golf. And we cannot lose our mindset to win."

The first point of the 43rd Ryder Cup, postponed one year by the pandemic, went to Europe and its new "Spanish Armada" of Rahm and Garcia.

The final match ended in a halve when Justin Thomas delivered a late eagle putt that allowed him and Patrick Cantlay to come all the way back from a 3-down deficit.

Through the morning chill, the mid-day warmth, a ferocious wind in the afternoon and even a little rain, the one constant was American red scores filling the boards across Whistling Straits.

"We can come back from 6-2," said McIlroy, trying to summon calm and confidence after losing both matches.

Europe will have to do it without him. McIlroy is not part of the foursomes lineup Saturday morning, the first time he has sat in a Ryder Cup.

Both captains stuck to their plans, and it only worked out for one of them.

Even with a 3-1 start in foursomes, Stricker broke up all his American teams as planned and still won the afternoon fourballs session with two wins and two draws.

Tiger Woods' text helps inspire US team

AP ■ SHEBOGYAN

Tiger Woods isn't at Whistling Straits, but several US players say he helped inspire them to a big lead in the first day of the Ryder Cup.

Woods sent a group text through captain Steve Stricker to American players, saying he was behind them in their battle to regain the cup.

"The gist of basically what he said was I'm cheering you guys on, I'm right there with you and go fight and make us proud," Tony Finau said.

RYDER CUP



Weather could force Russian GP qualifying session to be moved today

FIANS ■ SOCHI

Heavy rain at the Sochi Autodrom on Saturday has led to the cancellation of Free Practice 3 for the Russian Grand Prix — with doubts remaining over the possibility of holding qualifying on later on Saturday.

"Free Practice 3 had been due to start at 1200 local time. But with heavy rain, along with thunder and lightning, having hit Sochi on Saturday morning, the decision was made to cancel the third practice session," a statement on formula1.com said. "In the interest of safety [the decision has been taken] to modify the Official Programme by cancelling Free Practice Session 3 due to Force Majeure," ran the decision from the race stewards.

"For the purposes of the regulations and associated time limits, Free Practice Session 3 will be considered as having taken place, except where otherwise advised by the Race Director."

The Russian Grand Prix weekend has already been subject to alterations, with the first Formula 3 race moved to Friday evening -- where Norway's Dennis Hauger was crowned champion -- before bad weather led to an indefinite delay of Saturday morning's F2 race.

F1 qualifying is currently set to take place 1500 local time (5:30 IST) — but FIA Race Director Michael Masi touted the possibility of moving the session to Sunday morning if the weather persists, telling the media at the start of Saturday, "If qualifying isn't able to happen today, as we've seen a few times before in the past, then we will re-do a programme and hold qualifying on Sunday morning."

Lewandowski's scoring streak for Bayern ends after 19 games

AP ■ BERLIN

For once, Robert Lewandowski didn't score. The Poland star's club-record scoring streak for Bayern Munich ended at 19 consecutive games on Friday when he failed to get a goal in his team's 3-1 win at last-placed Greuther Fürth in the Bundesliga.

Lewandowski, who hit the crossbar in the 40th minute, also missed out on equaling Gerd Müller's record of scoring in 16 Bundesliga games in a row. Lewandowski's 19-game run includes matches in the league, cup and Champions League going back to a 3-3 draw with Arminia Bielefeld on Feb. 15.

Fürth, which hadn't won any of its opening five Bundesliga games

since promotion, made a reasonable start but was caught cold when Thomas Müller opened the scoring in the 10th minute.

Canadian international Alphonso Davies set off on a counter-attack down the left wing and his cross took a kind deflection for Müller to dispatch the ball in off the right post from outside the penalty area.

Joshua Kimmich's second goal for Bayern in the 31st was similar, this time Leroy Sané providing the cross. Fürth's defenders allowed the Bayern players too much space — though not enough for Lewandowski.

The home team was given a lifeline in the 48th when Benjamin Pavard was sent off for a bad challenge on American midfielder

"We were able to do that and if TW's watching, thanks for that text, brother, I think it helps us a lot." Several players talked about the text from Woods, who is recovering from serious injuries in a February car accident. The US went 6-2 on the opening day for its biggest first day margin since 1975.

"Tiger's not with us in person but I know he's watching and talking to Stricker a lot," Harris English said.

"We know he's got our backs, so that's really cool and we kind of used that energy today."

'Tokyo show changed our mentality, instilled self-belief'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian women's hockey team Imid-fielder Neha Goyal says their inspirational performance at the Tokyo Olympics has changed the mentality of the side and instilled self-belief in players.

The team missed out on its first-ever Olympic medal but produced its best-ever show in the history of the quadrennial with a fourth place finish. "Our performance at the Tokyo Olympics has changed our mentality and given us the self-belief to compete with any team in the world. Our win over Australia in the quarterfinal brought about a shift in our mentality," the 24-year-old player said.

"Coming into that match, Australia had topped their pool by winning all their matches. Defeating them gave us a lot of confidence, which we will carry

Xander Schauffele said the players were excited to hear that Woods was cheering hard for them from his home in Florida.

"We knew he was fist pumping from the couch," Schauffele said. "Whether he was on crutches or not he's as fired up as any back at home. So it's nice to have his support." Stricker said he got the text on Thursday and sent it out to the team on Friday. He said Woods wished players good luck and shared a few personal observations.

"He's a friend of a lot of these guys and these guys look up to

him and I lean on him a lot throughout this whole process," Stricker said.

"So it was great to hear from him and provide some words of encouragement to these guys."

Woods was an assistant captain in 2016, when the US last won the cup. He returned as a player in 2018, but did not win a point in his matches. In eight Ryder Cups, Woods earned 14.5 points but had an overall losing record and only played on one winning team — the 1999 team that won in a huge final day comeback at Brookline.



with us going forward as we prepare to play more important tournaments in the future."

For Goyal, who made her Olympics debut in Tokyo, competing at the Games was a landmark moment of her career. "I was nervous before the occasion, but very excited. It has always been my dream to play in the

Durand Cup: Bengaluru FC overcome gritty Army Green to enter semis

FIANS ■ KOLKATA

Bengaluru FC (BFC) came from behind to beat Army Green 3-2 in the final quarter-final encounter of the 130th Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK) on Saturday and set up a last-four clash with FC Goa on Wednesday. Wungngayam Muirang, Leon Augustine, and Nangyal Bhutia struck for BFC while Lallawmkima and Vibin T. V. struck for the Greens, both incidentally via penalties.

Army Green created pressure early on and were rewarded for that as Lallawmkima scored from the spot in the 9th

minute to give them the lead.

However, the Naushad Moosa-coached BFC did not take long to bounce back as Muirang scored the equalizer in the 20th minute, courtesy of a magical free-kick that curled into the back of the net, giving Green's keeper Sarath no chance whatsoever. Bengaluru played an attacking game post that and created quite a few chances but failed to convert any of them in the first half.

However, they did not take long to go ahead in the second session as Leon Augustine scored the second goal for his team just minutes after the restart.



India claim two silver medals in Archery World Championships

FIANS ■ YANKTON

India suffered another setback as it Archers had to settle for silver medals in Women's Compound Team and Compound Mixed Team competitions at the World Archery Championships here in South Dakota.

The Indian Women's Compound Team and the Mixed Team had reached the gold medal match and were up against Colombia in both finals. But both fell short in difficult windy conditions against opponents that were too strong and mastered the conditions better.

India had reached the final six times at the World Championships earlier but had failed to win the gold every time. They were aiming to claim their first World Championship title on Friday but their hopes were dashed by a strong performance by Colombia, who captured the gold medal for the first time after 2017.

In the Women's Compound Team, India comprising Jyoti Surekha Vennam, Muskan Kirar and Priya Gurjar lost to the Colombia team of Sara Lopez Alejandra Usquiano and Nora Valdez 229-224 and had to settle for the silver medal.

In the Compound Mixed Team final, the Indian team of Jyothi and Abhishek Verma lost to Colombia's Sara Lopez and Daniel Munoz 150-154. The Compound Women's Team final started as a close affair with both India and Colombia shooting 58 out of a possible 60 in the first end (set), the Indians shooting three 10s, one X,

and two 9s in six arrows while the Colombians came up with three 10sm two Xs and an 8.

A couple of 8s with two 9s and two Xs meant India could manage only 54 in the second end (set) and Colombia shot 55 to lead 113-112.

The Indians continued to struggle with the conditions and lost the third end 56-58, the gap widening to three points now (171-168). Their hopes of recovering ground in the fourth and final end (set) were thwarted by an 8 on the first arrow in this series. They shot two Xs, a 10, and two 9s in the remaining five arrows for 56 but the Colombians did not falter and shot 58 with three 10s, one X, and one 9 to win the gold medal, 229-224.

In the Compound Mixed Team final, Jyoti Surekha Vennam and Abhishek Verma got off to a good start as they took a one-point lead (39-38) after the first end, shooting three 10s and a 9 as compared to three 9s and a 10 by the Colombian pair of Sara Lopez and Daniel Munoz.

The Indians fell behind in the second end as they could manage only 36 (10, 8, 9, 9) as compared by a near-perfect 39 (10, 10, 10, 9) by the Colombians and trailed 75-77.

The Colombians managed a perfect 40 in the third end while the Indians could score only 36 (10, 9, 8, 9), the gap widening to six (111-117).

Jyothi and Abhishek tried their best in the fourth and final end and won it 39-27 but the gap was too wide to be bridged in one end and they had to settle for silver behind Colombia.

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has the right to a
private life
—Keira Knightley



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Living in demanding mode

If you try to resolve you weaknesses, the indwelling potential will play out unhindered and help you live without stress

Active Parenting can help parents significantly in reducing stress, both for their children and for themselves, writes RAMG VALLATH, as he suggests strategies & age-appropriate techniques to tackle the challenges being faced by most

PANDEMIC: A TRIPLE-WHAMMY FOR PARENTS



The pandemic has delivered a triple-whammy to parents. First and foremost, the pandemic itself is an unprecedented, once-in-a-lifetime event. Even the best of scientists cannot predict where it is headed; who are safe, who are vulnerable; or what precautions — including vaccines — afford what level of protection. Secondly, children have been uprooted from their routines, confined inside the house, kept away from socialising and have even been forced by circumstances to become screen addicts. Parenting, which is a discovery process, even in normal circumstances, has become far tougher due to these added stress-es. Thirdly, parents themselves have been uprooted from their routines and forced to reduce social interactions. Many have lost their jobs and many have work hours that have eaten up into personal time in an unprecedented blending of work and personal life.

And now, their world is going to be shaken up yet again, with schools reopening. Routines being practiced over the last 18 months will need to be unlearned and new routines re-established, with the sword of Damocles of a possible new wave always hanging on their heads. This is when the principles of Active Parenting can come to the rescue of parents.

WHAT IS ACTIVE PARENTING?

While every child is unique and every family and circumstances unique, the underlying principles, framework and strategies of Active Parenting can substantially help in every situation, for every child and every parent. Active Parenting can help parents significantly in reducing stress — both for their children and for themselves. In fact, it can even help in converting these uncertainties into learning opportunities for children and bonding opportunities for the family. The three key principles of Active Parenting are as below.

- Inculcate the right attributes and qualities systematically and proactively instead of fire-fighting when issues pop up
- Be mindful that every opportunity can be utilised to build these attributes and qualities and proactively use every opportunity to do that
- Provide high support, while empowering children to take ownership and responsibility for their own lives

Based on the above principles, there are several strategies and age-appropriate techniques that a practitioner of Active Parenting can use to tackle each of the challenges that school reopening presents.

CHALLENGES POSED BY REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

First let us list out the challenges to be tackled.

- Both parents and children may have fear of

Covid. Even though most schools are taking utmost care in putting in place strict guidelines for ensuring there is no Covid outbreak, in a school with many children, implementation is unlikely to be perfect. This could lead to anxiety and stress for both parents and children.

- For both children and parents, reopening means changing routines drastically. For children, it means having to get up earlier by sometimes as much as 60 to 90 minutes, getting ready, giving up on snacking any time they want, coming back from school feeling tired etc. For parents, it again means having to get up earlier to get children ready, ensuring breakfast/snack is ready on time, sometimes having to drop and pick up children from the school or bus stop etc. These can induce stress and also create conflict between parents and children.
- For children, school reopening will create academic stress. After perhaps 18 months, they are going back into a formal classroom. While most schools had organised for online classes, in is a less-than-perfect mode of learning and it is likely that the topics covered in the last eighteen months haven't been absorbed well enough. Even worse, surveys have shown that there is even some slippage of concepts learned before the pandemic. Many children will feel overwhelmed by the workload in the first few months as schools try to cover lost ground.
- Social stress is another problem that some children will need to deal with, especially the more introverted children. Children who have been subjected to bullying in the past and who have had a safe cocoon at home in these eighteen months will be suddenly confronted with the prospect of facing their tormentors again. There could also be children who are apprehensive of certain teachers who would dread the prospect of facing them face to face again.

In children, these signs of stress could manifest in many ways. Reluctance to go to school, tantrums, unusual levels of obstinacy, subdued look, emotional meltdowns, headache, upset stomach etc. are few of the signs that parents can watch out for. On the other hand, stress can cause irritation, short-temper, frustration, and even anger in parents.

APPLYING ACTIVE PARENTING PRINCIPLES

With so much stress on themselves and on the children on various counts, the principles of Active Parenting can come to the rescue. First and foremost, parents need to extend unconditional support to their children by demonstrating deep love, compassion and trust. While it is understandable that parents, who are themselves under stress, might feel irritated, impatient and short-tempered when children show reluctance to go to school or otherwise act difficult, parents need to be understanding and empathetic.

In fact, they need to be proactive in bring-



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ing up the possibility of the above stress points and assure the children that they understand that there may be stress on them and that the parents are there to help them. What the child needs in a parent in a situation like this is a friend who they can share their apprehensions or worries with and not a pushy and aggressive master. To quote the famous model of the clinical psychologist, Diana Baumrind, parents need to be high on warmth and responsiveness during this turmoil.

BEFRIENDING

But the question remains — how can parents ensure that children share their apprehensions openly? This would depend a lot on the nature of the child. But one of the key strategies of Active Parenting — befriending — can help in unlocking some of the reluctance of children to share deeply personal stuff. The underlying principle is that children, like adults, feel more comfortable in sharing inner feelings when there is empathy and trust instead of judgment. For this, parents need to spend quality time with children. It will help if parents can share instances from their own childhood, when they faced stressful situations. This may give the confidence for children to open up their own fears.

Another technique would be to have a family team discussion: with each member sharing their own challenges and fears relating to the current situation. Then each member can share an action plan on what they intend to do to overcome the challenges. Finally, each member can request specific support from other members of the team. It can start with each of the parents sharing how the new routines could affect them and asking specific support from each other to help them cope with this. Then they could also ask for specific support from the children, such as 'taking responsibility for managing their own routine' or 'being patient when they come back home hungry, if their favourite food isn't available'. This could prompt the children to also share their challenges and expected support.

One of the aspects that can get addressed through the above 'team approach' is Covid appropriate behaviour. As someone who has been deeply involved with the pandemic response of a large philanthropic organisation, I would like to reassure the parents that there is very little chance of children catching a severe attack of Covid.

However, it is important to take all precaution and ensuring both children and parents follow Covid appropriate behaviour is critical. Parents need to impress upon children the importance of following the protocols such as masking, regular handwashing, and physical distancing. They need to spell these out and ensure children understand the reason behind these guidelines.

The children should know that their deviation from the protocols could affect the parents and other elders at home — if any — far worse than it would affect themselves. This is a great way to build a sense of responsibility. Let the children know that you trust them to adhere to the guidelines. Parents also need to role model Covid-appropriate behaviour when they themselves venture out.

RESPECT, TRUST AND EMPATHY

During this challenging transition period, the two traits that parents need to role-model are patience and empathy. With each other, as well as with kids. If the parents are biting each other's heads off at the drop of a hat, it would be unreasonable and impractical for them to expect a patient behaviour from their children. When children observe their parents facing stressful situations in a candid and humorous fashion, they are also likely to adopt the same behaviour. This includes unabashed apology from parents to each other and to the children when they lose their cool and making fun of their own such 'ridiculous' behaviour.

STORY-TELLING

Another key Active Parenting strategy that can come in handy in such situations is story-telling. There is no better way to inculcate the desired qualities (values and traits) in children than by telling them stories — of real life heroes and fictitious heroes who manifested the same qualities and succeeded because of them. Similarly, parents telling the children of times when they themselves demonstrated these qualities to their own advantage will also help in driving home the benefit of these qualities. Of course, it is important that these story-telling sessions do not appear to be sessions for the sake of building these qualities.

The primary purpose of stories should be entertainment as far as the child is concerned. The secondary and invisible purpose is inculcating the traits and values. The child should subconsciously absorb these deeper messages. In a stressful situation like this, the most desirable qualities to instil are self-discipline, sense of responsibility, ownership, sense of humour, respect, gratitude etc. remember that stories plant seeds in the mind and at the appropriate time, these seeds sprout.

Every crisis is an opportunity. If the above suggestions are embraced by parents wholeheartedly, they might find that this stressful situation was the best learning period for themselves and their children and that it offered a truly life-altering situation with family bonds becoming stronger than ever.

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OUTLOOK

Politics of caste census: From historical lenses

The current debate on the caste census gives an opportunity to the Indian state to be reminded about the core value of social justice enshrined in the Indian Constitution and its framework in order to assess the demands of caste census and its policies



SANJAY KUMAR

The census is not merely a head count. This gives an identity to one and all in the modern nation state. Not only this, the census broadly gives an opportunity to all communities as well as castes to assess the extent to which they have received their participation and share in the constitutional government institutions at the Central and State levels and in the development schemes and programmes in the present and past. This group identity also creates a measure for assessing the participation and share of the community vis-a-vis other groups, communities and castes through their enumeration in the census. This description of the salient features of the census in the Government documents and textbooks is rather value neutral.

At a deeper level, if we evaluate the census critically in history, this had been one of the factors for the identity politics, especially the caste-based representational politics since the inception of the enumeration of population of India in which political parties, social groups and the government remained the key players. The first all-India decennial census in the year of 1871 was based on the *varna* consisting of *jati* as the major indicator for classification of the enumerated data by the colonial administrators like Risley, Nesfield, Baines, etc. Subsequently, *jati* instead of *varna* remained one of the key indicators in the census of the years of 1881, 1891, 1901 till 1931 even while the nature and form of the classification of the enumerated data underwent change in multiple ways.

On the basis of the data and the impact of the enumeration, the colonial administrators deeply realised that reference to *jati* in the Indian society is central, and it is the root of the identity among different social groups. It is notable that Nicholas B Dirks, a Dutch scholar and the author of “*Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India*”, beautifully articulated the impact and implications of the caste census during late 19th century. He showed that the emphasis of caste in the decennial census had given rise to increasing agitation over caste denomination and the assignment of social status among the caste groups. The colonial census might have reinscribed a Brahminical idea of caste but, ironically, in doing so it gave rise to competitive politics that began to make caste the basis of political mobilisation on a new scale.

The caste census eventually turned out to be the foundation for the architecture of governance and administration of the colonial state during late 19th and the beginning of the 20th century as well. The colonial state presented itself in a neutral role among the people but it manipulated the competitive politics of castes cleverly for consolidating its hold on the administration and governance.

Against this background, Dr BR Ambedkar, a great icon of social reform in the 20th century, presented the caste census in a new perspective in colonial India. He made it a base for social mobilisation and politics. But soon, he identified the limitations of the representational politics and framed the issues and questions in the broader framework of social justice. Subsequently, the social justice became the core

value of the Indian Constitution which was manifested in the enactment of the provision of reservation for SCs and STs in proportion to their share in population as per the caste census.

Enactment of the provision of reservation for SCs and STs gave rise to the new kind of politics of social justice for the other backward castes led by Ram Manohar Lohia in post-independence India. In the 60s and 70s, the slogan of SANSOPA firmly exhorting that the Backwards must attain Sixty out of Hundred (*sansopa ne baandhi ganth pichda pawe sau mein saath*) became the major slogan of the mobilisation of OBC politics. Though this slogan emerged from the commonsensical statistics, its grounding was provided directly or indirectly by the census data. Not only this, this remained a central factor in the confrontation and negotiation between the governments and the political parties, especially the socialist parties. As a result, provision of reservation for the OBCs in the Central Government jobs became a milestone as an outcome of the politics of social justice.

The contradictory role and purpose of the caste census in colonial and post-colonial India that comes to fore gives an insight that the headcount of *jati* in itself does not have a special meaning. Indeed, on one hand, the underlying objectives and politics of the caste census had been crucial in shaping the caste-based identity politics in a narrow sense. In contrast, on the other hand, this shaped the idea of social justice and the constitutional provisions of modern India as well.

In this context, it is worth reiterating that caste is a hierarchical social institution which is based on heredity and its ideology and values get reproduced from generation to generation in the society. Not only this, mere invocation of caste identity has remained a barrier in development and governance of post-independence India. As a fallout of this, most who first and foremost became victims are those who are situated at the margins of the horizontal base of all caste groups.

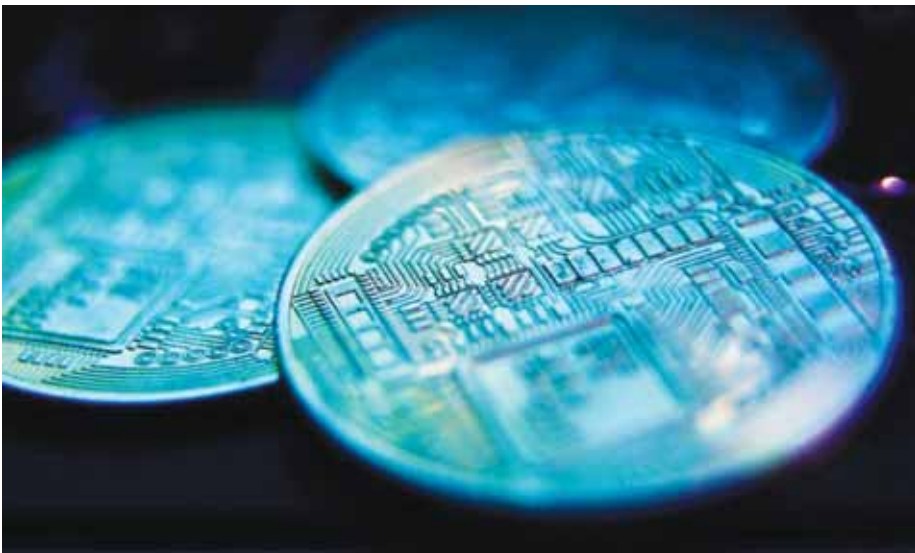
The current debate on the caste census gives an opportunity to the Indian state to be reminded about the core value of social justice enshrined in the Indian constitution and its framework, in order to assess the demands of caste census and its policies.

Simultaneously, all political parties have an opportunity to take forward the legacy of social justice in their voices and opinions for the caste census if they are truly committed to the cause of empowering all situated at the margins. Otherwise, its implication would be for raising of voices and opinions which would generate confrontation and competition within and across the castes. In this sense, the future of the politics of the caste census is likely to be entrapped in the past legacy which was constructed by the colonial state in the late 19th century.

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Promising future of Central Bank Digital Currencies



The digital currency has so far managed to emerge as one of the strongest flavours within the current financial market. What makes digital currencies different from all their predecessors are the tremendous new functionalities they promise to offer. It's the financial equivalent of the leap from postal service to email.

Money basically performs three functions. As a medium of exchange, it enables transactions that otherwise would require difficult bartering (as in trading chickens for a car).

As a unit of account, it allows one to know whether one has saved or not over the past year. And as a store of value, money enables current income to finance future purchases.

According to the IMF, the opportunity for Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) depends solely on its ability to improve upon these three core functions of money.

Interestingly, the idea of CBDC is gaining support from the financial establishments such as the Bank for International Settlements, known as the central bank of central banks. These financial gatekeepers are embracing CBDC because they can see that if they do not someone else will.

A recent survey by the Bank for International Settlements indicates that 86 per cent of the central banks are actively researching digital currencies. And almost 60 per cent of banks are in the testing phase.

According to some estimates, a fifth of the global population will be exposed to a central-bank digital currency within three years. By 2027, some \$24 trillion of assets around the world is expected to be in digital form.

Dollar & Changing Financial Landscape
Though the US dollar remains the world's dominant reserve currency, the downward trend in the global reserves of the US dollar to a 25-year record low of 59 per cent has managed to stump many. Some cite a combination of

nations shifting away from the USD and the rising status of competing currencies like the euro, the Japanese yen, and the Chinese yuan as factors in the USD's slump. But others are of the opinion that the hegemony of the US dollar doesn't seem to be under any threat in the near future.

Russia and China have both stepped away from an uncertain and politically entangled US dollar in recent years, with the Central Bank of Russia (CBR) ditching over US\$101 billion in dollar-denominated reserves in early 2019. China on its part has loosened its grip on US government securities, with a reported 20 per cent decrease in these holdings over roughly seven years, according to US Treasury Department data.

Digital currency based on blockchain looks promising
Controversy about the benefits and drawbacks of CBDCs notwithstanding, governments around the world are increasingly exploring, researching, or testing the implementation of digital, programmable fiat. All eight central banks of the top currencies from the IMF report are either considering, researching, or actively developing a CBDC.

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ded transparency regarding how much money is plucked from the money tree, and democratising access to the tree's fruit.

At the retail level, a CBDC would offer some obvious advantages. It would help the poor and others who are currently underserved by the banking system. It would also make it much easier for governments to administer social transfers like the household cash disbursements made during the pandemic. And a well-functioning international system of digital currencies would sharply reduce cross-border transaction costs.

However, in addition to various privacy concerns, CBDCs have complications of their own. One crucial question is where CBDC accounts would be held. If it is in the central bank, how will privacy for transactions be preserved? Equally unclear is what role would be left for private banks, which are currently the pre-dominant source of credit in most market economies. If banks no longer receive deposits, how will they issue loans?

For such an arrangement to function well, the CBDC would need to strike a difficult balance between anonymity (privacy) and control of the system. Otherwise, all the concerns regarding the government's unrestricted access to account holders' information

will start looking legitimate. The viable alternative for the central bank is to allocate deposits to member banks, which would then continue to function as sources of credit. In this case, there would need to be strong fractional reserve requirements.

Regarding concerns about privacy, it is possible to anonymize central-bank accounts with digital tags that only an independent regulatory institution can trace to physical persons. After all, lest we forget, our current payments system (with the strict “KYC” rules) is managing well with illusory privacy.

There are also complications at the international level. Would central banks be willing to accept payments in other central banks' CBDCs? Could countries retain control of their money supply once it has taken a digital form?

At present, it is very difficult to imagine a future scenario where the major central banks would be willing to underwrite the international financial system without a high degree of cooperation, coordination, and control.

The Road Ahead
These international questions are of particular importance for the United States because the dollar has served as an international reserve currency, a unit of account, and a means of payment for the past

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75 years. For better or worse, the dollar's key role in the system has enabled the US to impose reasonably effective financial sanctions on countries such as Russia and Iran, and the US is in no mood to surrender this tool willingly.

No monetary system has ever functioned perfectly. But it is generally agreed that the current one has performed well over the past so many years, especially when compared to earlier systems such as the gold standard.

Although a CBDC could improve financial inclusion, most experts caution that it should not be inaugurated until there are assurances that credit allocation, payments systems, financial-stability safeguards, and other aspects of the new system would function at least as smoothly as they do under the current one. There is no doubt that the central bank digital currency will happen sooner rather than later. The question, then, is whether all the issues (both the identified and emerging ones) will be resolved before the transition is made.

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PERSPECTIVE

Abolishing retrospective tax law to boost economy



The Government had on August 5 scrapped the retrospective tax law by amending Finance Act 2012 and the IT Act 1961 which got presidential assent on August 13, 2021. It was amendment in Finance Act 2012 brought by the then Finance Minister which allowed the taxman to levy taxes claimed retrospectively on deals that were executed after 1962 that involved the transfer of shares in a foreign entity that has its assets in India. This archaic practice had pushed back India's taxation regime for corporates by 50 years and allowed authorities to slap capital gains levies wherever a company, with business assets in India, changed hands overseas.

Certainly, the new amendment by the Government of India will bridge the gap in international trade by providing a framework for resolving international arbitration cases that the Government has lost, namely Vodafone group plc and Cairn energy and 15 others. Needless to say that this amendment was a need of hour as focus point of India at the present time is to portray itself as an investment destination to investors across the world, which will eventually help India being depicted as country committed to abide by international treaties and laws.

The two big advantages of abolishing the retrospective tax are: boosting India's image among global investors (translating into increased FDI) and giving foreign firms a level-playing field vis-à-vis Indian corporate giants. In recent times, India's image took a big hit when energy explorer giant Cairn went ahead with seizing the Government of India's assets abroad and telecom giant Vodafone-Idea giving strong signals of winding up its India operation.

The Indian Government had slapped a tax demand of crores of rupees on Cairn and Vodafone. But both refused to pay taxes and chal-

lenged the decision of tax department and ultimately won the battle in the Permanent Court of Arbitration in Hague, Netherlands. The claim of Cairns was that the Government is violating the India-UK bilateral investment treaty. Considering all the facts, the international court ruled in favour of Cairns and awarded \$1.4 billion as damages, the Cairn then moved a French court which gave the order to freeze Indian assets in Paris to recover ₹8,897 crores. Definitely this stain on Indian taxing could be hazardous for development of long-term Indian economy. This sour episode tainted India's image like never before as it placed the country in the league of some disturbed economies whose assets are taken away for non-payment of arbitration award.

The Government's decision to discard the retrospective taxation law not only gave breather for Vodafone and Cairns, but also transformed India's image in global world. Along with repealing this tax and Supreme Court's recent verdict on honouring Singapore arbitrator decision that upheld US-based e-commerce company Amazon's plea against the ₹24,731-crore merger of Future Retail Ltd (FRL) with Reliance Retail might change things favourably for global companies.

Many in the corporate world have been silently claiming the Government is favouring handful homegrown com-

glomerates by tweaking laws that gave them undue benefits. India would very much want to shed this image, especially at a time when big businesses are looking beyond China to have a permanent base.

Overall, phasing out retrospective tax means restoring India's reputation as a fair and easy to predict regime which believe in putting an end to unnecessary and expensive litigation without spending crores in these never-ending legal tussles. The step will also promote cross-border merger and acquisition. Last but not least, the scrapping of such draconian law will be helpful in enhancing India's national ranking in World Bank Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) index under 50 (it is presently 63).

In total, 17 entities would be benefited from this change to whom tax demand of ₹1.10 lakh crores was made. The Government has proposed to refund the amount paid in litigation by companies without any interest thereon. The total amount involved for all cases is about ₹8,100 crore, of which about ₹7,900 crore is related to the Cairn dispute. The effectiveness of axing this tax law now depends on whether the entities who have obtained an award that comprises interest component will take up the offer.

The Government stand, prima facie, appears to cost huge loss to the State exchequer, but in the long run it will benefit in terms of attracting foreign investment and achieving the target of USD 5 trillion economy by 2025. Definitely it has enhanced credibility of India in international domain and depicted India's commitment to follow international law and conventions governing international behaviour. The Government move also conforms to and promotes international harmony provided in Directive Principle of State Policy of the Constitution of India.

The Government stand, prima facie, appears to cost huge loss to the State exchequer, but in the long run its benefit in terms of attracting foreign investment and achieving the target of USD 5 trillion economy by 2025 cannot be denied



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