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Opp rally at JindChautala invites  
non-Cong Opp  
leaders to rally on  
Devi Lal's birth  
anniversary to  
forge 3rd Front

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is likely to share the stage with a large number of Opposition parties, including TMC, Samajwadi Party, NCP, RLD, RJD, Shiromani Akali Dal, National Conference, at a rally at Jind in Haryana on September 25. Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (U) is the ruling NDA's biggest partner after the BJP.

Pitching for a third front, INLD's Om Prakash Chautala has tried to bring together Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav, Nitish, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, and SAD supremo Parkash Singh Badal on one stage on the birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal.

Sharing information about the rally and coming together



of political stalwarts sans the Congress, INLD leader Abhay Chautala said Nitish, Mulayam, Deve Gowda and Badal have confirmed that they will attend the "Samman Samaroh" to mark the birth anniversary of Devi Lal. He further said NCP leader Sharad Pawar, TMC president and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah and RLD leader Jayant Chowdhury have also been invited for this "huge" political rally on the occasion in Haryana's Jind and their confirmation is awaited.

"Many like-minded leaders from non-BJP and non-Congress parties will come together on one stage and will

raise issues that are close to the people, especially farmers' issues," Abhay said. The parties invited by INLD include those that are either in alliance with the Congress or the BJP.

INLD spokesperson Rakesh Sihag said party patriarch Om Prakash Chautala has "personally met" Deve Gowda and Mulayam and invited them for the rally. "It will be a huge rally and people from various States will attend it," he said.

Nitish, who along with his party colleague KC Tyagi, had met Chautala at his residence in Gurugram last month and had termed it a courtesy call.

Abhay said that with huge political unrest in the country, citizens are now looking for an alternative to the BJP and the Congress. By bringing all these leaders "our aim is to form the third front for the overall welfare of the country and the people," Chautala said.

Om Prakash Chautala, 86, after his release from Delhi's Tihar Jail on July 2, had announced that he will contact Opposition leaders across the country to forge a "Third Front" at the national level. The former CM of Haryana had been serving a 10-year sentence in a recruitment scam.

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## 'Death to Pak' chants in Kabul rally

Taliban open  
fire to disperse  
'Pak, leave Af'  
slogan shouters

PTI ■ PESHAWAR/KABUL

Hundreds of Afghan protesters, including women, took to the streets of Kabul on Tuesday, chanting "death to Pakistan" and denouncing Islamabad's interference in Afghanistan and airstrikes by its jets in Panjshir province in support of the Taliban, according to a media report.

The Taliban on Monday said they have seized Panjshir, the last province not in their control, after their takeover of the US-backed Afghanistan government last month. The protesters claimed that Pakistan Air Force jets conducted airstrikes in Panjshir province, *Khaama news* reported.

Chanting "death to Pakistan", "Freedom", "Allah Akbar" and "we do not want captivity" among many other slogans, the protesters gathered at the gate of the Pakistani embassy in Kabul and asked its staff to leave Afghanistan, it reported. "Pakistan, Pakistan, Leave Afghanistan," a slogan on a huge banner read.

The agitators said they do not want a puppet Government in Afghanistan and asked for an inclusive Government, it said. The Taliban fighters reported

ly fired gunshots in the air to disperse the protesters but they were still agitating.

Several Afghan journalists covering the demonstration were arrested, witnesses and Afghan media outlets said.

Afghanistan's *TOLO news* reported that the Taliban detained its cameraperson Wahid Ahmadi and confiscated his camera. The Taliban forces prevented some journalists from filming the protest.

The demonstrators gathered after Ahmad Masoud, the co-leader of the resistance front in Panjshir province, in a voice clip called on people of Afghanistan to resurrect against the Taliban.

According to the report, people in Blakh and Daikundi provinces also took to the streets and chanted slogans against Pakistan.

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Taliban soldiers walk towards Afghans shouting slogans, during an anti-Pakistan demonstration, near the Pakistan embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan on Tuesday

PTI

Pak bombed Panjshir  
to help Taliban siege

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The reported fall of Panjshir Valley to Taliban on Monday came when Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Chief Faiz Hameed was in Kabul even as Pakistan Air Force reportedly helped in bombing the resistance fighters of Northern Alliance's new avatar National Resistance Front of Afghanistan or the Panjshir Resistance.

At the behest of the Haqqani Network, the Pakistan Air Force loaned three pilots to the Taliban forces and four JF-7 fighters to bomb the valley, the lone Afghan territory that has resisted the Taliban onslaught after the pullout of the US forces last month.

The Northern Alliance had also resisted the Russian forces during their occupation of Afghanistan for 14 years and

the Taliban's regime from 1996 to 2001.

The Panjshir Resistance was operating under Afghan politician and military leader Ahmad Massoud and the Vice President of the deposed Afghan Government Amrullah Saleh.

The Pakistani jets carried out nearly 20 sorties to inflict heavy damage in Panjshir Valley. The three Pakistani pilots provided to the Taliban are Asim Chaudhary, Munir Afridi and Agmar Bajwa, sources said.

The Afghan national forces had two pilots — Amin Rashid and Rizwan Sadab — trained to operate the US fighters, and initially the Taliban sought to utilize their services to carry out the operations in Panjshir. While Rashid had fled to Belgium, Sadab left for Britain.

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## CAPSULE

MEHBOOBA PLACED  
UNDER HOUSE ARREST

Srinagar: PDP president

Mehbooba Mufti was put under house detention on Tuesday and she claimed that the decision of Jammu & Kashmir authorities to restrain her movement had "exposed the Government's claims of normalcy". She also hit out at the Centre alleging that while the Government was expressing concern for the rights of the people in Afghanistan, the same were being denied to Kashmiris.

HURRIYAT CON ELECTS  
MASRAT AS CHAIRMAN

Srinagar: Hardline Hurriyat

Conference has elected incarcerated leader Masrat Alam as its chairman following the death of Syed Ali Shah Geelani last week. In a statement issued to the media on Tuesday, the hardline faction of the Hurriyat said that the people of Jammu & Kashmir look up to the amalgam's leadership with great expectations.

LALU'S SON TEJ FLOATS  
NEW STUDENT OUTFIT

Patna: Sidelined in the RJD,

founded and headed by his father Lalu Prasad, elder son Tej Pratap Yadav has floated a new students' body with the ostensible aim of strengthening the parent organisation.

37% RURAL STUDENTS  
NOT STUDYING AT ALL

New Delhi: There have been

"catastrophic consequences" of the prolonged school closure in the country due to Covid-19, with over 37 per cent of students in rural areas not studying at all and 48 per cent not being able to read more than a few words, a recent survey has claimed.

MHA REJECTS CRPF'S  
PLEA TO INCREASE CL

New Delhi: The Union Home

Ministry has turned down a proposal from the CRPF to increase the number of days of casual leave from 15 to 28 days terming the Central Armed Police Forces like CRPF to be "essentially civilian forces and their service conditions are different from defence forces." Recently, the Ministry had labeled the CRPF as a security force for introducing the Security Force Court for taking disciplinary action against the delinquent Group A officers. The Ministry has also articulated variable stances on the nature of these forces as civilian or armed forces.

Covid-triggered immunity fights  
Delta better than Pfizer/Astra jabs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The higher ability of the Delta variant of the SARS-CoV2 virus to infect and evade the immune response built through previous infections or vaccines can be the possible explanation behind the rapid spread of this particular variant, which has created havoc in the western world in the second phase of the Covid-19.

In a study published in *Nature* journal, a team of researchers from India and other countries has found that the Delta variant (or B.1.617.2 lineage) was eight times more likely to escape immunity gained through AstraZeneca or Pfizer vaccines compared to the original virus. Also, the Delta



A health worker takes a swab sample of a woman in Jammu on Tuesday

variant was six times more likely to re-infect people who have recovered from Covid-19.

The study also found "higher replication efficiency" in the Delta variant, giving it a better capability to infect and "potentially explaining the

B.1.617.2 dominance".

The study said "increased replication fitness" and "reduced sensitivity" to neutralising bodies, built either through natural infection or vaccines, had contributed to the rapid spread of the Delta variant in more than 90 countries.

The researchers also studied breakthrough infections amongst almost 9,000 fully vaccinated healthcare workers in three Delhi hospitals.

A total of 218 workers at these hospitals had symptomatic infections even after taking both doses of the Covishield vaccine.

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## Delhi records 50 cases, 1 death

**New Delhi:** The national Capital on Tuesday reported 50 Covid-19 cases and one death, while the positivity rate stood at 0.07 per cent, according to a health department bulletin.

Thirty patients were discharged in the last 24 hours and 69,932 tests were conducted on Monday, it said.

With the fresh cases, the total tally of cases of Delhi has mounted to 14,38,041, while the death toll stands at 25,083. The case fatality rate stands at 1.74 per cent, the bulletin said.

The number of active cases stands at 386, of which 95 are in home isolation, it said.

AIIMS to conduct  
study to ascertain  
presence of Covid  
in parts of eye

**New Delhi:** The RP Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences at AIIMS is conducting a study to ascertain the presence of the coronavirus in various parts of the eye of those who have died due to the infection, the centre's chief Dr JS Titiyal said.

Court raps Delhi Police  
for slipshod riots probe

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi court has come down heavily on the Delhi Police for its "lackadaisical attitude" in probing the 2020 riots cases and asked the Police Commissioner to take appropriate action ensuring proper, expeditious investigation.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Arun Kumar Garg made the remarks while hearing a case against one Dinesh Yadav, arrested for rioting, and gave the police the final chance to file a supplementary chargesheet within three weeks.

The court noted that the accused is languishing in jail for almost one year and it is unable to proceed with the case on merits, along with other riots

cases due to the lackadaisical attitude of the police, including supervising officers up to the rank of DCP and above.

"I deem it appropriate to send a copy of this order to Commissioner of Police, Delhi, with a direction to take appropriate action as per law so as to ensure proper and expeditious investigation in the present case as well as the other riots cases within the time line," the judge stated in an order dated September 6.

Last week, another judge had pulled up the police, saying that their failure to conduct a proper investigation will torment the "sentinels of democracy" when history will look back at the worst communal riots in Delhi since partition.

Deity is 'Bhumiswami',  
not temple priest: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A priest cannot be treated as Bhumiswami (owner of land) and the deity is the owner of the land attached to a temple, the Supreme Court has ruled.

A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and AS Bopanna said the "pujari", or priest, only holds the land for the purpose of management of the property of the temple.

"In the ownership column, the name of the deity alone is required to be mentioned, as the deity being a juristic person is the owner of the land. The occupation of the land is also by the deity which is carried out by the servant or the man-



agers on behalf of the deity. Therefore, the name of the manager or that of the priest is not required to be mentioned in the column of occupier as well," the top court said on Monday.

It added the law is clear on the distinction that the pujari is not a Kashtkar Mourushi, (tenant in cultivation) or a Government lessee or an ordinary tenant of the mauafi lands

(land exempted from payment of revenue) but holds such land on behalf of the Aukaf Department (relating to 'Devasthan') for the purpose of management.

"The pujari is only a grantee to manage the property of the deity and such grant can be reassumed if the pujari fails to do the task assigned to him, i.e., to offer prayers and manage the land. He cannot be thus treated as a Bhumiswami," the bench said.

"We do not find any mandate in any of the judgments to hold that the name of pujari or manager is required to be mentioned in the revenue record, the bench said.

*Continued on Page 2*Protest against  
lathi-charge on  
kisan on Aug 28

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The stand-off between the farmers' unions and the Haryana Government continued on Tuesday as thousands of farmers laid siege to the Karnal mini secretariat building in protest against the August 28 lathi-charge on farmers.

After the talks between the farmers leaders and the Karnal District Administration failed, thousands of protesting farmers began marching towards the mini secretariat in the evening.



Even as police used water cannons, the farmers managed to reach the building complex, breaking several barricades and announced to sit in front of the building until the admin-

Mullah Hasan to head Af  
Govt, Baradar his deputy

AP ■ KABUL

The Taliban on Tuesday announced a caretaker Cabinet that paid homage to the old guard of the group, giving top posts to Taliban personalities who dominated the 20-year battle against the US-led coalition and its Afghan Government allies.

Interim Prime Minister Mullah Hasan Akhund headed the Taliban Government in Kabul during the last years of its rule. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, who had led talks with the United States and signed the deal that led to America's final withdrawal from Afghanistan, will be one of two deputies to Akhund.

There was no evidence of non-Taliban in the line-up, a big demand of the international community.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, when

announcing the Cabinet, said the appointments were for an interim Government. He did not elaborate on how long they would serve and what would be the catalyst for a change. So far, the Taliban have shown no indications that they will hold elections.

The announcement of Cabinet appointments by Mujahid came hours after Taliban fired into the air to disperse protesters and arrested several journalists, the second time in less than a week the group used heavy-handed tactics to break up a demonstration in Kabul.

Afghanistan's previous Government routinely accused Pakistan of aiding the Taliban, a charge Islamabad has denied. Former vice president Amrullah Saleh, one of the leaders of the anti-Taliban forces, has long been an outspoken critic of Pakistan.

Farmers sit on dharna at Karnal's mini  
secretariat as talks with admin fail

As farmers marched on to the secretariat, police had detained farmers' leaders Rakesh Tikait, Yogender Yadav, Gurnam Singh Chaduni for a brief period at Namaste Chowk in Karnal city but released them after the protest by the farmers who gathered in large numbers around the police buses demanding release of the union leaders.

Bharatiya Kisan Union Rakesh Tikait told the media that the protest outside the mini secretariat building will continue till their demands are met. We have decided to pitch tents outside the building and made other arrangements to continue our protest for a longer period, he said.

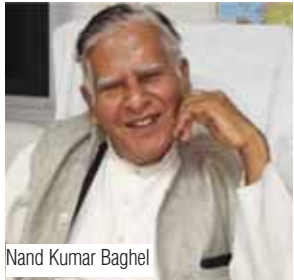
*Continued on Page 2*Baghel's father held for  
anti-Brahmin remarks

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Nand Kumar Baghel, the 86-year-old father of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, was on Tuesday sent to judicial custody till September 21 as he refused to seek bail in a court when he was produced after being arrested on charges of giving a anti-Brahmin speech.

Police, acting on an FIR lodged at Raipur's DD Nagar police station on the complaint of Sarv Brahmin Samaj, arrested the senior Baghel in New Delhi and brought him to Raipur.

He was produced before a judicial magistrate where he refused to seek bail. The court sent him on a 14-day judicial



Nand Kumar Baghel

remand. The Chief Minister has serious ideological differences with his father. He has made it clear on several occasions that while having the highest regards to his father, he doesn't approve his anti-Brahmin remarks or any statement which disrupts social harmony.

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# Lalu’s sidelined son Tej Pratap floats parallel organisation

PTI ■ PATNA

Sidelined in the RJD, founded and headed by his father Lalu Prasad, elder son Tej Pratap Yadav has floated a new students' body with the ostensible aim of strengthening the parent organisation.

Yadav launched the Chhatra Janshakti Parishad two days ago and claimed that it was not meant to pose any challenge to the Chhatra RJD, the party's official student wing, but work towards "mobilizing youth at the village level".

The maverick MLA came out with the announcement, claiming, as always, that he had "the blessings of Lalu Prasad", at a time when he was left licking his wounds after losing the battle in a tug of war with state RJD chief Jagadanand Singh.

Singh, known to be close to Yadav's younger and more powerful sibling Tejashwi Yadav, had earned the wrath of

the mercurial elder brother recently when he sacked Akash Yadav as the state president of Chhatra RJD.

Though there was no official word on the reasons behind the removal of Akash Yadav, one of the few close friends of Tej Pratap Yadav, it was widely believed that the blame fell on him when posters came up in the city recently in which images of Tejashwi – now the party's de-facto leader – were conspicuous by absence.

Sensing that it could further diminish his clout, Tej Pratap Yadav had reacted furiously, likening Jagadanand Singh to 'Hitler', who refused to visit the party office for days in protest, until he was, understandably, mollified by Tejashwi.

Meanwhile, Akash Yadav realised that time was up for him in the RJD, where he was seen as aligned with a leader who did not have power despite pedigree, and joined the Lok Janshakti Party.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,  
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Consultancy services for preparation of Detailed project report for Widening and Strengthening of Hundru to Tati Singari at Jonha -Purabdi Road including replacement of culverts and bridges, construction of new culverts and bridges, complete Land Acquisition Plan including ownership details/complete as per latest guidelines, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Plan and Forest Diversion Proposal etc as required, at Ranchi in the state of Jharkhand. Tentative Length -7.30 Km.

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15.09.2021  
12.00 बजे दोपहर तक

4. वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि

08.09.2021  
5.00 बजे अपराह्न

5. निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता

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NOTICE OF 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE DATES

1. Notice is hereby given that the 31st Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of SC AGROTECH LIMITED ("the Company") will be held on **Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 11:00 A.M through Video Conferencing ("VC")** Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") in accordance with the General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5th May, 2020 read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8th April, 2020 and General Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13th April, 2020, and General Circular dated 02/2021 dated 13th January, 2021, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") (collectively referred to as MCA Circulars") and SEBI Circular dated 12th May, 2020 and 15th January, 2021.

2. The aforesaid Notice and the Annual report of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021 will be sent in electronic mode to all the members whose e-mail ids are registered with the Company/Depository participants. The notice of the AGM and the Annual report will also be available and can be downloaded from the website of the Company i.e. www.scagrotech.com and on website of the Bombay Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.com.

In accordance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Secretarial Standard-2 on General Meetings and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations, 2015"), as amended from time to time, the Company is providing facility to its members holding shares as on Monday, 20th September 2021, being cut-off date, to exercise their right to vote on all resolutions set forth in the Notice of the AGM. The members may cast their vote using an e-voting system ("Remote e-voting") or bye-voting at the AGM. The Company has engaged CDSSL to provide Remote e-Voting facility and a Voting facility at the AGM. The detailed procedure/instructions for e-Voting are contained in the AGM Notice.

In this regard, the Members are hereby further notified that:

a) The Company has completed the dispatch of Notice of 31st AGM along with the Annual Report, 2020-21.

b) The shareholders who have not registered their email address with their email addresses with the company or depositories need to follow the following process for obtaining login credentials for remote e-voting and e-voting during AGM.

c) The Company is pleased to provide all its members (holding share both in physical and in electronic form) the facility to exercise their vote through remote e-voting to be provided by CDSSL. Members of the company holding shares in physical or dematerialized form as on cut-off date i.e. 20th September 2021 may cast their vote through remote e-voting. The remote e-voting shall commence on 26th September 2021 (10:00 A.M) and end on 28th September 2021 at 5.00 P.M.

d) The shareholders who have not registered their email address with their email addresses with the company or depositories need to follow the following process for obtaining login credentials for remote e-voting and e-voting during AGM.

● For physical shareholders, please provide necessary details like folio no. name of shareholders, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), pancard (self-attested), Aadhar card (Self attested) by email to company (sheel102@gmail.com)/RTA (info@skylinert.com).

● For demat shareholders please provide Demat account details (CDSSL-16 digit beneficiary ID) or NSDL 16 digit (DPID+CLID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated Account statement, Pan card (self-attested), Aadharcard (Self attested) to (sheel102@gmail.com)/RTA (info@skylinert.com)

3. Pursuant to section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and regulation 42 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulation 2015, the register of members & share transfer books of the company shall be closed from **23rd September 2021 to 29th September 2021** (both day inclusive) for the AGM to be held on 29th September 2021.

4. Only those members who have registered themselves as a speaker by mail at sheel102@gmail.com before 7 days of AGM will be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the AGM.

5. Any person who acquires shares of the company and becomes member of the company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as of the cut off date i.e. 20th September 2021. May obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at http://www.evoting@cdssindia.com.

6. For the process and manner of remote e-voting, members may go through the remote e-voting instructions sent via email to the members whose e-mail IDs are registered with the company/ Depository participant and physical copy sent to the other members or visit CDSSL website https://evoting.cdssindia.com

7. If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM & E-voting from the e-voting system, you may refer the FAQ and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com, under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdssindia.com or contact ( 022-23058738) or (022-23058543) or (022-23058542).

For SC AGROTECH LIMITED

S/d

Date : 07.09.2021

New Delhi

Sh. Upendra Bhardwaj

Company Secretary & Compliance officer

## TN: Woman’s body falls off car, run over

COIMBATORE: Coimbatore city woke up to a macabre Monday morning as a woman was pushed out of a speeding SUV car in the early hours and she was run over by a number of vehicles making it impossible for the police to identify the victim.

It is not known whether she was alive at the time of throwing out of the vehicle because the CCTV images, according to the police, show many vehicles coming behind the SUV running over her.

The face was damaged beyond identification and the woman was half-nude, said a cop investigating the case.PNS

## Maha logs 86 deaths

Mumbai: In a clear indication of a reduced impact of the Covid-19 in Maharashtra, the daily deaths remained below three digits for the seventh day during the last nine days, as the State recorded 86 deaths on Tuesday.

Similarly, the infections were very much under control as the state registered 3,898 new cases on Tuesday, as against 3,626 infections recorded on Monday. There has been a near consistent drop in the number of daily deaths during the past nine days. PNS

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that (1) Smt. GEETA GIDWANI and (2) Sh. ISHWAR GANGARAMANI (being husband of late Smt. Pooja Gangaramani) claims to be the joint owners of property No. D-159, measuring 125 sq.yds. at NEW RAJINDER NAGAR, New Delhi on the basis of High Court decree/settlement dated 19.6.2014 duly registered, and now they want to sell the said property to my clients but their original Free hold Conveyance deed which was in favour of Sh.Kundan Mal is missing and not traceable.

If any person has any right or concern with the said property, may kindly contract to the undersigned within a period of ten days with documentary evidence, so that his claim may be considered and after ten days no claim of any one will be considered by the purchaser. The use of above mentioned Conveyance deed by any one shall be deemed illegal/invalid and proper legal action against such person will be taken as per law. (SHAILESH GUPTA) Advocate 4/30, West Patel Nagar, N.Delhi Ph.9810049399-9819368020

THE PIONEER

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ejaz Ahmed Khan, S/o. Mohd. Masoom, R/o. Z-103, Taj Enclave, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031 declare that my father's name has been wrongly written as Mohd. Masoom Moradabadi in my educational documents. The actual name of my father is Mohd. Masoom which may be amended accordingly.

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कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल

यांत्रिक विभाग ( मुख्यालय ) गोविंदपुरा ( बी.एच.ई.एल. )

निविदा आमंत्रण घोषणा-पत्र

क्र.96/या.वि./2021

भोपाल, दिनांक 06.09.2021

निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत टेकेदार परसेन्टेज मोहर बंद निविदाये निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर ऑनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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2.	2021_WRD_158061	Maintenance and Repair of Guide wall of Mohini Pick Up weir, low level causeway at Downstream and Boundary wall of Nursery under Sindh Project.	Shivpuri	63.14
3.	2021_WRD_158062	Repair work of Ahrolī, Khitbra and Galetha stop dam cum causeway damaged due to flood.	Morena	112.50
4.	2021_WRD_158094	Repair and Reconstruction of Breached portion of Bhind Main Cannal (BMC), 2L/ Bhind Main Cannal, Earth work, raincut filling, Service road repair work, Bank raising due to heavy Rains & Flood.	Bhind	28.91
5.	2021_WRD_158095	Repair and Reconstruction of Breached portion of 4R/Bhind Main Cannal (BMC), 5R/ Bhind Main Cannal, 1L/5R/4R Bird main canal, Earth Work, Raincut filling, Service road repair work, Bank raising etc due to heavy Rains & Flood.	Bhind	41.12

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## NARENDRA DABHOLKAR MURDER

# Court orders framing of charges against 5 Sanatan Sanstha members

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

In a significant development that came eight years after renowned rationalist Narendra Dabholkar was murdered, a Pune court on Tuesday ordered framing of charges against five right wing Sanatan Sanstha activists, who were booked for murder and act of terror in the case.

The five accused activists, who would stand trial in the much-delayed case, are: Virendra Sinh Tawde, Sachin Andure, Sharad Kalaskar, Vikram Bhawe and Sanjiv Punalekar.

The charges are expected to be framed against the five accused on September 15.

Sixty-nine-year-old anti-superstition activist Dabholkar was shot dead from a point blank range by two motor-bicycle riding gunmen, while he was taking a morning walk on the Omkareshwar bridge located in the heart of Pune, on August 20, 2013.

After raids at various places at Nalla Sophara in the neighbouring Thane district on August 9, 2018, Maharashtra ATS had arrested three right wing activists -- Vaibhav Raut (40), Sharad Kalaskar (25) and Sudhnaava Ghondhalekar ( 39)--- and claimed to have foiled the attempts to engineer terror attacks in Mumbai, Pune, Satara, Solapur and Nala Sopara.

During the raids, the investigators had seized a huge chunk of arms and ammunition and also unearthed a mini pistol assembling unit in the Nala Sopara residence of key accused Vaibhav Raut.

The interrogation of the accused in the terror conspiracy case by the ATS revealed that Andhure and the accused in the terror conspiracy case Sharad Kalaskar were friends. It was Kalaskar who allegedly spilled the beans of Andhure's role in the Narendra Dabholkar's murder.

# RSS-kisan wing demands guaranteed prices for crops

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The RSS-affiliated Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) which had earlier suggested suitable amendments to the three farm laws on Tuesday sought the Government to take a "sympathetic view" of demands of the agitating farmers and sought a new law to ensure remunerative price for produce.

The BKS said the Government backed "Minimum Support Price is an illusion" and farmers are not getting MSP in all parts of the country.

The RSS outfit said it will hold a country-wide agitation on Wednesday to ensure that farmers get prices "based on their cost of production."

The ongoing farmers agitation against three central farm laws which

got intensified this week with a major farmers 'Mahapanchayat' in Muzaffarnagar, West UP, and similar agitation in Haryana on Tuesday, has gained an all-out political colour with opposition parties backing it and Rakesh Tikait-led Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) intending to throw its hat in the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls, due early next year. The BKS announced at a press conference here that it will hold a countrywide protest on Wednesday demanding a new law for ensuring that farmers get prices based on their cost of production.

The BKS general secretary Badrinarayan Choudhary said at the press meet that "Minimum Support Price is an illusion. Farmers are not getting MSP in all parts of the country.

## Nitish to attend Opp...

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He had said that before September 25, which is the birth anniversary of his father Chaudhary Devi Lal, he will try to meet Opposition leaders and urge them to come on one platform.

In recent months, Congress and other parties have been engaged in an effort to unify the Opposition parties to take on the might of BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the next Lok Sabha elections. Congress had even hosted a breakfast meeting of the 17 Opposition leaders in the midst of the Monsoon Session that saw them coming under one umbrella to confront the Modi Government on a range of issues including the controversial farm bills and Pegasus snooping case.

During the same time, Sharad Pawar along with former Union Minister now with TMC, Yashwant Sinha had convened a meeting of Opposition leaders which saw participation of 12 members from Opposition camp but without Congress. During the bag end of the Parliament session in August, Mamata Banerjee too visited Delhi and called on Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi and stated that there is a need for a joint Opposition to take on the BJP. Last month, on three occasions the Opposition parties had met and passed resolutions against the Modi Government on a range of issues.

## Deity is ‘Bhumiswami’ , not temple...

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It said the name of the Collector as manager cannot be recorded in respect of property vested in the deity as the Collector cannot be a manager of all temples unless it is a temple vested with the State.

The apex court was hearing an appeal filed by Madhya Pradesh challenging an order of High Court which quashed two circulars issued by the State Government under the MP Law Revenue Code, 1959 (Code).

These circulars ordered deletion of the names of pujari from the revenue record so as to protect the temple properties from unauthorised sale by the priests.

# LS Speaker: Post-pandemic global economy recovery phase requires cooperation among nations

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Underlining India's global response to the covid pandemic, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday said that India has been at the forefront of undertaking prompt humanitarian assistance and relief operations during the pandemic.

Speaking during the general debate on the topic 'The global response to the Covid-19 pandemic challenges and multilateralism's ability to deliver for the people' at the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP) in Austria, Birla mentioned that India supplied vaccines, medicines and other equipments to over 150 countries as a measure of our commitment to global health and well being.

According to a Press release by

the Lok Sabha, Birla further stressed that the post-pandemic global economic recovery phase requires collaboration and cooperation between member countries, so as to stimulate the revival and rebounding of the global economy.

The Speaker Birla further said that the world needs to take important lessons from the pandemic. He cautioned that as more dreadful variants of virus are expected to arise, the global community needs to ensure that vaccines are distributed equitably around the world.

Mentioning that India reopened its economy in phases after the initial lockdown, Birla informed the delegates that two major economic stimulus packages were announced immediately to provide much needed relief to people.

## Farmers sit on ...

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"The farmers have been sitting on a dharna for more than nine months at the borders of Delhi against three Central farm laws. We won't mind sitting at Karnal as well," he said.

Videos from the spot showed flag-waving, slogan-shouting farmers sitting at the protest till late Tuesday night. Notably, Haryana Police had lathicharged a group of farmers disrupting traffic movement on a national highway on August 28 while they were heading towards Karnal to protest against a BJP meeting where Chief Minister Manohar Lal was also present. At least 15 farmers were injured during the incident.

The farmers' unions have demanded that a murder case should be registered against IAS officer Ayush Sinha, who was caught on tape allegedly telling policemen to "break heads" of protesting farmers. Sinha

was later transferred and has now been posted as the additional secretary in the Citizen Resources Information Department.

The farmers' unions have also demanded compensation of Rs 25 lakh and a job to the next of kin of a farmer who died after the lathicharge and Rs two lakh compensation to those injured.

Earlier in the day, an 11-member farmer delegation had met the Karnal District Administration which refused to accept their demands. The meeting lasted for over three hours after which the farmers leaders held a meeting at farmers' mahapanchayat at grain market in Karnal and announced the gherao of mini-sec-retariat.

Activist Yogendra Yadav, who was among the leaders in the 11-member delegationn said that even after three rounds of talks, the State Government refused to accept any demand put forth by the delegation.

# Baghel's father held for anti-Brahmin...

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The senior Baghel faces charges under Indian Penal Code Sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language) and 505(1) (b) (with intent to cause or likely to cause fear or alarm to public or to any section of public whereby any person may be induced to commit offence against the state or against public tranquillity).

The arrest was made after the Chief Minister disapproved his father's remarks made late last week and put it on record that nobody, including his father, was above the law.

Nand Kumar Baghel has a track record of anti-Brahmin rant and he describes Brahmins as foreigners and often calls upon people of OBC, SC, ST communities not to allow Brahmins to enter their villages.

Iran has also reacted to the airstrikes in Panjshir and the Foreign Ministry has asked for investigations over what he called the interference of foreign jets.

Pakistan was often accused by the Afghanistan government of giving the Taliban military aid, a charge denied by Islamabad.

The protest took place days after Pakistan's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Director General Lt Gen Faiz Hameed dashed to Kabul on an unannounced visit last week, amidst mounting pressure on the Taliban to form an inclusive Government acceptable to the international community.

During his visit, the ISI chief had met Mullah Baradar and Hizb-e-Islami leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and discussed the current situation in Afghanistan.

# Pak bombed... Covid-triggered immunity...

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At Taliban's behest, the clerics convinced Sadab to return and operate the US jets for operations against the resistance fighters. Sadab was willing to return but the Haqqani Network put a spanner in the Taliban's plans. The Taliban's plans could not materialize due to the dissensions between the Taliban, Haqqani Network and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, sources said.

Following this, the Taliban, through the Haqqani Network, sought pilots from Islamabad. The Pakistan Air Force allowed the Taliban request to maintain the influence of Haqqani Network in Kabul by providing aerial support as well as three pilots besides special forces troops to the Taliban to capture the Panjshir Valley, they said. Pakistan, according to the sources, also provided troops of the special force Special Service Group (SSG), notorious for carrying out BAT action along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. Islamabad also provided commandos of the Peshawar-based XI Corps of the Pakistan Army that carries out operations in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan.

In an indication that the Northern Alliance's influence will not cease permanently, counter-terrorism expert Dr Rituraj Mate said, "The resistance never ends as it is driven by ideology. However, the quality of the resistance varies depending upon the overall environment for taking forward the movement." Experts further said that the Pakistani politico-military-ISI combine is working full throttle to continue and increase its influence in the internal affairs of Afghanistan by pushing its agenda in the formation of the governance structure in Kabul under the stewardship of Taliban.

The developments in Kabul led by the Pakistani defence forces and ISI suggest the likely return of the terror reign perpetrated by Taliban in collusion with Islamabad during its earlier stint from 1996 to 2001. This could upset the regional security calculus of the neighbouring countries, including India, the experts added.

The prevalence of the Delta variant in this cohort was found to be 5.45 times more than other variants.

B.1.617.2 Delta variant, was first observed in India in late 2020. It has since spread around the globe - in the UK, it is responsible for nearly all new cases of coronavirus infection.

Professor Ravi Gupta from the Cambridge Institute of Therapeutic Immunology and Infectious Disease at the University of Cambridge, one of the study's senior authors, said, "By combining lab-based experiments and epidemiology of vaccine breakthrough infections, we've shown that the Delta variant is better at replicating and spreading than other commonly-observed variants.

"There's also evidence that neutralising antibodies produced as a result of previous infection or vaccination are less effective at stopping this variant. "These factors are likely to have contributed to the devastating epidemic wave in India during the first quarter of 2021, where as many as half of the cases were individuals who had previously been infected with an earlier variant."

Dr Partha Rakshit from the National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi, joint senior author, added, "The Delta variant has spread widely to become the dominant variant worldwide because it is faster to spread and better at infecting individuals than most other variants we've seen. It is also better at getting around existing immunity - either through previous exposure to the virus or to vaccination - though the risk of moderate to severe disease is reduced in such cases."

Professor Anurag Agrawal from the CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, Delhi, also, joint senior author, added, "Infection of vaccinated healthcare workers with the Delta variant is a significant problem. Although they themselves may only experience mild Covid, they risk infecting individuals who have suboptimal immune responses to vaccination due to underlying health conditions - and these patients could then be at risk of severe disease.

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**FIGHTING AIR POLLUTION**

# ‘Winter Action Plan for city soon’

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to combat winter air pollution in the national Capital, the Environment Ministry of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government has instructed officials of the Delhi Pollution Control Board (DPCB) to prepare a ‘Winter Action Plan’ to combat pollution. Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Tuesday said that the Kejriwal Government had found impressive results while trialling the bio-decomposer on crop-stubble and had identified it as an important measure to deal with stubble burning.

Rai urged the Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh Governments to implement solutions like the Delhi Government to reduce vehicular and dust pollution.

He said that if the Governments cooperate and adopt ample anti-pollution measures, then not just Delhi but entire North India can get freedom from pollution.

“We see an exorbitant rise in air pollution in Delhi and the rest of North India during winters. Multiple factors like dust and vehicle pollution contribute to this, however stubble burning is the biggest contributor to the problem. There have been constant discussions on this



problem, but no practical solution emerged out of those.

“Last year, with the help of the Pusa Institute, trials were conducted to figure out whether crop-stubble could be decomposed using bio-decomposer solutions. The Delhi

Government found the bio-decomposer to be highly effective when it was sprayed on stubble,” he said.

“We are now at a juncture where all the governments of the states surrounding Delhi need to take cognisance of the bio-decomposing solution. Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh Governments need to step-up and adopt this measure

so that we can get relief from the stumbling block of stubble burning. We presented the results from our trials in Delhi in front of the Commission for Air Quality Management, but the process needs to be sped up. In resolve for this, a delegation of the Delhi Government will meet with the Union Ministers as well as the members of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM). If we do not start working towards it soon, then we may not be able to deal with the problem of stubble burning in time,” he added.

“The Delhi Government will also discuss the measures it

has been taking to combat air pollution with the Commission so that they can be adopted by neighbouring states. For instance, we started the ‘Red Light On, Gaadi Off’ campaign in Delhi. Such campaigns should be initiated in other states as well; the Anti-Dust campaign of Delhi is combating dust pollution and needs to be adopted by neighbouring states as well. The Delhi Government is in a battle against pollution in the State. The ‘Green War Room’ acts as the command centre in this fight and helps the Government monitor the problem and the implementation of its solutions.

## Controlling stubble burning: CAQM rejects plans by Punjab, Haryana, UP, Rajasthan

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has rejected plans submitted by Punjab, Haryana, UP, Rajasthan for controlling stubble burning and noted its concerns about the lack of groundwork and hollow claims that rest on paper alone, AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj said on Tuesday.

Bhardwaj said that the CAQM has observed that the neighbouring States of Delhi have failed to take preventive steps to curb stubble burning. “The BJP-ruled States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and the Congress-ruled States of Punjab and Rajasthan have also failed to inform the commission if they are going to subsidise and provide machinery to the farmers to prevent stubble burning,” he said.

Bhardwaj further said that the CAQM has warned of serious implications if the third wave of Covid-19 coincides with pollution caused by stubble burning.

The AAP leader said that with the monsoon season ends from Delhi and the northern parts of India, the farmers of neighbouring states like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, and



Rajasthan would start preparing for the next crop.

“Farmers would harvest their paddy crop and sow the wheat crop in their farms. Around this time, pollution due to stubble burning gets rampant in northern India. According to SAFAR, the stubble burning would contribute 43 per cent of pollution in Delhi that time,” he added.

“CAQM sought status from four states - Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan regarding the steps they had taken to prevent stubble burning. What came out of this exercise was not surprising as Punjab and Rajasthan have done

nothing to prevent stubble burning in their states,” he said.

“The Delhi Government demonstrated last year how we can use bio-decomposers to decompose the stubble and turn it into manure for our fields. Additionally, there are machines available in the market which can remove this stubble and process it.

“Both the Central Government and the CAQM asked the states to provide their plans to them on how they are going to provide these machines to the farmers and how they are going to subsidise them. None of the states have submitted their plans to the Commission,” he said.

## Ahead of MCD polls, Delhi BJP promises free pilgrimages every month

**New Delhi:** Ahead of the MCD polls early next year, the Delhi BJP has promised to send people in the city to Hindu pilgrim sites.

Delhi BJP general secretary (organisation) Siddhartha had said on Sunday that party workers in each mandal (ward) would arrange free pilgrimages every month.

While making the announcement, he flagged off a bus of pilgrims arranged by Mandawali ward president Kailash Yadav.

“The BJP is committed to send people of the state(Delhi) for darshan of Hindutva pilgrim sites,” Siddhartha said, alleging discrimination in the AAP government’s similar initiative launched in March.

A senior Delhi BJP leader said the BJP councilors in the MCD have been instructed by the party to organise free pilgrimages for the people in their wards. In March, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had announced facilitating free pilgrimage for Delhi’s senior citizens to the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

The AAP dispensation already has a ‘Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra Yojana’ that allows senior citizens from Delhi to undertake a free pilgrimage. **PTI**

# ICMR must act on complaints against pvt pathology labs: HC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday said the ICMR should look into the complaints received against private pathology laboratories and revoke licences in case of breach of conditions. It is the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) which gives licences to the labs and it cannot be sitting in ivory towers, the High Court said. “You have to look into it. You give licences to them. The whole year has gone by. The whole nation is suffering,” Justice Najmi Waziri said.

The High Court was hearing a plea seeking contempt action against the authorities for not adhering to the Delhi High Court’s earlier direction to take action against online health service aggregators which are operating illegally and collecting samples for Covid-19 tests. The ICMR said that monitoring of the activities of online health service aggregators does not come under its purview.

Advocate Shashank Deo Sudhi, representing petitioner Dr Rohit Jain, argued that common people are dying and the ICMR is setting guidelines but says that the issue does not pertain to the research body. To



this, central government standing counsel Anurag Ahluwalia, appearing for ICMR, responded that they have only said they are not monitoring online health aggregators. He also said that whenever they receive complaints against private labs, they look into it and take action. The court, which heard arguments for some time, listed the matter for further proceedings on September 14.

“These standards have to be met. You ICMR give licences to run the labs. You set the standards and give licences,” it said. The ICMR, in its affidavit filed in response to the contempt petition, has said the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) certification is must for enrolment of private labs for COVID-19 testing and NABL certifies the readiness of labs to undertake molecular testing of RS-Cov-2 before the research body allows them for testing.

## 3 clubs booked for violating Covid-19 guidelines in city

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has registered an First Information Report (FIR) against three clubs in the national Capital for allegedly violating Covid-19 related guidelines.

The clubs have been identified as ‘Key Nightclub’ in Hotel Samrat, ‘Junkyard Cafe’ and ‘Amplifier The Club’ in Connaught Place.

According to Deepak Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), New Delhi district, action was taken against ‘Key Nightclub’ in Hotel Samrat in Chanakyaapuri area after a police control room (PCR) call was received on August 30 from a person who alleged that some minors were attending a party inside the club.

“On reaching the spot, no such party was seen happening but many guests present there were either not wearing masks or maintaining social distance. An FIR was registered against Key Nightclub in Hotel Samrat on August 30 for violating Covid-19 guidelines and not maintaining social distancing,” said the DCP.

The manager of the club was arrested and later released on bail the same day, he said.

Meanwhile, the police have also registered FIRs against two other popular joints in Connaught Place for allegedly violating Covid-related guidelines and serving hookahs at their outlets.

“An FIR was registered against the Junkyard Cafe on September 1, while another FIR was registered against Amplifier The Club in Connaught Place on August 28 for violating COVID-19 guidelines and serving hookahs. The managers of both the outlets were arrested and later released on bail,” said a senior police official.

“Both the FIRs were registered under sections 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant), 269 (negligently doing any act known to be likely to spread infection of any disease dangerous to life) and 270 (malignant act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to life) of Indian Penal Code and Epidemic Diseases Act and COPTA (The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act),” he said.

## DTC to install charging, battery swapping stations at various locations

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) for the installation of charging stations and battery swapping stations at locations finalised by the DTC.

The agreement was signed by Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Managing Director of DTC and Saurabh Kumar, Chairman of CESL on Tuesday in the presence of Transport Minister of Delhi, Kailash Gahlot. CESL is a subsidiary of State-owned Energy Efficiency

Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of public sector companies under the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

As per the directions of the signed MoU, EESL through its subsidiary organisation CESL has agreed to procure, instal, operate and maintain charging units and related infrastructure at the location chosen by the DTC.

The charges for usage of location of the DTC shall be paid by CESL to the organisation every month at the rate of ₹1.00 per kWh of energy dispensed.

If the space required by the concessionaire is more than 3 ECS (Equivalent Car Space) then ₹2,000 extra would be levied per ECS per month. Initially, the contract period is for 10 years. As per Terms and Conditions, the CESL will start work immediately and shall endeavour to finish the installation of all stations in the next 4 months.

After the location assessment survey at various DTC locations, Dwarka sector-8, Dwarka sector 2 Depot, Mehrauli Terminal, Nehru Place Terminal, Okhla CW-II,

Sukhdev Vihar Depot and Kalkaji Depot have been identified jointly by DTC and EESL for the setting up of Public Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Battery Swapping Stations.

Each of the seven locations will have a total of six charging points each, 3 of which will be for two and three wheelers and three points for four wheelers. Once installed, these locations with their real-time status and availability of charging points will also be available on the ONE DELHI App of the Delhi Government. **SR**



Delhi State Anganwadi Workers protest against the Government in front of the Delhi Secretariat in New Delhi on Tuesday  
Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

## G’gram DC: Demolition costs will be recovered from encroachers

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

In a meeting of the District Task Force presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Gurugram, Dr Yash Garg, on Tuesday, it was decided to stop the development of illegal colonies in Gurugram and recover the expenditure incurred on removing illegal constructions in various colonies from the encroachers.

He said in the meeting that all the departments in the district should take strict action against such persons involve in developing illegal colonies or conducting illegal construction.

In the meeting, the matters of new illegally being constructed in Saraswati Kunj were discussed in detail and it was decided that all the new construction works going on illegally in Saraswati Kunj should be strictly dealt with.

“If necessary, FIR should also be lodged against such persons,” Garg said.

## AAP Govt to revive Sannoth Lake in Bawana using recycled water

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government will revive the six acre Sannoth lake in Bawana using recycled water. The Flood and Irrigation Department Minister Satyendar Jain visited the natural Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Ghoga Drain and Sannoth Lake on Tuesday.

He inspected the STP and directed the officials to increase its water treatment capacity from 10 lakh litres per day to 50 lakh litres per day.

This STP is based on a constructed wetland system and treats 10 lakh litres of wastewater per day without electricity or additional power.

Jain said, “The water treatment capacity of this STP should be increased from 10 lakh litres per day to 50 lakh litres per day. The recycled water will be used for ground-water recharge by creating a lake in the adjacent area.”

He said that around 3 MGD recycled water from Bawana Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) will be used to rejuvenate the Sannoth Lake.

Jain also visited Sannoth Lake in Bawana. This lake is being revived by the Delhi



Government. The revival work of Sannoth lake is in progress and scheduled to be completed by December 2021.

He further said, “The water holding capacity of the Sannoth Lake should be increased so that more groundwater can be recharged through the lake.”

The Sannoth Lake will receive around 3 MGD clean recycled water from the Bawana Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) after necessary treatment.

The AAP minister also instructed Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (DSIIDC) and Irrigation & Flood Control Department (I & FC) officials

to clean the Bawana Escape Drain which has a design discharge capacity of 680 cusecs.

This task of cleaning the drain will be jointly done by DSIIDC and I&FC. DSIIDC will ensure that no untreated or unauthorised drain falls into Bawana Escape Drain, while I & FC will ensure that existing water quality flowing in the drains should be improved to the quality parameters laid down by National Green Tribunal (NGT). To this, Shri Jain added, “Weirs should be made in the drain along with floating wetlands and aerators to enhance the treatment of wastewater flowing in the drain.”

This project is being executed by Delhi Government’s Irrigation and Flood Control Department. The revival of Sannoth lake will not only aid in groundwater recharge but also create a sustainable ecosystem in the area.

## Sisodia launches Business Blasters programme



Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia with the Delhi Government School students and others at the launch of Business Blasters programme for Delhi Government school students, at Thyagaraj Stadium, in New Delhi on Tuesday  
Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

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Deputy Chief Minister Sisodia said: “We are starting the Business Blasters programme in Delhi Government schools. Today’s day will become the basis for the progress of the country. “The launch of Business Blasters will form the foundation of a developed India. If we start Entrepreneurship

Mindset Curriculum and BBP in all the schools of the country, then the day is not far when we will change the history in our textbooks that India is not a developing country but a developed country. The day is not far when the children coming out of Delhi schools will stand in the category of job providers instead of waiting in line to get jobs.”

## FIR filed against BJP leader Tanwar for cheating real estate developer

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The Economic Offence Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has registered an First Information Report (FIR) against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Kanwar Singh Tanwar for allegedly cheating a real estate developer of over ₹ 65 crore.

Police said that the FIR was registered under section 406 (criminal breach of trust) and 420 (cheating) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at EOW police station on August 23.

According to the FIR, Brahma City Private Ltd was in the process of acquiring land in Gurugram in Haryana to develop an integrated township.

“To acquire the land the company had appointed Ranjan Gupta to act as a facilitator. In 2008-2009, Gupta introduced Tanwar to the company and the accused elaborated his credentials and claimed that he and his companies and associates have a large chunk of land in the area. He represented that he could also arrange and negotiate with farmers for collaboration and development of the lands,” stated the FIR.

“Tanwar offered to agree-

gate and transfer all rights of a total of 105 acres of land at Rs 3.30 crore per acre in favour of the company. According to an agreement, Brahma City Private Ltd paid Rs 84,35,00,000 to the accused and his associate persons or companies for transfer of all rights of 63 acres of land,” according to the FIR.

“The accused failed to perform his part according to the agreement and disputes arose between him and the company in respect to the transfer of rights of 63 acres of land. In 2010, the Directorate, Town and Country Planning, Haryana, issued a license to Brahma City Private Ltd to develop the residential township,” stated the FIR.

“Later, Tanwar asked for an additional Rs 15 crore for arranging 54 acres of land. The company paid a total of Rs 210.18 crore to the accused for transfer of all rights of 63 acres of land. Whereas, as on date, the accused has transferred only 48 acres of land in favour of the company,” the FIR further stated.

According to the agreement executed between them, the total amount receivable by Tanwar against the transfer of all rights of the said 48 acres of land is only Rs 158.75 crore, the FIR stated.

The accused is liable to refund a total sum of Rs 51.43 crore to Brahma City Private Ltd. The accused is also liable to pay the interest amount of Rs 14 crore, it added.


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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Executive Engineer (Electrical), Najafgarh invites online open dual bids for lighting pole works.

NIT No. -EE/Electrical/Najafgarh Zone/2021-22/09 Date: 07.09.2021

**Start date of sale of tender: 07.09.2021 upto 18:00 Hrs. Last date of tender purchase: 20.09.2021 upto 14:00 Hrs.** Any corrigendum with respect to the mentioned tenders shall be upload online only. No separate press publicity will be done for this. All details are available on : <http://www.etenders.gov.in>

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# India, Russia to discuss Af today



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India and Russia will on Wednesday hold extensive talks on the Afghanistan situation here during the meeting of Secretary of Security Council General Nikolay Patrushev and National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval. He had invited his Russian counterpart for the parleys.

These discussions will take place a day ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi likely to flag India's concerns about the scenario in Afghanistan in the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) summit on Thursday.

Moreover, he is likely to raise the issue of terrorism in the presence of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting on September 15. In both these high level interactions Russian President Vladimir Putin will be present as Russia is an important part of the SCO and BRICS. Modi will virtually address both these summits.

As regards the meeting

between the NSAs of India and Russia, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Tuesday Patrushev is expected to call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

Modi and Vladimir on August 24 had discussed the developments in Afghanistan and expressed the view that it was important for the two countries to work together. Patrushev is visiting India at the invitation of Doval for high-level India-Russia inter-governmental consultations on Afghanistan, the ministry said.

"The consultations are a follow-up to the telephone conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin on August 24," the ministry said.

"The two leaders had expressed the view that it was important for the two strategic partners to work together and instructed their senior officials to remain in touch on Afghanistan," it said.

After the Modi-Putin conversation, Russia said the two

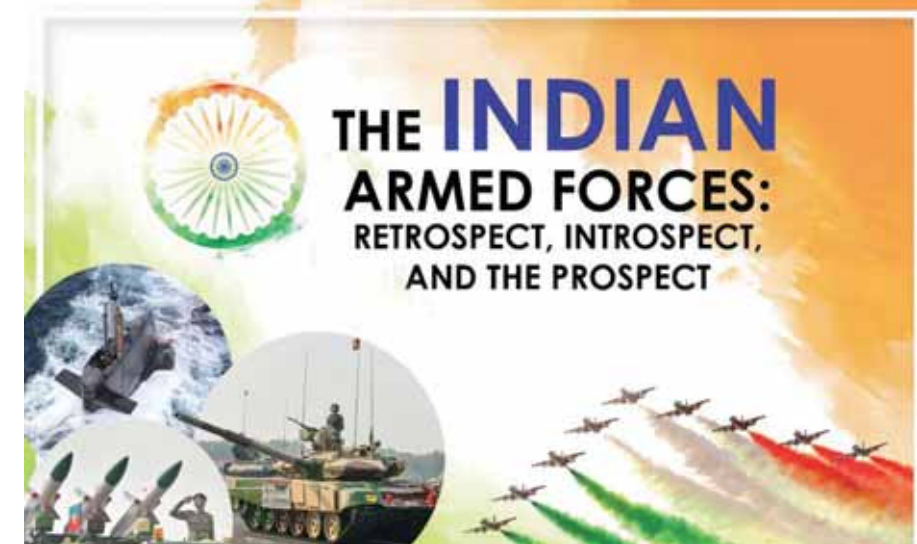
leaders expressed the intention to enhance cooperation to counter the dissemination of "terrorist ideology" and the drug threat emanating from Afghanistan and agreed to form a permanent bilateral channel for consultations on the issue.

On Monday, Russian envoy to New Delhi Nikolay Kudashev said there is "ample scope" for cooperation between India and Russia on Afghanistan and both sides have been in regular touch with each other on the latest developments in the war-torn country.

He also said Russia is as concerned as India that the Afghan soil should not be a source of spreading terrorism to other countries and there is a "danger" of terror being spread to the Russian territory as well as Kashmir.

The Russian ambassador also said there is not much difference in the overall position of Russia and India on Afghanistan and noted that Moscow's approach in according recognition to a Taliban regime would depend on its actions.

# Field commanders given more financial power for modernisation



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The government on Tuesday hiked the financial powers of field commanders to enable them to sustain the modernisation momentum and be operationally ready. Delegation of these powers has increased five to ten times with a cap of ₹500 crores.

This step forms part of the overall scheme of ease of doing business besides cutting red tape and ensure the troops on the ground get quality weapons and ammunition in a seamless manner without delay.

Giving details, officials said here Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday released an order on Delegation of Financial Powers to Defence Services (DFPDS) 2021, providing enhanced delegation of Revenue Procurement powers to the Armed Forces.

The DFPDS 2021 aims to empower field formations, focus on operational preparedness, promote ease of doing business and enhance jointness among the Services.

The enhanced delegation of Financial Powers to functioning in the Service Headquarters and lower formations will result in quicker

decision making at all levels leading to better planning and operational preparedness of the Services in a quicker time frame and optimum utilisation of resources.

The primary focus of the enhanced delegation of financial powers is to empower Field Commanders and below to procure equipment and war-like stores in a speedy manner for urgent operational necessities and meeting essential sustenance requirements. Last such enhancement at all levels for the Defence Services was done in 2016.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajnath described DFPDS 2021 as another big step in the series of defence reforms being undertaken by the Government to strengthen the security infrastructure of the country.

He stressed on the need to revise the policies to cater to the needs of the Armed Forces, exuding confidence DFPDS 2021 will not only overcome procedural delays, but also bring about greater decentralisation and operational efficiency.

A general enhancement of up to two times has been approved for the Competent Financial Authorities (CFAs). In

certain Schedules, this enhancement at field formations is in the range of up to 5-10 times on account of operational requirements. Delegated Financial Powers of Vice Chiefs of the Services have been increased by 10 per cent, subject to an overall ceiling of ₹500 crore.

An enabling provision of Emergency Financial Powers to the Field formations below Command level for the Defence Services has now been incorporated in the Emergency Powers Schedule which till present was available to Vice Chiefs.

A new schedule on hiring of aircraft and associated equipment has been introduced for Indian Air Force which includes hiring of Air to Air refuellers.

For Indian Navy, powers for replenishment of Disaster Management Bricks have been delegated to Command Level for immediate response to natural disasters.

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh, Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and other senior civil and military officials of Ministry of Defence were present on the occasion.

# MHA turns down CRPF's proposal to raise casual leave from 15 to 28 days



RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has turned down a proposal from the CRPF to increase the number of days of Casual Leave from 15 to 28 days saying terming the Central Armed Police Forces like CRPF to be "essentially civilian forces" and their service conditions are different from defence forces.

Recently, the Ministry had labeled the CRPF as a security force for introducing the Security Force Court for taking timely disciplinary action against the delinquent Group A officers. The Ministry has also articulated variable stances on the nature of these forces as civilian or armed forces.

Under the Constitution, CAPFs are "Armed Forces of the Union" under the Union Home Ministry, officials said.

The move could also derail Union Home Minister Amit Shah's articulation on December 29, 2019 to ensure that the troops get to spend 100 days in a year with their families.

"The proposal of the CRPF has been examined and it has been decided to not to agree to the same in light of the recommendation of the 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC)", the Ministry said in a communication earlier this

month.

The letter said that the order has the approval of the 'Competent Authority'.

The Ministry quoted the extract of the 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC) recommendations of 2014 on casual leaves to trash the CRPF proposal.

"Regarding the number of Casual Leave, the Commission is of the view that the present system is working well and need not be altered. As for the case of CAPFs for parity with the defence forces is concerned, the Commission notes that CAPFs are essentially civilian forces and their service conditions are different from defence forces. Hence parity in terms of number of casual leave cannot be considered. To sum up, the status quo is recommended."

The Ministry had received a request from CAPFs on July 16 this year to enhance the existing number of casual leaves to 28 from the currently applicable 15 days.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the Border Security Force (BSF), the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) and Sashastra Seema Bal, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), National Security Guard (NSG) and the Assam Rifles are classified as CAPFs.

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**NOTICE OF THE 30TH AGM AND REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION**

In continuation to our earlier advertisement dated 28.08.2021, NOTICE is hereby given that the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday, the 30th Day of September, 2021 at 09:30 AM THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING (VC)/OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MEANS (OAVM) to transact the business as set out in 30th AGM Notice in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder, read with MCA/SEBI Circulars without physical presence of members at common venue.

In compliance with the circulars, the Notice of virtual AGM and the Annual Report for the financial year 2020-21 have been sent to all the members electronically to the e-mail ID registered by them with the Company/Depository Participants/RTA on or before 07.09.2021. The requirements of sending physical copy of the notice to the Members have been dispensed with vide relevant Circulars.

The e-copy of the notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report for the FY 2020-21 of the Company will be available on the website of the Company at [www.himalayafoodcompany.com](http://www.himalayafoodcompany.com) and on the website of the BSE Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the rules made there of and Regulation 44 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the company is providing e-voting facility to its members holding shares as on Thursday, 23rd September, 2021 being cut off date, to exercise their vote at the ensuing AGM. The members may cast their vote by using an electronic voting system from a place other than that the venue of meeting (e-voting). The company has engaged CDSL to provide remote e-voting facility. The details pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules there of are as under:

1. E-voting period commences on Monday, 27th September, 2021 at 9:00 A.M and ends on Wednesday, 29th September, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.
2. The voting through electronic means shall not be allowed beyond 05:00 P.M. on 29th September, 2021.
3. The businesses set out in the notice of AGM, may be transacted through e-voting or e-voting facility at the AGM.
4. The share transfer book of the Company will remain closed from Friday, 24th September, 2021 to Thursday, 30th September, 2021 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of the Annual General Meeting.
5. The facility of joining the AGM through VC/OAVM shall 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting and will be available for members on first come first served basis.
6. The voting right of members shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the company as on the cutoff date i.e. 23rd September, 2021. Any person who becomes the member of the company after dispatch of notice of AGM and holding shares as on cutoff date i.e., 23rd September, 2021, may obtain the login Id and Password by sending a request to [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com). Members are requested to login at <https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login> by using the remote login credentials. The link for electronic participation through VC/OAVM during the meeting will be available in shareholder/members login portal where the EVEN of the company will be displayed. The facility for appointment of Proxies by Members will not be available since the AGM is being held through VC/OAVM. A person who is not a member as on the cut-off date should treat the Notice of AGM for information purpose only.
7. In case of any query or grievance pertaining to e-voting and attending the AGM through VC/OAVM, Members may contact Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, (CDSL), A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futrex, Mafatal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013. Email: [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com), Tel: 022- 23058738 and 022-23058542/43. Further, Members may also contact with Mr. Bhawendra Jha, General Manager, BEETAL Financial & Computer Services Pvt Ltd, RTA at [beetalrta@gmail.com](mailto:beetalrta@gmail.com) or on Telephone No.: 011-29961281-283, 26051061.
8. Mr. Rahul Sharma, a Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. ACS 49969), Proprietor, M/s. RBS & Co. has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the voting and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
9. The results shall be declared not later than forty-eight hours from conclusion of the meeting by posting the same on the website of the Company ([www.himalayafoodcompany.com](http://www.himalayafoodcompany.com)), and by filing with the BSE Ltd. It shall also be displayed on the Notice Board at the Registered Office of the Company.
10. A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his/her right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the meeting.

Members who have not registered their email-id are requested to register the same by following the procedure given below

<b>Physical Holding</b>	Send a request to Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company, BEETAL Financial & Computer Services Pvt Ltd. at <a href="mailto:beetalrta@gmail.com">beetalrta@gmail.com</a> providing Folio number, Name of the shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (Front and Back), PAN/ Self attested scanned copy of PAN Card), AADHAR ( Self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for registering email address.  Please send your bank detail with original cancelled cheque to our RTA (i.e. BEETAL Financial & Computer Services Pvt Ltd, BEETAL HOUSE, 3rd Floor, 99, Madangir, Behind LSC, New Delhi - 110062 alongwith letter mentioning folio no. If not registered already.)
<b>Demat Holding</b>	Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your email address as per the process advised by DP.  Please also update your bank detail with your DP for dividend payment by NACH if declare by company.

All shareholders/members attending AGM through VC or OAVM, who wish to speak or pose questions shall register themselves on or before 23rd September, 2021 with their Folio no. DP ID/Client ID, E-mail id and Mobile no. at the e-mail id of the Company i.e. [cs@himalyainternational.com](mailto:cs@himalyainternational.com)

For Himalaya Food International Ltd  
Sd/-  
Surabhi Maheshwari  
Company Secretary

Date: September 7, 2021  
Place: Delhi

# Central Vista: Panel OK's proposal for diversion of 'deemed forest' land



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The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Environment Ministry has "in-principle" approved a proposal for diversion of 8.11 hectares of "deemed forest" land, where the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) stood that is being redeveloped as the Central Vista. Three buildings will come up in the area.

The final approval for diversion of forest land is to be granted by the Central government.

In August, the Delhi government had recommended the proposal for approval of the REC "in larger public interest subject to the conditions laid by the forest department". There are more than 250 trees per hectare at the site. Therefore, it was treated as "deemed forest" and required approval for diversion for non-forest activity under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, a Delhi forest department official said.

Of the existing 2,219 trees at the site, the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) seeks to transplant 1,734 and retain 485 trees. The three office buildings, which will be part of the Common Central Secretariat, are to be built at a cost of Rs 3,269 crore, with Rs 139 crore set aside for five years' maintenance.

The REC approved the CPWD's proposal in a meeting held on August 24 subject to certain conditions.

It said the land for compensatory afforestation should be made available to the Delhi Forest Department, free of all the encroachments and encumbrances, within 15 days of the approval and compliance submitted to Integrated Region Office, Jaipur.

# Country committed to provide clean air, says Min

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The Government on Tuesday launched a portal, PRANA, to track the progress of the National Clean Air Programme, with Environment Minister Bhopender Yadav saying the country is committed to ensure clean air and blue skies to everybody. During the launch event held at the ministry headquarters here on the occasion of 'International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies', Yadav also inaugurated a smog tower at Anand Vihar, saying it was an experimental technology and its impact will be observed for two years.

"Translocation scheme needs to be submitted before IRO, Jaipur as per species and age classes suitable for translocation. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency," the minutes of the meeting read.

The CPWD has informed the Delhi Forest department that it will transplant 1,500 trees at NTPC Eco Park, Badarpur. The location for the remaining trees is being finalised. According to the agency, there are 1,179 trees, including the 485 retained ones, in the proposed "landscape plan" of the project.

# PM: NEP measures will make youth future-ready

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the teaching-learning process in the country has to be constantly redefined and redesigned to make our education sector world-class. Launching several initiatives in the education sector during the Shikshak Parv conclave, the PM expressed confidence that these measures will not only make our education system globally competitive but also make the youth future-ready.

"We have to constantly redefine and redesign our teaching-learning process in order to make our education sector world-class. In this rapidly changing era, our teachers also have to learn about new systems and techniques rapidly. The country is preparing its teachers for these changes," he said in his address.

Noting that the transformations being undertaken in the education sector are not just policy-based but also participation-based, the Prime Minister launched several initiatives in the education sector which, he said, will play an important role in shaping India's future.

"If we are in the midst of a transformation period, fortunately, we also have modern and futuristic new National



# Modi recalls feat of Olympians

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Modi recalled the stellar performance of Indian athletes in the recently concluded Olympics and Paralympics. He expressed happiness that athletes have accepted his request that every player visit at least 75 schools during Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to inspire the younger generation.

CBSE, NISHTHA teachers' training programme for NIPUN Bharat and Vidyanjali portal for facilitating education volunteers, donors and CSR contributors for school development.

"For the development of any nation, education needs to be both equitable and inclusive. That is why the country is including talking books and audio books as part of education. Based on UDL, an Indian sign language dictionary has been developed," he said. The theme of the 'Shikshak Parv-2021' is "Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India".



Dr Rajinder K Dhamija, Head of the Department of Neurology at the Dr Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi being awarded Dr S Radha Krishnan Memorial National Teacher's Award 2021 by Union Social Welfare Minister Ramdas Athawale at an event here to mark the Teacher's Day

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DEMOCRACY: A FAILED EXPORT

Forcibly altering a nation’s governing structure creates chaos



K KRISHNA SAAGAR **RAO**

The world is not homogenous and can’t be made into one. The United States has failed to understand cultural variables that drive governance models across the world. It should have learned early that ‘one size doesn’t fit all’. The modern world fancies democracy as the only viable governance model, as they haven’t experienced better models in the past. The intent of the West and especially the US to transform nations into democracies is an unrealisable day dream. Successfully ageing democracies have strong cultural fundamentals of tolerance and defined social values. Nations with authoritarian and hybrid regimes neither understand the spirit of democracy nor can implement democratic governance. India was not a democracy prior to 1947. However, 800 years prior to foreign occupation, it was ruled by kings democratic in their outlook. India’s cultural fundamentals for centuries were of tolerance, simplicity, divinity, self-sufficiency, universal harmony and knowledge. After 1947, ancient values of this civilization could easily allow



India to adopt democracy and continue successfully as a vibrant and functional democracy. Afghanistan is the latest American mis-adventure to export democracy. Foreign entities cannot dictate governance models for a nation and expect its citizens to follow them. Democracy is a mind-set. It could be the best possible governance model available to the world now, and some democracies like the US, the UK, Germany and France might feel it suits the entire world too. Only 49 per cent of nations have adopted democracy as a governance system. Nineteen per cent of them seem to be truly functional democracies while 30 per cent are flawed or dysfunctional. That leaves us with around 51 per cent of nations completely non-democratic. China, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Jordan are among non-democracies that are still vibrant economies. China with a differential governance, social and economic model other than a democracy, has even become a global super power. Altering a nation’s character thinking that human aspirations are the same and can be achieved by a homogenized approach is flawed.

This cultural and political prejudice can be a recipe for a huge disaster. President Joe Biden’s recent press briefing suggests the US has finally realized that democracy is not a ‘saleable commodity’. Nobody, not even the US, and with the best of intentions can shape the future course of a nation by forcefully altering its governance structures. Historic failures in Vietnam, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and recently Afghanistan show us that. I can understand a war destroying a nation. However, occupying a nation to change its fundamental structure is a foolish enterprise. Mindless initiatives of ‘building nations’ has led many nations in recent times into horrifying chaos, violence and poverty. Afghanistan today stands as a broken nation with no possibility of repair in the near future. It is heartbreaking to see the plight of its innocent citizens trying to flee their war-torn nation with their families. Images of hordes of people clinging on to the sides of an aircraft show the unprecedented desperation of Afghan citizens. Developments like this impact not just a nation but also the neighborhood, region, sub-continent and even an entire continent. The outcome of this mess is global and can destabilize political, social and economic course of many nations in the region. Situations like this also provide opportunities for nations with expansionist intentions to exploit it and ‘fish in shallow waters’ for their selfish geo-political ambitions. The US, its formal and informal allies in Europe and elsewhere should realize that democracy is not an ‘exportable commodity’. Unilaterally trying to impose this model on random nations will not only fail but also lead huge global events that can displace and destroy millions of lives across the world.

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# Let all green initiatives not be just gas

Further electrification of India’s rail tracks would actually result in higher CO2 emissions because electricity is majorly sourced from fossil fuels

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said this Independence Day that India can achieve self-reliance in energy through an economy of gas-based fuels, electric mobility and bio-fuels/ethanol in petrol. Following up on the promise of National Hydrogen Mission announced in the 2021-22 Budget, he also launched this mission to facilitate generation of carbon-free fuel from renewables, setting a target of 2047 for India to achieve self-reliance in energy. He found the right optics by saying that the country has had to take a pledge to become energy-independent in the 100<sup>th</sup> year of independence.

Let us go back to another announcement by the PM on energy front; In the “Urja Sangam” conference in March 2015, he had proclaimed the objective of reducing India’s oil import from 77 per cent of total consumption in 2013-14 to 67 per cent by 2022. Today, the dependence has actually increased with imports accounting for 85 per cent of oil requirements.

Whether the new national targets are pragmatic or not is a subject of a larger debate. Days before the PM’s announcement, there was a media splash that Indian Railways (IR), with a view to kicking off hydrogen mobility in India, had invited bids for hydrogen fuel cell-based trains. Whenever calling of bids, and not actual execution, by IR becomes news, the project usually ends in a whimper. We will, therefore, confine ourselves to see the country-wide status through a limited prism of what IR has done. Before that, however, a glance at electric mobility, particularly e-buses.

Although diesel buses account for a small percentage of the total vehicular population, they contribute to more than 50 per cent of air pollution and carbon emissions in India. State transport corporations, mostly with poorly-managed finances, are known to run smoke-spewing, rickety, diesel buses. The Union Government made an ambitious plan to shift them to cleaner and sophisticated electric buses. It started with FAME (Faster Adoption & Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India) that proved to be ill-conceived and came a cropper due to ambiguity and misuse of the subsidy. It was later rejigged as FAME 2 for subsidy only to state transport corporations but the impact has so far been far from healthy; the penetration of e-buses in the country languishes at around 2000 buses whereas the number of buses in the country is over 17 lakhs.

If the bard’s “What’s past is prologue” is a lesson in history which sets the context for the present, then IR’s report card so far has been dismal and does not inspire any confidence in its ability to contribute and complement the PM’s ambitious road map.

The thrust started somewhat with bio-fuels and IR even set up a dedicated organization in Delhi called IROAF (IR



UNLESS THIS PROJECT IS TAKEN UP IN RIGHT EARNEST WITH ALL LOOSE ENDS ABOUT VIABILITY, TENDERING FOR EQUIPMENT, ORDERING, DESIGNING THE VEHICLE AND RETRO FITMENT SCHEMES, COMMISSIONING, TRIALS AND OPERATION TIED UP WITH CLEAR-CUT RESPONSIBILITIES, IT WOULD ALSO END UP LIKE ALL ITS PREDECESSORS

*(The writer is retired General Manager, Indian Railways. The views expressed are personal.)*



Organization for Alternate Fuels), mandated for fixing standards, development, research and execution in fuel and energy efficient and eco-friendly technologies for assimilation in IR. After numerous experiments, sanctions, build-up of esterification plants, repeated news items, there is not one diesel train of IR which runs regularly on diesel+bio-fuel mix.

We soon heard of initiatives of a dual fuel mode, diesel with CNG, for diesel locomotives and diesel-electric multiple units (DEMU) to reduce their tail pipe emissions. Some prototypes were made but the project was given up in favour of LNG as CNG has limitation of lower energy density and thus poses a space limitation for on board fuel. LN Ghas comparable energy density with diesel and therefore is much less problematic for on-board storage of fuel. The LNG project lies in infancy for years with no clear road-map.

The next to catch the fancy of IR was multi-gen set diesel locomotives, which with the option to switch on and off one engine, are more energy-efficient. Two such prototypes were made nearly ten years back but the project was foreclosed due to the increased pace of electrification of IR tracks and the IR perceived, belatedly, that these locomotives could not be proliferated.

We also heard of Solar Panels on roof tops of DEMU. A pilot project was completed on some coaches of DEMUs and introduced in the Delhi suburban area, touted funnily as the first-ever in the world. If indeed it was a first-ever, that itself

should have alerted IR about the inefficacy of the project. Never mind, moreover, that these prototypes were so constructed that the solar panels mounted on top of the roof offered air resistance and nearly negated the saving in fuel due to solar cells. It was another irrational project which seems to have died with the death of DEMUs themselves in the face of rapid electrification.

Nearly twenty years after its formation, the IROAF website has this to state: “Except for minor projects and showcase installations, IR have not aligned itself with the targets of the 2022. There is very little that IR is doing on its own to contribute to the agenda set by the GoI. The steps taken so far by IR are not commensurate with the quantity of energy that it consumes and the influence that it can exert due to it being the single largest buyer of petroleum and electricity.”

An honest admission. But this is now followed by this hydrogen punch, supposedly in line with the PM’s declaration that green hydrogen would give India a quantum-jump in achieving its green targets. According to IROAF, the project will commence on the 89 kilometres-long Sonipat-Jind section with retro fitment of hydrogen fuel cell in two DEMU rakes.

It is notable that IR has been trying to acquire hydrogen fuel cell technology for diesel locomotives for a decade but in vain. Has there been any inquest before announcing this bidding process? In his speech, the PM also said what IR has been saying now for many recent years: 100 per cent electrifi-

cation of all tracks under the zero-emission policy, thus becoming the first major railway-country in the world to do so. This policy itself is debatable. There is a view that further electrification of India’s rail tracks would actually result in higher CO2 emissions because electricity is majorly sourced from fossil fuels and therefore India should first prioritise greening its electricity network by pursuing regenerative energy sources more vigorously rather than electrifying its tracks. In any case, if the policy of 100 per cent electrification is indeed here to stay, why waste time and energy on the hydrogen fuel cell project?

Assuming that the project is an effort to develop a standby technology, sourcing of hydrogen needs to be settled simultaneously. All hydrogen production in the country employs the Steam Methane Reforming process that utilises fossil fuels because since the cleaner method of Water Electrolysis is not only expensive but also in the nascent stage. Will the project be green enough if hydrogen is sourced from fossil fuels?

Unless this project is taken up in right earnest with all loose ends about viability, tendering for equipment, ordering, designing the vehicle and retro fitment schemes, commissioning, trials and operation tied up with clear-cut responsibilities, it would also end up like all its predecessors. I hope these questions are settled and IR engineers work silently to make it successful instead of creating another hoopla which would turn a damp squib.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE CONTINUED FOR 90 YEARS, SO I HAVE NO IDEA FOR HOW LONG THIS AGITATION WILL RUN.

— BKU SPOKESPERSON RAKESH TIKAIT



THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM THE SP, BSP AND CONGRESS IN THE FARMERS’ MOVEMENT. AS SHAHEEN BAGH BROKE DOWN, SO WOULD THE FARMERS’ MOVEMENT.

— UP DEPUTY CM KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA

# The ‘yes’ and ‘no’ of a caste census

A caste count could cause fissures in the Hindu vote, which the BJP is assiduously working to reduce in recent years

Is there a need for a caste census? Will it give the right kind of data on different castes in the country or open the Pandora’s box? Will it end up tearing the social fabric as it did in 1990 when the then prime minister V.P. Singh decided to implement the Mandal Commission report? Will it perpetuate caste? These are some of the questions that need answers when there is a chorus to include the caste census in the next year’s decadal census. There are powerful pro- and anti-lobbies for it.

Despite pressure from NDA allies and the opposition, the Centre has shelved the idea for now. During the recent Monsoon Session of Parliament, the chorus for caste census resurfaced. It

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was strengthened by the draft proposal of the Justice G. Rohini-led commission recommending sub-categorisation of the Other Backward Classes.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai had announced in Parliament in July that the Government has no intention of carrying out a caste census. While India’s decadal census has consistently recorded the population of Dalits and Adivasis, it has never counted OBCs since 1931. Since 1950, the Government has reserved jobs, college admissions and elected seats - from Village councils to the Parliament - for Dalits and Adivasis. This was to rectify historical wrongs that have denied them equal opportunities for the

weaker sections.

Politically, caste undeniably is an essential tool in India. It plays a crucial role in every Indian election, from the village panchayats to the Parliament. There is no surprise that several political parties have intensified demand for a caste-based census. Samajwadi Party (SP) in UP, JD(U) in Bihar and DMK in Tamil Nadu have been most vocal in raising the demand.

The supporters of the caste census insist that it will

justify the weaker among the OBCs. The Government, too, would benefit from the enumeration of the caste census for the programmes. For instance, Bihar chief minister and NDA ally Nitish Kumar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with a delegation of all parties. Kumar argued that the census will help better formulate and implement schemes for different social groups’ welfare. Secondly, there would be clarity over the percentage of the OBC population. Decades ago, the Mandal Commission estimated it at about 52 per cent.

Significantly, in the past few years, several OBC groups have been seeking reservations. This includes the Marathas in Maharashtra, Patidars in Gujarat, Gurmars in

Rajasthan, Kapus in Andhra Pradesh and Jats in Haryana.

The poll-bound UP is a big prize for the BJP and other regional parties. The chorus grows with other tiny regional outfits, including Anupriya Patel’s Apna Dal (Sonali), vocally supporting him.

Why is the BJP reluctant for a caste census that too when it has mobilised many smaller OBC groups? The BJP has argued that it would lead to the perpetuation of caste identities. It fears it might lead to a messy situation similar to when the V P Singh Government implemented the Mandal Commission report in the early 1990s. There were agitations because it granted 27 per cent reservation to OBCs in central Government jobs

and educational institutions.

Secondly, and more importantly, the BJP apprehends that a caste census might harm its goal of uniting Hindus. It is significant that amongst the numerous opponents of a caste census is Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the parent organisation of the ruling BJP. The BJP and the RSS want to consolidate the Hindus. A caste count could cause fissures in the Hindu vote, which the BJP is assiduously working to reduce in recent years.

The BJP also apprehends that the subsequent demand will be the fair share of resources in proportion to their numerical strength. Former UP chief minister Akhilesh Yadav is known for his slogan, “jiski jitni sankhya

bhari, uski utni hissedari” The share in resources should be proportional to the community’s numerical strength).

The party has recently got legislation passed giving states the right to change castes in the OBC category in Parliament. The UP Government has included 39 new castes in the OBC category.

No doubt there is a case for caste census but when the country is facing too many problems, including COVID and sliding economy, this is not the time to raise another controversial issue. If nothing, it can raise the passions among the people. Without being blunt, the Modi Government was wise in postponing it. There are indeed other ways of getting votes.



# Taliban block hundreds from leaving Af

People with valid visas and proper passports can take evacuation flights: Taliban

AP ■ MAZAR-E-SHARIF

An Afghan employee of an American organisation in Afghanistan says the Taliban are blocking her and hundreds of other people from boarding charter evacuation flights out of Afghanistan.

The woman spoke to *The Associated Press* anonymously on Tuesday, saying she feared for her safety if she is singled out by the Taliban.

The US organisation, Ascend, has worked for years with Afghan women and girls. The woman is among several hundred people, reportedly including American citizens and green card holders, who say they have been waiting in large residence halls and hotels for more than a week for permission to board waiting char-

**The Afghan woman who talked to AP says her group has proper passports and visas, but the Taliban are blocking them from entering the airport**

ter flights out of the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

“We think we are in some kind of jail,” the woman told the AP.

She says the American citizens she has met in the group are vulnerable people in their 70s, parents of Afghan Americans in the United States.



A Taliban soldier stands guard at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan

AP

Taliban officials say they will let people who have the proper passports and other documentation leave.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Tuesday denied claims from Republican lawmakers that the situation in Mazar-e-Sharif amounted to a hostage-taking, after the US

government pulled its last troops and diplomats from the country last week.

The Afghan woman who talked to AP says her group has proper passports and visas, but the Taliban are blocking them from entering the airport. She says she went fleeing to the women’s side of her hotel last

week when word spread that the Taliban were searching the would-be evacuees, and had taken some away.

“I am scared if they split us’ up ‘and not let us leave,” she said. “If we can’t get out of here, something wrong will happen. And I am afraid of that.”

## China says report of Taliban’s plan to hand over Bagram airbase to it ‘pure fake news’

PTI ■ BEIJING

China on Tuesday termed as “pure fake news” a report that the Taliban plans to hand over Afghanistan’s key Bagram airbase vacated by the US troops to it.

“I can tell you this is pure fake news,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing here when asked about a report that Taliban plans to hand over Bagram air force base to China and the Kandahar airport to

Pakistan. In July, the US military left Bagram Airfield — its key base in Afghanistan — after nearly 20 years. At its height, Bagram base was home to tens of thousands of US troops.

The airbase played a key role in US military conducting its land and air operations against rebels in its war on terrorism in Afghanistan, which formally ended last month with the complete withdrawal of American and NATO troops and Taliban seizing power in the war-torn country.

## Nepal sends diplomatic note to India on Mahakali river incident, violation of Nepali air space

**Kathmandu:** Nepal has sent a diplomatic note to the Indian Government over the disappearance of a Nepali man in the Mahakali river last month reportedly in the presence of Indian paramilitary force SSB and the alleged violation of Nepali airspace by an Indian helicopter. Jaya Singh Dhami, 30, belonging to Byas municipality of Darchula district bordering India, on July 30 fell into the Mahakali river, which flows along Nepal’s western border with India, as he was trying to cross it with the help of a rope.

According to Nepalese media reports, he fell into the river and went missing as the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) personnel allegedly cut the rope

from the other side of the border river.

A probe committee set by Nepal’s Home Ministry has said that India’s SSB was present during the incident.

“Nepal’s Foreign Ministry sent a diplomatic note to the Government of India through Indian Embassy, Kathmandu regarding the matter,” an official at the foreign ministry here confirmed on the condition of anonymity.

The issue has been raised by both the opposition as well as the ruling party cadres and leaders for weeks, which observers opine exerted pressure on the Sher Bahadur Deuba Government to finally take the decision to send the diplomatic note. **PTI**

# Israeli Army says it launched strikes on Hamas site in Gaza

AP ■ TEL AVIV

Israel launched airstrikes on what it said was a Hamas military site in the Gaza Strip early on Tuesday, after incendiary balloons were sent into Israeli territory, the Army said.

Fighter jets struck a Hamas rocket manufacturing workshop as well as a Hamas military compound in Khan Yunis, a city in southern Gaza, according to the Army statement.

The Army said the compound houses a cement factory used for building tunnels used for terror attacks “and is purposefully located in a civilian area adjacent to a mosque and a water treatment site.”

The strikes came in response to Hamas-launched incendiary balloons into Israeli

territory, the Army said.

On Monday, hundreds of supporters of Islamic Jihad rallied in Gaza, and the militant group sent incendiary balloons across the frontier in support of six Palestinian prisoners who had tunneled out of one of the most secure Israeli prisons overnight.

It was the biggest prison break of its kind in decades. Israel launched a massive man-hunt in the country’s north and the occupied West Bank. The search continued on Tuesday.

The escape marks an embarrassing security breach just ahead of the Jewish New Year, when Israelis flock to the north to enjoy beaches, campsites and the Sea of Galilee. The prisoners appear to have gone into hiding and there was no

# Myanmar Opp calls for national uprising

AP ■ BANGKOK

The main underground group coordinating resistance to Myanmar’s military Government issued a sweeping call for a nationwide uprising on Tuesday, raising the prospect of spiraling unrest.

The National Unity Government, which views itself as a shadow government, was established by elected legislators who were barred from taking their seats when the military seized power in February.

The group’s acting president Duwa Lashi La declared what he called a “state of emergency” and called for revolt “in every village, town and city in the entire country at the same time.” A video of his speech was posted on Facebook.

Some 1,000 civilians have been killed in the seven months of clashes that followed the army takeover.

A spokesman for the ruling military downplayed the call for renewed protests.

Maj. Gen. Zaw Min Tun

blamed exile media for exaggerating the opposition’s strength, in a statement posted on the Telegram app by state television MRTV.

Myanmar has been wracked by unrest since the military ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi, with initially peaceful demonstrations against the ruling generals morphing into a low-level insurrection in many urban areas after security forces used deadly force.

There has been more serious combat in rural areas, especially in border regions where ethnic minority militias have been engaging in heavy clashes with the government troops.

The shadow government’s prime minister, Mahn Winn Khaing Thann, said in a separate statement posted online that the new move was taken due to “changing circumstances” that required the complete abolition of the ruling military government. He did not elaborate.

## G20 Health Mins agree vax confidence measures

**London:** The Health Ministers from G20 countries, including India, have united to pledge global action to improve future health security, increase vaccine confidence and tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in a Health Declaration agreed in Rome.

The G20 Health Ministers’ Meeting in Italy this week is focused on building on strong cooperation and collaboration to end the Covid-19 pandemic and support recovery around the world. **TI**

## Hong Kong activists slam Govt for foreign agent label

**Hong Kong:** The Hong Kong Government is arbitrarily labeling pro-democracy organizations as foreign agents, making them subject to prosecution under a tough national security law, a leader of the group that has organized the city’s annual Tiananmen candlelight vigils said on Tuesday.

Chow Hang-tung, vice chair of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, made the comment shortly before the group submitted a letter to police rejecting their request for details of the alliance’s operations and finances. **AP**

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**Notice of 33rd Annual General Meeting, Book Closure and Remote E-Voting information**  
It is hereby given that the 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Rampur Fertilizers Limited will be held through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") on Sunday, 26th September, 2021 at 11.30 am to transact the Ordinary and Special Business, as set out in the Notice of AGM. The Notice of the Meeting, Annual Report for the financial year ended March 31, 2021 and remote e-voting details have been sent in electronic mode to all the members whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company/RTA/Depository. The date of completion of email of the notices to the shareholders is September 03, 2021.  
In case you have not registered your email ID with the Company/Depository, please follow below instructions to register your email ID for obtaining annual report for FY 2020-21 and login details for e-voting.  
**Physical Holding:** Send a request to Register and Transfer Agents of the Company, MAS Services Limited at info@massary.com providing Folio number, Name of the shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (Front and Back), PAN (Self attested scanned copy of PAN Card), AADHAR (Self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for registering email address. Please send your bank detail with original cancelled cheque to the RTA (i.e. MAS Services Limited, T-34 2nd Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-II, New Delhi-110020) along with letter mentioning folio no. if not registered already.  
**Demat Holding:** Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your email address as per the process advised by DP. Please also update your bank detail with your DP for dividend payment by NACH if declare by company.  
These documents are also available on Company's website www.rampurfert.com for download by the members. Notice is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the Company has offered e-voting facility for transacting all the business by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) through their portal www.evoting.nsdl.com to enable the members to cast their votes electronically. The remote e-voting period commences on Thursday, 23th September, 2021 (09:00 am) and ends on Saturday, 25th August, 2021 (05:00 pm). No e-voting shall be allowed beyond the said date and time. During this period members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date of 19th September, 2021, may cast their vote by remote e-voting. Any person, who acquires shares and becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as of the cutoff date i.e 19th September 2021, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or RTA, MAS Services Limited at info@massary.com. However, if the members are already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then they can use their existing user ID and password for casting their vote. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL, for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently. The facility for voting through e-voting shall be made available at the AGM and the members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. Shri Sanjiv Nigam, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. FCS 9313 & CP No. 8458), Proprietor M/s. Sanjiv Nigam & Associates, Company Secretaries, has been appointed as Scrutinizer for the e-voting process. The detailed procedure for remote e-voting is contained in the letter sent with the Notice of the AGM. Any query/grievance relating to e-voting may be addressed to Rajeev Kumar, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer, Rampur Fertilizers Ltd., Judges Bareilly Road, Rampur- 244901 U.P. Phone: 0585-2352028, Email: rkumar@rampurfert.com NOTICE is also hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 10 of the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the Register of the Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Monday, the 20th September, 2021 to Sunday, the 26th September, 2021 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of taking record of the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.  
For Rampur Fertilizers Limited  
Sd/-  
Rajeev Kumar  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

**Place: Rampur**  
**Date: 8th September, 2021**

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**NOTICE OF 50th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND ELECTONIC VOTING INFORMATION OF RATHI STEEL & POWER LIMITED**  
**Annual General Meeting:** Notice is hereby given that the 50th Annual General Meeting of the members of the Company will be held on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 at 05.00 P.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned in the notice. Notice of the said AGM, e-voting instructions and Annual Report for the year 2020-21 have been sent to the members of the company electronically whose email-ids are registered with the depositories. A copy of Annual Report 2020-21 along with the AGM notice and the Instructions for Electronic Voting (e-voting) will also be made available on the website of the company (www.rathisteelandalpower.com).  
**Book Closure:** Notice is also hereby given that pursuant to the Section 91 of Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and other applicable provisions, if any, and in compliance with SEBI LODR Regulation, 2015 with the Stock Exchanges, that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain close from September 23, 2021 to September 29, 2021 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual General Meeting of the Company scheduled on September 29, 2021at 05.00 P.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM").  
**Electronic Voting Information:** Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on cut-off date September 22, 2021 may cast their vote electronically on the ordinary and special businesses as set out in the Notice of the 50th Annual General Meeting through electronic voting system of NSDL. All the members are informed that (a) the ordinary business and special business as set out in the notice of the 50th AGM may be transacted by electronic voting (b) the date of completion of sending of notice of 50th AGM is September 06, 2021 (c) voting through electronic means shall commence at 09:00 AM on September 26, 2021 and ends at 05:00 PM on September 28, 2021 (d) voting through electronic means shall not be allowed beyond 05:00 PM on September 28, 2021 (e) Notice of the 50th AGM will be made available on the company's website i.e. www.rathisteelandalpower.com and on NSDL website i.e. https://www.evoting.nsdl.com (f) for process and manner of electronic voting, members may go through the electronic voting instructions or in case of any queries/ grievances connected with the e-voting, members may refer the frequently asked questions (FAQ's) for shareholders and the e-voting user manual for the shareholders available at the download section of https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ or alternatively can contact at email id of company investors@rathisteelandalpower.com.  
**Place: New Delhi**  
**Date: 06.09.2021**

By order of the Board For Rathi Steel and Power Limited  
Sd/-PREM NARAIN VARSHNEY (MANAGING DIRECTOR)

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**NOTICE OF 41ST AGM**  
Notice is hereby given that the 41stAnnual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Thursday, 30th September, 2021 at 10:00 A.M at the Registered office of the Company at 14 Kms,GurugramPataudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Dist.Gurugram,Haryana, to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of the AGM dated 13th August 2021.  
Members are hereby informed that the Notice of the Meeting and aforesaid documents are available on the Company's Website (www.rlfild.com)and also on Bombay Stock Exchange and the copies of the said documents are also available for inspection at the Registered Office and Corporate Office of the Company on all working days (except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) during business hours up to the date of the Meeting.  
A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on a poll instead of him and the proxy need not be the member of the Company. The Instrument appointing the proxy should however be deposited at the Registered Office or Corporate Office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the Commencement of Meeting.  
Members are informed that pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended, and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing to its members facility to exercise their right to vote by electronic means on Resolutions proposed to be passed at the meeting.  
The Register of Members and Share Transfer Book in respect of Equity Shares of the Company will remain closed from 24tht September, 2021 to 29thSeptember, 2021(both days inclusive) for the purpose of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.  
The e-voting will be open from 9.00 a.m. (IST) on Monday, 27th September, 2021 to 5.00 p.m.(IST) onWednesday, 29th September, 2021 in terms of Rule 20(3)(VI) of Companies (Management and Administrative Rules) 2014. During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of 23rd September, 2021, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by Linkintime for voting thereafter.  
The detailed procedure or instructions for casting votes through remote e-voting or e-voting during AGM for all Members (including the Members holding shares in physical form/ whose e-mail addresses are not registered with DPs/Company/RTA) are stated in the Notice.  
By order of the Board  
**RLF Limited**  
Sd/-  
Chandni Arora  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

**Place: Gurugram, Haryana**  
**Date: 08/09/2021**

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND E-VOTING INFORMATION**  
Notice is hereby given that the Fiftieth Annual General Meeting of the members of Technofab Engineering Limited will be held on Thursday, the 30th day of September 2021 at 2:30 P.M. through Video Conferencing/ Other Audio Visual Means ("VC/OAVM") to transact the business as set out in the notice of the 50th AGM.  
In view of the massive outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing is a norm to be followed and pursuant to the Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs followed by Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020 including relevant circular of SEBI, physical attendance of the Members to the AGM venue is not required and annual general meeting (AGM) be held through video conferencing (VC) or other audio visual means (OAVM). Hence, Members can attend and participate in the ensuing AGM through VC/OAVM.The Members can join the AGM in the VC/OAVM mode 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice. The facility of participation at the AGM through VC/OAVM will be made available for 1000 members on first come first served basis. This will not include large Shareholders (Shareholders holding 2% or more shareholding), Promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Auditors etc. who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first served basis.  
In accordance with above circulars, only electronic copies of the Notice of the 50th AGM and the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2020-21 have been sent to all the Shareholders as on 06 September 2021 whose email IDs are registered with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, M/s. Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd./Depository Participant(s). The Notice of the 50th AGM and the Annual Report for 2020-21 are also available on the Company's website www.technofabengineering.com.  
The instruction for joining the AGM are provided in the Notice of AGM and attendance of shareholders attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of Section 103 of the Act.  
Further, notice is also given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from September 24, 2021 to September 30, 2021 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 50th AGM of the Company. As per Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules 2014, the Company is pleased to provide its Shareholders the facility to cast their vote by electronic means on all the resolutions set forth in the Notice. The details pursuant to the provision of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules are given hereunder:  
(i) Date of completion of sending of Notices: 06.09.2021  
(ii) The cut off date for E-Voting is 23.09.2021  
(iii) Date and time of commencement of voting through electronic means: 27.09.2021 at 9.00 a.m  
(iv) Date and time of end of voting through electronic means: 29.09.2021 at 5.00 p.m  
(v) The procedure for e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned above for remote e-voting.  
(vi) Only those Members/ shareholders, who will be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not casted their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-Voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-Voting system in the AGM.  
(vii) Members who have voted through Remote e-Voting will be eligible to attend the AGM. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.  
(viii) The Notice of 50thAGM is available on www.technofabengineering.com, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.comand on the e-voting website, https://instavote.linkintime.co.in/.  
(ix) For electronic voting instructions, Shareholders may go through the instructions in the Notice of 50thAGM and in case of any queries/grievances connected with electronic voting, please refer to "Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQ")" and "user manual for shareholders to cast their votes" in help Section at https://instavote.linkintime.co.in/ or write an e-mail to insta.vote@linkintime.co.in or contact Link Intime India Private Limited at Toll Free No. 022-49186000.  
The Company has appointed Mr. Suresh Gupta, Practicing Company Secretary, to act as scrutinizer for conducting the electronic voting process in a fair and transparent manner.  
For Technofab Engineering Limited  
Suman Kumar Verma  
Company Secretary  
Date: 06/09/2021  
Place: Faridabad

indication Israeli authorities view them as an immediate threat. Palestinians consider prisoners held by Israel to be heroes of their national cause, and many celebrated the escape on social media. Efforts to capture the escapees will likely draw attention to the Palestinian Authority's security coordination with Israel, which is deeply unpopular among Palestinians. There was no immediate comment from the PA, but President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party praised the escape.

A photo released by the prison service showed a narrow hole in the floor of a cell, and Israeli security forces could be seen examining a similar hole on a stretch of gravel just outside the walls of the prison.

**BIDEN SURVEYS NY AND NJ STORM DAMAGE**  
**Hillsborough Township (US):**  
President Joe Biden focused on long-term fixes as well as short-term relief on Tuesday as he toured parts of the Northeast that suffered deadly flash flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

**UK PM UNVEILS NEW TAX TO FUND HEALTH**  
**London:** British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday unveiled a new tax that will fund the country's mounting health and social care costs in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

**TURKEY AIMS TO IMPROVE TIES WITH EGYPT, UAE**  
**Istanbul:** Turkey continued on Tuesday to reach out to regional rivals Egypt and the United Arab Emirates in a renewed bid to mend frayed ties that have stoked regional tensions.

**EU TO SEEK DAILY FINES AGAINST POLAND**  
**Brussels:** The European Union moved on Tuesday to force Poland to comply with the rulings of Europe's top court with plans to seek daily fines against the nationalist Govt.

**PARADIP PORT TRUST**  
**e-TENDER CALL NOTICE:**  
**EM/PP-35/2021**  
Name of the Work: "Providing Assistance in Office-cum-Site works under E&M Dept. on job work basis for a period of one year". Estimated Cost: ₹ 1,08,60,777/- . Last date & time of submission: T. 26. 09. 2021 18:00 Hrs. Refer our website for details https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.  
Executive Engineer (E)  
PPT/PP/108/21-22 Dt. 07.09.2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Raghav Dhingra who is purchasing the First Floor without roof right towards Front Side Right Side Part of Built on Property No WZ-2-A-47-A Area Measuring 45 Sq.Yds. 37.63. Sq. Mtrs Out of Khassa No 24220, Situated in the Revenue Estate of Village Poddagpur, Area Abadi known as Ram Dutt Enclave, Ulta, Nagar, New Delhi 110059 from Smt. Neena W/o Sh.Raj Kumar who is owner through Sale Deed dated 04.10.2016, Vide Doc. No.16434, SR-IIB New Delhi executed by Sh. Sachin Nijhawan and Sh. Pradeep Nijhawan and same to be financed & mortgaged by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. if Any person having any type of claim / right / title / interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc.  
Lucem Legal LLP  
Office No. G-03, at Ground Floor, on Plot No. D-61, Sector-2, Noida, UP-201301  
Contact # 0120-4130438

**THE HINDUSTAN TIMES LIMITED**  
CIN: U74899DL1927PLC000155  
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Tel.: 011 - 66561206  
**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Register of Members and Share transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2021 to Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (both days inclusive) for ascertaining the entitlement of the dividend to be declared in the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting to be held at Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.  
Sd/-  
Virendra Kumar Charoria  
(Director & Company Secretary)  
Date: 07.09.2021 DIN: 00046895



# Cairn to drop litigations to seize Indian properties

## SAYS \$1BN REFUND OFFER ACCEPTABLE TO FIRM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

UK-based Cairn Energy PLC on Tuesday said it will drop litigations to seize Indian properties in countries ranging from France to the US, within a couple of days of getting a \$1 billion refund resulting from the scrapping of a retrospective tax law.

The firm, which gave India its biggest onland oil discovery, termed "bold" the legislation passed last month to cancel a 2012 policy that gave the tax department power to go back 50 years and slap capital gains levies wherever ownership had changed hands overseas but business assets were in India.

The offer to return money seized to enforce retrospective tax demand in lieu of dropping all litigations against the government "is acceptable to us," Cairn CEO Simon Thomson told PTI in an interview from London.

Cairn will drop cases to seize diplomatic apartments in Paris and Air India airplanes in the US in "a matter of a couple of days" after the refund, he said adding Cairn's shareholders are in agreement with

accepting the offer and moving on.

"Some of our core shareholders likes BlackRock and Franklin Templeton agree (to this). Our view is supported by our core shareholders (that) on balance it is better to accept and move on and be pragmatic. Rather than continue with something negative for all parties which could last for many years," he said.

Seeking to repair India's damaged reputation as an investment destination, the government last month enacted new legislation to drop Rs 1.1 lakh crore in outstanding claims against multinationals such as telecom group Vodafone, pharmaceuticals company Sanofi and brewer SABMiller, now owned by AB InBev, and Cairn.

About Rs 8,100 crore collected from companies under the scrapped tax provision are to be refunded if the firms agreed to drop outstanding litigation, including claims for interest and penalties. Of this, Rs 7,900 crore is due only to Cairn.

"Once we get to final resolution, part of that resolution is us dropping everything in

terms of litigation. We can do that within a very short period of time, just a matter of a couple of days or something," Thomson said. "So we are preparing on the basis of getting this resolution quickly, all these cases being dropped, and putting all this behind."

He said all enforcement proceedings brought because of the Government of India's refusal to honour an international arbitration award asking it to return the value of money seized to enforce the retrospective tax demand, will be dropped.

"Everything will be dropped. There will be no more litigation, that will be it. We will clear the matter up," he said.

Cairn in its half-yearly report on Tuesday said it will return up to USD 700 million out of the Rs 7,900 crore (USD 1.06 billion) it is supposed to get from the Indian government, to "shareholders via special dividend and buyback."

Asked if the company would make a comeback to India, Thomson said India will become another potential investment destination once the issue is closed.

## ₹ plunges 32p to close at 73.42/\$

Mumbai: The rupee plunged by 32 paise to close at 73.42 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, tracking a strong American currency in the overseas market and muted trend in domestic equities.

## Best Agrolife buys Best Crop Science Limited

New Delhi: Best Agrolife Limited has acquired Best Crop Science Pvt Ltd for ₹101.6 crore.

## IDBI Intech Ltd successfully implements iAML solution

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

IDBI Intech Ltd has successfully implemented their iAML (Anti Money Laundering) solution at India's insurance giant, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

IDBI Intech is a dominant FinTech products and services organisation – focusing on strategic niche digital transformations for its clients.

iAML will provide an Enterprise-Wide Single View of Risk & Compliance at transac-

tions and customer level, harnessing Advanced Analytics, Workflow and Artificial Intelligence with a comprehensive set of pre-built rules and scenarios.

Acknowledging the trust and faith reposed by LIC in IDBI Intech Ltd., Surajit Roy, MD & CEO, IDBI Intech Ltd, said, "We are humbled at the opportunity to serve the nation's oldest and most trusted insurance provider with our state-of-art Anti Money Laundering solution."

## India Ratings maintains stable outlook on banking sector in FY22

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Domestic rating agency India Ratings on Tuesday maintained a stable outlook on the banking sector for 2021-22 while it expects an increase in stressed assets in retail and MSME segments by end-March.

It estimates gross non-performing assets (GNPA) of the banking sector to be at 8.6 per cent and stressed assets at 10.3 per cent for fiscal 2021-22.

"We have maintained a stable outlook on the overall banking sector for the rest of FY22, supported by the continuing systemic support that has helped manage the system-wide COVID-19 linked stress," the rating agency said in its mid-year banks outlook released on Tuesday.

Banks will continue to strengthen their financials by raising capital and adding to provision buffers which have already seen a sharp increase in the last three to four years, it

said.

The agency said its stable outlook on large private banks indicates their continued market share gains both in assets and liabilities, while competing intensely with public sector banks (PSBs). Most have strengthened their capital buffers and proactively managed their portfolio.

Outlook on PSBs takes into account continued government support through large capital infusions (Rs 2.8 lakh crore over FY18-FY21 and further Rs 0.2 lakh crore provisioned for FY22), it said.

The agency has a negative outlook on five banks (about 6.5 per cent of system deposits), driven primarily by weak capital buffers and continued pressure on franchise.

It estimates that the asset quality impact in the retail segment has been higher for private banks with a median rise of over 100 per cent in gross NPAs over Q1 FY21 to Q1 FY22 (about 45 per cent for PSBs).

## Sensex snaps 3-day winning run; IT, pharma stocks weigh

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE Sensex surged to yet another all-time high but closed modestly lower on Tuesday as investors offloaded IT, pharma and banking stocks at higher levels.

A sharp drop in the rupee, which lost 32 paise against the US dollar, further weighed on market mood, traders said.

Snapping its three-day rising streak, the 30-share BSE benchmark settled 17.43 points or 0.03 per cent lower at 58,279.48. Intra-day, it touched a fresh lifetime high of 58,553.07.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty fell 15.70 points or 0.09 per cent to 17,362.10. It scaled an all-time peak of 17,436.50 during the session.

Sun Pharma was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, sliding 1.81 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Axis Bank, HCL Tech, Infosys, TCS and L&T.

## Bomma meets FM; seeks wider implementation of NABARD, SIDBI schemes in K'taka

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday called on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and requested for wider implementation of schemes like 'one district, one product' operated by agencies NABARD and SIDBI.

Emerging from the meeting, Bommai said, "I have requested the FM to ensure NABARD and SIDBI implement the schemes like 'one district, one product' and micro-finance in a big way in our state."

Sitharaman assured him that she will direct NABARD and SIDBI officials on the matter and promised to visit the state after the concerned schemes were implemented fully in Karnataka, Bommai said.

These schemes are important for skill development and

creating employment opportunities for scheduled caste and scheduled tribes people and self help groups, among others, he added.

The two agencies implement several schemes and they should be implemented in every district of the state, he said, adding that a representation in this regard was made to the finance minister.

That apart, the chief minister discussed the state's GST collection and pending compensation dues.

Bomma said he will meet Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and thereafter attend the wedding reception of the daughter of Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi here.

He also mentioned that he will try to meet BJP National President J P Nadda during his two-day visit.

### उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लि ०

(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम)

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, रोशनाबाद, हरिद्वार

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#### निविदा सूचना

अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यो हेतु मुहरबन्द निविदा जिसकी दरे छः माह के लिए मान्य होगी, आयकर, वैध जी०एस०टी०, ई०पी०एफ़०, एवं ई०एस०आई० विभाग में पंजीकृत तथा समान प्रकृति के कार्यो को करने के अनुभवी एवं विद्युत सुरक्षा विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन द्वारा निर्गत वर्ष 2021-22 हेतु मान्य "ए" क्लास लाईसेंस प्राप्त ठेकेदारों से आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा के माग-प्रथम में उपरोक्त पंजीकरण प्रपत्र, Bid Security Declaration प्रपत्र, अनुमूच प्रमाण पत्र नियम व शर्तों इत्यादि एवं निविदा के माग-द्वितीय में दरे प्रस्तुत की जायेगी। सम्बन्धित पंजीकरण प्रपत्रों के प्रस्तुत करने पर ही निविदा प्रपत्र विक्रय किये जायेंगे। निविदा प्रपत्र (पूर्ण शर्तों सहित) किसी भी कार्य दिवस में उनके सम्मुख अंकित तिथि तक इस कार्यालय से नकद गुगुतान द्वारा खरीदे जा सकते है। बिना Bid Security Declaration प्रपत्र के निविदा का माग-द्वितीय नही खोला जायेगा। इन तिथियों में अवकाश घोषित होने पर निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस में प्राप्त एवं खोली जायेगी।

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### JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

No.: f.6 (JDA/tent arrangement/2021-22/D-352 Date : 06.09.2021

#### NOTICE INVITING BID

Online Bids are invited for "Tent Arrangement Work" up to 27.09.2021 till 6.00 PM. The estimated cost of work is Rs. 2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Only). The last date for applying Bid and making online payment on JDA portal is 27.09.2021 by 6.00 PM. Details may be seen in the Bidding Document available on [www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in), [www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in), and [www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in).

To participate in the bid, bidder has to be:-

- Registered on JDA website [www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in) For Participating in the bid, the bidder has to apply for the bid and pay the Bidding Document Fee, RISL Processing Fee and Bid Security Deposit, online only.
- Registered on e-Procurement Portal of Government of Rajasthan [www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) for online e-Bid submission.

UBN No.: JDA2122SLRC00277

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Deputy Commissioner Store

### ANS INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Regd. Off.: 136 KM, GT Road, Vill & P.O Shamgarh, Karnal (Haryana)

Head Off.: 1442, Ashram, Mathura Road, New Delhi - 110014, CIN: L15130HR1994PLC032362

E-mail: ansagro.limited@gmail.com, Website : [www.ansfoods.com](http://www.ansfoods.com),

#### NOTICE OF 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE & REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION

Notice is hereby given that the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2021 at 12.30 P.M. at the registered office of the Company at 136 KM, PO-Shamgarh, District -Karnal, Haryana- 132116 to transact the business set out in the notice of AGM.

Physical copies of Annual report for the year 2020-21 together with Notice of AGM have been sent to a shareholders whose mailed is not registered with the Company/RTA and soft copy of the will be send through electronic mode to those shareholders whose email IDs are registered with RTA/ Depository Participants and further Notice of AGM along with Annual Report will also be available on the website of the company [www.ansfoods.com](http://www.ansfoods.com) and website of BSE. [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)

Shareholders holding shares in physical mode and who have not registered/update their e-mail Id's are kindly requested to please update the same with Company/Depository Participant/Registrar and Share transfer agent of the Company.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirement) Regulations, 2015, Notice is also hereby given that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Further pursuant to provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures requirement) Regulations, 2015 Company is pleased to provide remote e- voting facility to shareholders through National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), to cast their right to vote from a place other than venue of AGM in respect of business set out in the notice of AGM. The details are given herein below:

The e-voting period commences on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 at 9.00 A.M. and end on Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020 at 5.00 P.M. during this period shareholder holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form may cast their vote electronically, the remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time. The Cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by remote e-voting or at the venue of AGM is 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021.

Any person, who has acquired shares and becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as on cut-off date, may also obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at e-mail-id:evoting@nsdl.co.in or sm@masserv.com/info@masserv.com. If already registered with NSDL then Shareholders should use their existing user ID and password for casting their vote.

In case if they have any grievances, queries or issue regarding e-voting, they may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) under help section or write an email to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or make call at following toll free No. 1800-222-990 or contact Mr.Sharwan Mangla (General Manager) of MAS Services Ltd (RTA) Limited at T-34, 2nd Floor, Okhala Industrial Area, Phase-II, New Delhi-110020, Contact No.011-26387281/82/83, mail id-[info@masserv.com](mailto:info@masserv.com)/sm@masserv.com.

A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again at the AGM. The Company shall also provide voting through Ballot Paper for the members present at the meeting and not cast their vote by availing the remote e-voting facility.

For ANS Industries Limited

Sd/- (Manoj Mishra)

Company Secretary

ACS-18801

Date: 07/09/2021

Place: New Delhi

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Namely** : Unknown **S/o** Unknown **R/o** Unknown **Age** : about 50-52 years, **Height** : 5'5", **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Face** : Long, **Built** : Medium **Injury** : Body divided in two parts from stomach, **Wearing** : White & Grey colour linedar shirt & Blue colour pant and Blue colour sleeper in feet has been found dead at between KM Pole No. 4/14 & 4/12 Down railway Line, near Shakti nagar under pass, Delhi on 28.08.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 10A dated 28.08.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Subzi Mandi Railway Station, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours in Subzi Mandi Mortuary, Delhi

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:-

**SHO :**  
**P.S. Subzi Mandi**  
**Railway Station, Delhi**  
**Tel. No. 011-23692455**

DP/241/RLY/2021

### SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a lady **Sonu, W/o** Hira Lal **R/o** H.No. T-35, Ground Floor, Baljeet Nagar, Delhi has been missing since 31.07.2021 from the area of PS Patel Nagar, Delhi. In this regard, **DD No. 61-A dated 03.08.2021 has been registered at P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing lady is as under:

**Name:** Sonu, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 36 years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Fat, **Wearing:** Black colour t-shirt, white colour pajama and sandal on her feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing lady, kindly inform SHO/Patel Nagar, Delhi.

**E-mail :** [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
**Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641**  
**Fax : 011-24368639**

**SHO**  
**P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi.**  
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### NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Website : [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com)

#### E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.in](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.in) & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

S.No.	JOB NO.	NAME OF WORK	Amount
1	01/OSD(I) (Reception)/ 2021-22	For Providing the Trained/ Experienced Computer Operators On Contract Basis.	Rs. 36,27,792/-

Which Can be uploaded by date **13/09/2021 upto 5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **14/09/2021 at 11.00 AM**.

**AGM (Reception)**

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### SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a Female (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Tulsi **W/o** Rohit **R/o** H.No. 1610, Gali Himmatgarh, Sita Ram Bazar, Delhi has been missing since 24.08.2021 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 59A dated 27.08.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Hauz Qazi, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

**Age:** 29 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Pink Colour Suit - Salwar and Black Colour Chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Hauz Qazi, Delhi at E-mail Id-[cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

**Phone:** **SHO**  
**011-24368638, 24368641**  
**Fax No. 011-24368639**  
**DP/977/CD/2021**

**P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi**  
**Central Distt., Delhi**  
**Ph. No. 011-22772251, 22772287**

### JUSTRIDE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AND REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION

Notice is hereby given that the 55<sup>th</sup>AGM of the Company is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Ground Floor Hall, Sate Satya Narayan Mandir, Block D (Near Dena Bank), South Extension-1, New Delhi – 110049to transact the business contained in the Notice of the said AGM which has been sent along with the Annual Report for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2021 to all the Members at their registered address in the permitted mode. The Notice and the Annual Report will also be available on the website of the Company [www.justrideenterprises.in](http://www.justrideenterprises.in), website of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) and on the website(s) of the stock exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) respectively, where the Company's shares are listed.

The members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e. Wednesday, September 22, 2021, may cast their vote electronically on the Ordinary Businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM through electronic voting systems of CDSL. All the members are informed that:

- The remote e-voting shall commence on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 09:00 AM (IST);
- The remote e-voting shall end on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 05:00 PM (IST);
- The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by electronic means or at the AGM is Wednesday, September 22, 2021 and a person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purposes only;
- Person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after sending of the Notice of AGM and holding shares and eligible to vote, can follow the process for generating the login ID and password as provided in the Notice of the AGM. If such a person is already registered with CDSL for a-voting, existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote;
- Members may note that: a) the remote e-voting module shall be disabled by the CDSL after the aforesaid date and time for voting and once the vote on a resolution is casted by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently; b) the members who have casted their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again; c) the facility for voting through ballot shall be made available at the AGM; and d) a person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the AGM.

In case of any queries including issues and concerns related to e-voting procedure, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of CDSL at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) or call on toll free no.: 022-23058738 and 22-23058542-43 or send a request at [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com) or contact Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, (CDSL) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A/Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatal Mill Compounds, N.M.Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com) or call on 022-23058542/43or may contact: MCS Share Transfer Agent Limited, Name: Mr. Amarjit, E-mail: [admin@mcsregistrars.com](mailto:admin@mcsregistrars.com), Tel. No.: 011-41406149, who will also address the grievances connected with the voting by electronic means.

By order of the Board of Directors  
For Justride Enterprises Limited

Sd/-  
Shubhal Goel  
(DIN: 08150594)

Date: September 07, 2021

Place: New Delhi

### COSCO (INDIA) LIMITED

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#### NOTICE OF 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of Cosco (India) Limited ("the Company") will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 12:00 Noon through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the business(es), as set out in the Notice of the AGM only through e-voting facility.

The AGM will be held only through VC / OAVM in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and circulars dated and January 13, 2021, May 5, 2020, April 13, 2020 and April 08, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020 and January 15, 2021. Facility for appointment of proxy will not be available for the AGM. The instructions for joining the AGM electronically are provided in the Notice of the AGM.

Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report for FY 2020-21 has been sent on September 07, 2021 only through electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company or CDSL/ NSDL ("Depositories") and will also be available on the Company's website [www.cosco.in](http://www.cosco.in) and website of the Stock Exchanges viz. BSE Ltd. at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

Members who have not registered their email addresses and in consequence the Annual Report including Notice of AGM and e-voting instructions could not be serviced, may get their email address and mobile number registered with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, M/s. Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, by sending a mail to [info@skylinereta.com](mailto:info@skylinereta.com) or to [admin@skylinereta.com](mailto:admin@skylinereta.com) along with scanned copy of the signed request letter providing the email address, mobile number, self-attested scanned copy of PAN card and Aadhar Card, and Client Master copy in case of electronic folio and copy of share certificate both front and back side of certificate in case of physical folio for obtaining the Annual Report, Notice of AGM and the e-voting instructions.

In compliance with the provisions of section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Secretarial Standard-2 issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and the MCA Circular(s), the member are provided with the facility to cast their vote electronically through remote e-voting (prior to AGM) and e-voting (during the AGM) services provided by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on all resolution set forth in the Notice of 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM.

The Company has engaged the services of M/s. Skyline Financial Services Private Limited as the authorized agency for conducting of the AGM electronically. The remote e-voting period will commence from Sunday, September 26, 2021 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ends on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 (5:00 p.m. IST). During this period the eligible members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module will be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter i.e. voting shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2021. Facility for e-voting shall also be made available during the AGM to those Members who attend the AGM and who have not already cast their vote. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/ participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

The Company has appointed CS Ravi Sharma (Mem. No. 4468) a practicing Company Secretary as Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting procedure in a fair and transparent manner.

Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at [info@skylinereta.com](mailto:info@skylinereta.com) or [admin@skylinereta.com](mailto:admin@skylinereta.com) or [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) to cast his/her vote. The detailed procedure for obtaining the login ID and password and exercising e-voting provided in the Notice of AGM.

The cut-off date for determining the eligibility of members for voting through remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM is Thursday, September 23, 2021.

The results of voting will be declared within 48 hours from the conclusion of AGM i.e on or before October 03, 2021 and the results so declared along with the consolidated Scrutinizer's report will be placed on the website of the Company [www.cosco.in](http://www.cosco.in)

In case of any queries / grievances connected with electronic voting, Shareholders may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and E-Voting User Manual for shareholders available at the download section of [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) under help section or write an email to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or may contact to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre , Manager, National Securities Depository Limited, TradeWorld, A/Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400013, email Id- [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in); [pallavid@nsdl.co.in](mailto:pallavid@nsdl.co.in) , Ph.No. 022-24994545/1800-1020-9990.

Notice is also hereby given pursuant to section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with applicable Rules and Regulation 42 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Friday, September 24, 2021 to Thursday, September 30, 2021, both days inclusive, for the 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM and for determining the entitlement of members for the purpose of AGM for the financial year ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
**For Cosco (India) Limited**

Sd/-  
**Devinder Kumar Jain**  
(Managing Director and CEO )  
DIN No. 00191539

Place: New Delhi

Date: September 07, 2021





## With three days left for the exam, overcoming stress is one of the best possible ways to focus efficiently on the revision plan, says SAURABH KUMAR

After the confirmation of the National Testing Agency (NTA) and central Government's decision to conduct the NEET UG examinations on September 12, aspirants are already ramped up for a cut-throat competition. It is evident from past years that around 15 lakh applicants enter for the pragmatic race for admissions into 1.5 lakh seats across various medical colleges in India.

With only a few days left, the medical aspirants are already on the verge of top-notch preparation strategies. Aspirants expecting a tougher competition this year, are at a forefront in preparing a smart work plan towards success by covering the entire syllabus on time. Provided the high stakes nature of the exam amid the pandemic, radar of nervousness and anxiety has clouded over the minds of the aspirants. Beating out stress is one of the best possible ways to focus efficiently on the revision plan.

**What's new this year**

It is known by now that the NTA's amendments towards this year's exam, the pen & paper (offline) mode of the exam will consist of 4 sections (Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology). Each subject will consist of two sec-

tions A & B with compulsory 35 questions in section A to attempt, section B in all the subjects will have an option to attempt any 10 questions out of five, providing some sigh of relief. This make the exam a total of 180 questions combined, which need to be completed within three hours, the total marks being unchanged (720).

Comparatively, many aspirants last year suggested that the overall difficulty level was moderate with physics being the toughest of all sections for them with plenty of numerical and concept-based questions. In biology, Zoology was found to be easier than the botany section. Even though highly competitive scoring is necessary to get the college of choice, it is important to be prepared right from today and understand what and how to study within the given time.

**Physics — maybe a nightmare for many**

Having a wide range of mathematical problems and theoretical questions, physics is still a nightmare for many NEET aspirants and find it hard to clear this section. When one opts for biology in class XI, the learning approach is of better assistance for the aspirants with the botany and zoology section but

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devoid of mathematics as a subject, understanding the application of concepts in problem solving and lack of practical edge towards the preparation plan may pull you back to successfully solve physics section. It is thus of very much importance to devote more time for this section while preparing and have a clear concept base.

**Go for NCERT text books:** Choosing the best and simple study material will assist in strengthening the concepts and NCERT text books are always the first priority instead of referring to too many books.

**Cover the topics wisely:** Since NEET syllabus for physics section has almost equal weightage from both Class XI and XII, in order to enhance the preparation outcomes, focus wisely to cover all the topics. Though mechanics seems to be a low soring topic (suggested by various experts) but carries almost a major 35 per cent share in terms of marks allocation, and thus is a must topic. Other scoring topics include electricity & Magnetism, Optics helping in betterment of the overall scores without any difficulty.

**Learn and revise formulas consistently:** As the physics section involves more mathematical and

numerical questions, the best trick is to learn the formulas on a regular basis by making short hand notes. This will help the aspirants with an upper edge attempting concept-based questions in quick time.

Having a shorter span of time, aspirants need to quickly analyse their preparedness and focus for the Go for the upcoming NEET exam. The following aspects will assist them towards the betterment of their competitiveness during the D-day.

**Consistent revision:** Consistent revision is the key as of now, that will play a major role in deciding the performance. It is advised that aspirants must revise all the topics and chapters that they have already studied in order to remember them for a longer time. Weekly revision of all the subjects enhances the conceptual clarity thereby aiding them for a better performance and ranking.

**Speed up on accuracy:** Taking regular mock tests will help in betterment of completing the sections well within the stipulated time duration. After revising the topics, aspirants must take up as many mock tests as possible in order to improve their speed.

The writer is Academics Director, Vidyamandir Classes

QUOTE OF THE DAY

A woman with an education may be able to spend more time sitting in a chair instead of lying on her back. A sound advantage, I should think.

— Anne Bishop

## IMMERSIVE LEARNING MADE EASY

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India's first experiential learning app designed to make learning immersive for students of classes 6-12, has launched a teacher app as a part of the Practically School Solution (PSS) suite. The app, integrated into the existing Practically app, and the revamped teacher web portal have been launched on the occasion of Teachers' Day. It offers a classroom experience with easy and user-friendly features to promote better interaction and engagement with students. Teachers can conduct classes via app or the teacher web portal depending upon their convenience. Moreover, apart from school teachers, any teaching professional across the world can enable their offline and online classes and benefit from highly immersive and engaging content via the solution,

absolutely free.

The app offers free access to a vast content library with an exhaustive list of 3D videos, simulations and AR experiences. Tests can be customised by grade, chapter or subject with numerous quizzes, learning packages and state-of-the-art analytics to review the student engagement.

Speaking on the occasion of the launch of the app, Subbarao Siddabatlula, Founder & CEO, Practically said, "The all in one integrated app and revamped teacher web portal offers a complete solution catered to the academic needs of teachers and students for an engaging classroom experience. The app will help teachers use immersive visuals, storytelling techniques and analytics to ensure concept clarity with instant doubt resolution thus making both online and physical classes more engaging and effective."

## RESOUNDING OPENING OF MOTION EDUCATION

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the Rajasthan Government has given permission to open schools, colleges and coaching centers, offline classes at Motion Education (Kota) resumed on September 1, 2021. The first day after a four-month long hiatus was full of learning spirit and enthusiasm.

More than 1400 students (almost 25 per cent of total strength), all with either vaccination certificate or COVID negative report, were allowed to enter the premises. Though the footfall was beyond expectations, management was well-prepared for safe and smooth functioning.

The entire staff of Motion Education is fully vaccinated. And, for the safety of the students all SOPs and health safety measures were strictly

implemented by the coaching administration with the support of teachers and students.

On resuming offline classes, Founder and Director Nitin Vijay said, "Motion Education has made elaborate arrangements keeping in mind the guidelines issued by the Government for the health and safety of the students. More than 1400 were present on day one, and by the end of the week, the inflow is expected to increase by 50-60 per cent. As education is our vital need, it cannot be neglected even in the toughest times. So, we decided to call them back to classrooms with utmost safety and precautions."

"The kind of environment we experience at the campus is not possible at home due to various socioeconomic barriers," said Harshita Singh, a student of JEE Division.

# How to grow your business

Nowadays, accounting softwares have become a vital need for the growth of any business organisation. It reduces the stress of managing business accounts manually and thus saves time. Managing finances manually and maintaining so many records increases the chances of errors, which do not produce the desired results. There are a lot of software that helps you manage your finances. Such software is helpful in creating bills, invoices, inventory management, account statements, balance sheets, GST reports, and others.

The use of such software helps business owners track their financial transactions and generate financial reports. Earlier, such transactions had to be managed manually. But, with this automated accounting software, you save the money spent on managing accounts and make better financial decisions. There are several software available that help business owners manage their accounts and balance sheets and enable smooth management of business operations.

Here are five best invoice softwares that help small businesses thrive:

**BUSY Accounting Software:** It is a simple yet very powerful GST compliant Business Accounting Software that has everything required for business growth. It helps in the swift management of business operations. It helps in GST online billing, configurable invoicing, advanced inventory management, financial accounting, and others. Most businesses are now shifting to BUSY Accounting software as it enables them to make informed business decisions and keep their stock and inventory in check.



These functions make busy a top-rated accounting software among business owners.

**Tally ERP9:** This is an advanced accounting software in India that takes care of all your billing and invoicing needs. It helps you create and manage bills for your customers easily. This software helps in GST management and helps maintain branch charges, reverse charge scenarios, advanced receipts, and helps in exporting invoices.

**MARG:** This is the most affordable accounting software available for use. Its affordability makes it very popular among small business owners. It comes with a user interface that makes it easy for beginners to use the software. Your bills are converted into accessible formats and can be sent to the desired person in the form of links that can be shared via email or any other form. This feature removes the element of changing the format of bills manually, which saves time.

**QuickBooks:** This is considered one of the best accounting software in India. It comes with a user-friendly interface that anyone can easily understand. This software has an enabled feature that helps you monitor tax credit. This software also has an online version which small business owners can access and customize according to their business needs. It also has features like tracking the cash flow and expenses.

**Vyapar:** Vyapar is easy-to-use accounting software that helps you manage the finances of your business securely. It allows business people to deal with invoicing, inventory, accounting needs, etc. it makes the process of managing your daily business bills and accounts hassle-free. As the businessman avoids paperwork because most of the work is done digitally on this software, he can focus more on growing his business than wasting unnecessary accounting.

# Keep stress away

## NIRAJ KUMAR lists tips that can help students keep stress away and ace the upcoming Civil Service Examination Preliminary Test

The Civil Service Examination Preliminary Test is just a little more than one month away. The aspiring students preparing for coveted Civil Services Examination which follows strenuous protocol must be going through difficult times in managing their preparation for the upcoming examination.

Stress Management is the most important factor which will keep a potential candidate afloat and help him to swim across the ocean of difficulties to test the fruit of success. Stress Management is the key factor throughout the preparation of examination which will not only keep you motivated but will also help in time management which is another crucial factor in overall preparation of Civil Service Examination.

Each student follows various Stress Management techniques depending on their ecosystem which helps them managing their day to day stress arising out of examination preparation. It is very natural to undergo a certain amount of stress in a competitive examination like Civil Services where more than five lakh students compete with each other for a few hundred jobs every year. The three stage process which candi-



NIRAJ KUMAR

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date has to undergo before final selection further add to the level of stress that a candidate faces.

There are no clear cut mea-

sures or formula using which the level of stress can be reduced. Here, I am trying to discuss some of the things which I have practiced during my Civil Services preparation days which now has become part of my day to day life and helps me in managing my stress. The first in the series of such measures is setting your eye on the goal in the manner Arjuna did in The Mahabharata. Other than qualifying Civil Services Examination nothing is visible, everything else can wait for future. Self talk and self faith helps in setting such zeroed upon goal. Believe in yourself with honesty that you are meant to crack this examination and give your best in achieving that. The positive thinking will help in keeping the eye focused on the goal. It is natural to think that "I will not be able to qualify the examination this time" or "I cannot handle this" etc. but one needs to be conscious and keep oneself away from such negative thoughts to creep in and keep believing in your strength. Mind it positive thinking will not only dilute the environment of stress in which you are living but will also help in motivating you work even more harder to achieve the goal.

Apart from this, I strongly

believe that open communication especially with parents, siblings and friends regarding how you are preparing for examination and what problems you are facing during that, will relieve you from your daily stress and will recharge you. The fact that the parents equally believe in your capabilities as you, is a major stress booster.

For working hard day in and day out, one needs to be both physically and mentally fit in which eating right, taking a good sound sleep including occasional power naps breaks , yoga, meditation and exercise plays a very important role. It is needless to say that one should avoid smoking, drinking and drug abuse for a fit body and alert mind.

We must realize that one cannot eliminate the stress completely but definitely it can be managed and reduced considerably by adopting measures discussed above. A disciplined, focused and regular study is the key to clear the Civil Services Examination.

The writer is Chief Public Relations Office, South Eastern Railway. He is an Indian Railway Traffic Services (IRTS) officer of the 2007 Batch Civil Services Examination

# Women empowerment schemes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Sharda University has announced a range of women-empowerment schemes as a tribute to the founding mother Sharda Devi Gupta on her second death anniversary in the prayer meet organised on September 1, 2021.

On this occasion, Honorable Chancellor of the

University, PK Gupta, started Mission Shakti, an initiative of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, which provided 50 per cent scholarships to 157 girls last year and this year too. The same scheme has created further new opportunities for the education and upliftment of girls for empowering women with better opportunities in education.

Apart from education we are also providing different skills and rights to our students, doctors and nursing staff and provide day to day training to them for the upliftment of their own personality and for society too.

The university is the first private university in Greater Noida to get approval for a girls battalion i.e., 31 UP Girls Bn (SW) NCC, provid-

ing girls with an exclusive opportunity to pick up leadership skills and challenge themselves for enduring physical activities.

Pro Chancellor YK Gupta said, "We are expanding our treatment in smaller towns near Noida and Greater Noida so that families can avail free health checkup camp facility and education at cheapest cost."

# Defence Technology Programme

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Amity University in collaboration with DRDO and AICTE has launched a joint programme in MTech in Defence Technology to meet the requirements of the Defence Sector. While addressing the students, academicians and all stakeholders during the launch programme, DRDO Director General, Technology Management, Dr HB Srivastava

said, "The genesis of this programme is to generate wealth for the country.

All wealthy countries have rich defence ecosystems and the Indian Government has the ambition to create five billion dollars of defence equipment by 2025. To achieve this we need to increase efficiency and the number of productive people from day one, and thus, the incubation period will reduce. Students after completion of

this programme can make their own R&D."

Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Education Group said, "The programme has been designed to produce post graduates who will have the necessary theoretical knowledge, practitioner skills and aptitude in various defence technologies areas to carry out research roles in defence. In addition, the expanded offering is designed

to meet the market demand for talent with specialised technical and engineering leadership skills." The programme will focus on six subjects of specialisations i.e Combat Vehicle Engineering, Aerospace Technology, Communication Systems & Sensors, High Energy Materials Technology, Naval Technology & Directed Energy Technology with an option of singular specialisation.





# The MBA guideline

Aspirants taking the CAT exam for the first time are confused about what stream to follow and opportunities in that field. PC CHHABRA shares a few courses that they can pursue for a bright future

The unpredictable situation may block the paths in career but it has also created a new journey of exploration in business administration career for new graduates.

The competitive exam for business administration will occur in November as per Common Admission Test (CAT). Students appearing for this exam for the first time have many questions — course selection, job description and future scopes. It is found in research that maximum companies give vacancies which are related to business administration functions and look forward to hiring employees with graduates or postgraduates in business administration.

The post-graduation from the business administration domain has become more demanding and that students passed out from different cores prefer pursuing it. Immense opportunities in the field of business administration are open for graduates with a good salary package whether corporate

or Government sector. The various opportunities for pursuing business administration degree holders are as follows.

**Marketing manager:** The jobs for a marketing manager are for those who come from business administration or marketing subject as their elective options, the key responsibility includes strategizing and management of the marketing, promotional and advertising processes. Language and communication skills play an important role while applying for this position. The marketing manager is responsible for marketing and expanding the business using specific skills, plans, budget, and research.

**Human Resource manager:** The most important job role for every company is an HR manager. He is responsible for workforce administration like recruiting new employees, payroll, training, counselling and strategic planning. Nowadays, students prefer human resources as their subjects due to much demand in the market.

**There are immense opportunities in the field of business administration that are open for graduates. These positions offer a good package whether it is corporate or Government sector**

**Business consultant:** For expanding any business at the upper level there is a requirement of a consultant who can guide the company towards growth and expanding the venture, therefore there is a post of business development or consultant for this responsibility.

Every company requires a business consultant with a focused plan to expand their business. They are responsible for preparing the vision, mission, goals and objectives of the organisation. They focus on growth through small expenditure and increased revenue, advising managers for organisational changes in the business model for economic growth.

**Business analyst:** The job role of business analysts is to give an analysis of their research and deliverables for any project assigned, breaking down the work into subsequently smaller and smaller pieces through tools and technique. There are different projects which involve analysis for

successful implementation by utilising feasibility study, software package selection and process improvement. This job involves the basic knowledge of data, excel, and some IT related technical aspects.

**Public Relation manager:** Communication skills are the most preferable skills while applying for PR. Basic knowledge of content writing is needed to write Press release which is the most important thing in the sector. The most important role of a PR is to maintain relationship with media as well as clients, branding the work in the market. Developing the habit of reading newspapers is crucial for understanding the depth of public relations, therefore writing skills along with communication skills will make growth in this field. There are many interesting things which candidates will get while working for this job role like event management and conferences.

The writer is Executive Director, Sanskriti University, Mathura

## ‘Learning needs seamless integration’

The NEP 2020 has scope for experiential learning. This is critical for 360 degree development of students & be encouraged to have a positive impact education, says CHANDRABHANU PATTAJOSHI

**■ What is the present scenario of higher education in small towns due to inaccessibility of study material?**

Our education system is going through several issues with the most critical being lack of accessibility to quality education and students disadvantaged with resources in non-metros. Some of these challenges include expensive books, poor library infrastructure, multiple and fragmented sources of study material and the sheer amount of time one takes in gathering the relevant study material.

**■ How to fill the gap of accessibility and affordability?**

Educational institutes and ed-tech companies must first address the issue of foundational and quality education in small towns and rural areas, and then focus on skill development. This course will ensure all-round education of the youngsters at school, college and university levels, and help them navigate jobs. A combination of basic education, skill training and digital empowerment will prepare rural and small-town India for unexpected challenges such as job losses, as we have seen during the pandemic. Both public and private education institutions must look at imparting soft skills like communication, critical thinking and decision-making skills, which are now more a necessity than a choice, as well as training in advanced technologies including artificial intelligence, big data, machine learning and blockchain, among others.

**■ How should we bring the NEP alive to ensure high quality learning?**

The emphasis now, should be on the effective implementation of the new education policy which will provide a strong foundation for our students to transform themselves, earn competitiveness of global standards and enhance their future prospects. We need to focus on seamless integration of technology with higher education to foster innovation in learning. Moreover, NEP provides ample scope for experiential learning. This is critical for 360 degree development of students and should be actively encouraged.

**■ Is digital teaching/learning the new normal?**

The pandemic induced lockdowns marked a shift from traditional learning



Chandrabhanu Pattajoshi  
Founder, Goseeko

to remote learning. Students have been engaged in what appears to be an unusual concept of home-learning for more than a year now. Parents have come to realise that there is more to hybrid learning. Adaptation of technology in education is not new, the pandemic has only made it more pervasive and acceptable. Online learning is supported by user-friendly tools that are more interactive that keep the students interested in what they are learning, enhance their understanding of the various subjects, and ensure they return to classrooms when universities reopen. We can expect to see a blend of physical and digital education.

**■ With new academic year, how will this year shape up for students?**

The teaching-learning process may continue in offline or online or blended mode. Universities and institutes have been asked to ensure that the admission process for UG courses in blended format. While this leaves us with little time to make up for the lost year, we will have to ascertain how the blended learning approach will ensure learning doesn't stop.

Through its latest survey commissioned on the occasion of World Teacher's Day, Brainly<examined the evolved role of teachers in the online learning scenario and how the students are adapting to the change. The key highlights from the survey include:

**Indian students feel that online learning has bridged the communication gap with their teachers**

The abrupt locking-down of brick-and-mortar schools and the near-immediate shift to the online mode of learning last year raised some concerns about the classroom experience of students and teachers in the new normal. Would virtual interactions be as effective as in-person

interactions? How would students react to the new study-from-home paradigm? Would it affect their academic performance? Solving such concerns, the survey has found that a significant 67% of students feel that online learning has made it easy to connect with their teachers as and when required.

To adapt to the online learning scenario both teachers and students have had to contend with certain changes in lifestyle, schedule, and the methods and means of teaching and learning, respectively. It is no wonder then that 48% of students have sensed a difference in the teaching style of educators during online classes. Some of these changes reflect in the evolved teacher-

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student relationship, in part driven by the teachers having to exercise more patience, understanding, and empathy with their students.

Aligned with this development, 43% of respondents feel that teachers have become more approachable in solving academic problems than they were previously. Not only are Indian students having an easy time reaching out to their teachers but are also feeling comfortable sharing their queries at different hours of the day.

**More students are engaging with their teachers beyond academic learning**

Besides actively approaching their teachers for solving their academic problems, a majority (72%) of students are connecting with their teachers for extra-curricular engagement. This is an increase from last year where only 57% approached their teachers beyond seeking academic help. From sharing book recommendations to suggesting new online learning platforms, both teachers and students are exploring

different forms of learning, engaging with new information, and growing in their educational journeys together.

**More students are asking their teachers for career guidance**

Against the backdrop of the post-pandemic industrial landscape, the survey found that 70% of Indian students are seeking career guidance from their teachers. This is a 13% increase from last year's finding. From exploring new interest areas to weighing new educational opportunities, students are actively looking up to their teachers for mentorship.

Speaking about the survey, Rajesh Bysani, Chief Product Officer, Brainly, said:

"Although online learning became the only mode of education during the pandemic, it is here to stay and complement the overall in-classroom learning experience for both students and educators for the foreseeable future. The reason that a majority of students are looking forward to returning to the classroom is that they are craving in-person interactions with their peers as well as teachers. This finding is aligned with our belief that the traditional pedagogy will continue to play a crucial role in the holistic learning of students. Against this backdrop, the purpose of edtech is not to replace but complement the traditional education system by resolving the prevailing inefficiencies."



Applications are invited for the **MBS International Study Award at Massey University**.

**Eligibility:** Claimants must be international. The recipient must be enrolled in an eligible undergraduate or postgraduate programme offered by Massey Business School and subject to the programme is available at the Manawatu or Wellington campuses. Recipients must be enrolled at the Manawatu or Wellington campus as "internal" students (who take courses delivered by either Internal or Block mode)

**Supporting documents:** Entrants are required to submit the following documents: Pre-qualification degree, copies of academic transcripts, certificates of English language proficiency, a statement, and a copy of passport.

**Admission requirements:** Before taking enrollment, you mandatory to check the entry requirement page of the university.

**Language requirement:** Applicants whose primary language is not English, must provide evidence of their proficiency in the English language.

**How to apply:** Need to be registered in an UG and PG programme. After being

admitted, you apply for this education award.

**Application deadline:** November 30, 2021.

Applications are invited for **Arthur F Church Entrance Scholarships programmes** at The University of Waterloo.

**Eligibility:** International can apply. Pursuing an UG degree programme in Computer Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering, and Systems Design Engineering at the university. An applicant must have a strong academic background.

**Supporting documents:** Provide your academic details, language ability score or certificate scan, personal information or copy of the passport.

**Admission requirements:** Candidates must be completed a year 12 with a minimum of 70% marks or equivalent.

**Language requirement:** If a candidate's national language is not English, then they have to demonstrate the English language ability by the TOEFL or IELTS test.

**How to apply:** For making an eye-catching future, the participants have to take admission in an undergraduate degree program at the university. The selection committee will automatically select candidates according to the information given on the application form.

**Application deadline:** February 1, 2022.

### ANCHORING AT MEDICIRCLE MEDIA

Location: Work From Home  
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month  
Link: internshala.com/i/553f97  
Deadline: September 15, 2021

### SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT (ENGLISH-BANKING EXAMS) AT TESTBOOK

Location: Work From Home  
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month  
Link: internshala.com/i/6d7934  
Deadline: September 15, 2021

### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT SIGNALX

Location: Work From Home  
Stipend: ₹15,000 per month  
Link: internshala.com/i/48b9f5  
Deadline: September 18, 2021

### SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT RONICKA KANDHARI

Location: Delhi  
Stipend: ₹10,000-₹12,000 per month  
Link: internshala.com/i/e0442f  
Deadline: September 15, 2021

### FLUTTER DEVELOPMENT AT WORKEZY

Location: Lucknow  
Stipend: ₹12,000-₹15,000 per month  
Link: internshala.com/i/5dc2de  
Deadline: September 15, 2021

### OPERATIONS AT CHANDIGARH ANGELS NETWORK (CAN)

Location: Chandigarh  
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month  
Link: internshala.com/i/6dff11  
Deadline: September 15, 2021

### FRESHER JOBS

### NUTRITIONIST AT SNEP HEALTHCARE

Location: Delhi  
Stipend: ₹10 lakh per annum  
Link: internshala.com/i/a4c4c4  
Deadline: September 30, 2021  
Skill(s): Adobe Creative Suite, Dietetics/Nutrition



## INBRIEF

### IIT JODHPUR LAUNCHES THAR DESIGNS

Under the aegis of the Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster, Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur has launched Thar Desert Ecosystem Sciences Guided by Nature and Selection (DESIGNS).

It is a unique initiative to conserve and restore the Thar desert, its minerals and medicines, and its flora and fauna by carrying out Ecosystem phenomics through transdisciplinary framework of Medical, Engineering, Environmental and Life Sciences.

Thar is a hot desert, unique to the Indian subcontinent and is

characterized by high maximum temperature with large diurnal variations, scanty rainfall, extreme aridity, and intense UV radiations. This has been one of the largest natural laboratories for evolving innovative 'designs' that, ensures adaptation and survival of its constituent species, their interdependencies and the conservation of the entire ecosystem.

Speaking about the Thar DESIGNS, Professor. Mitali Mukerji, Professor and Head, Department of Bioscience and Bioengineering, said: "The aim to disseminate knowledge and encourage participation through a citizen science approach and inculcate design thinking across the entire collaborative network."

### UPGRAD'S NEW SERVICE OFFERING

Focused on solving career challenges at any stage of an individual's career, upGrad announced the launch of —

upGrad Mentorship on Teacher's Day. It offers a range of personalised career solutions comprising 1:1 sessions with top

seasoned industry experts to enable users to bridge the gap between them and their desired professional opportunities.

### WEBINAR ON FASHION DESIGNING

The Sanskriti University's School of Fashion Designing hosted an insightful Webinar for Fashion Designing students on Indian Crafts as a Future of Design with research and innovation. The purpose of Webinar was to sensitize the students about our heritage and how it can be a lucrative career

option for the design students. Dr Rena Mehta, Associate Professor at IICD, Jaipur was the key speaker of the webinar. During the webinar Sanskriti University Chancellor Sachin Gupta, Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Rana Singh were also present along with several faculty members.

### IIMUC INVITES AGRITECH & FINTECH SECTORS START-UPS

The IIM Udaipur's Incubation Center (IIMUC) announced the fourth cohort Launch-n-Zoom, a three-month accelerator cohort programme designed to provide start-ups with the resources and support they need to grow quickly, test the market, and become viable. The IIMUC is inviting technology-backed startups (pre-seed, seed, and growth stage) offering solutions to tackle

challenges in the AgriTech and FinTech sectors. Start-ups who have their prototype/MVP ready and are in the process of scaling/marketing their products in the AgriTech and Fintech stand eligible for this programme.

The cohort also includes investment opportunities up to ₹20 lakh for qualified start-ups. The programme is powered by the DST and presented in collaboration with PI

Industries and Fidelity Investments. Kannan Soundararajan, CEO, IIMUC said, "This edition supported by NIDHI Seed Support is a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs to scale and grow their ventures with the help of our mentors, industry experts, and corporate partners. We will try and tailor the programme to your unique needs and help in your venture's growth."

### CAREER ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME

The Scaler has announced the launch of Forever, a subscription-based upskilling programme for tech professionals. It has been designed on continuous learning and mentoring principles. The programme provides:

- Mentoring, guidance and support sessions with leading tech professionals.
- Career and skill development

cohorts that encourage in-depth and high-quality learning.

- Networking opportunities to an exclusive community of motivated technology professionals.
- Access to all Scaler masterclasses, hackathons and coding/programming competitions
- Engagement with industry peers.

### STUDY: DIGITAL EDUCATION BETTER FOR STUDENT

Digital education leads to efficiencies in teaching and engaging students. Teachers experience more socio-emotional benefits after learning to use technology in education and report greater efficiency through better content access, more effective lesson planning and classroom management. Using digital tools in education also facilitates a range of collateral benefits, from

higher student attentiveness to better parent-teacher engagement. These are some key findings from a large-scale pilot on digital education. The study, titled *Equipping, Enabling, and Advancing Digital Education in India* was conducted by the Boston Consulting Group in partnership with Schoolnet and Google for Education. The study covers the impact of digital

tools on adoption, usage, and effectiveness of digital education across 50,000 teachers in three States, straddling different socio-economic, language and digital familiarity contexts. Rajah Augustinraj, BCG Director and lead author of the report said: "Digital education unlocks immense benefits for both students and teachers. This is abundantly clear from the study."



# We always aim to be in present: Bumrah



PTI ■ LONDON

Jasprit Bumrah, one of the chief architects of India's comprehensive win in the fourth Test, on Monday said his team's success lies in the fact that it is a "happy bunch" that lives in 'present' and doesn't focus on negatives.

Bumrah's response came when he was asked if the news of head coach Ravi Shastri and other support staff members testing positive in the middle of the Test match affected them in any way.

"We focus on the good things. We want to focus on controllable things and we as a team are bunch of individuals who are very happy and fun-loving people, not always trying to find needles in all the things," Bumrah said during the virtual press conference.

It was Bumrah, who tilted the match in India's favour in the post-lunch session on the final day of the fourth Test, with his two-wicket burst.

Bumrah said the team completely shut the outside noise and was not overly worried when they were down at 127 for 7 in the first innings.

"Yes, the wicket was fresh and we didn't score much in the first innings. But we didn't lose shape as a team and didn't think about lot of things that are said and lot of things that are written.

"We wanted to fight till the end and that's the character we wanted to show and things that are going outside is something that we wanted to address later."

His final figures were 2/27 in 22 overs on a flat deck and the key was building the pressure, said the senior speedster.

"In Test cricket, nothing is easy. Even though it was a very good wicket, you have to bowl in right areas and that's the message you want to communicate. We had decided, even if wicket is on flatter side, we have to create pressure for the longest time.

"We created a lot of pressure in the first hour and we realised that it was a flat wicket and but our job was to not let the game slip away and we are happy to do that."

The IPL and the World T20 are also approaching but Bumrah doesn't want to lose focus on immediate goals.

"When you play a Test match, you don't realise what has been done before or how many overs you have been able to bowl because right now the focus was on doing the job for the team," Bumrah, who has taken 18 wickets in 151 overs so far in this series, said.

"I want to play longest time for my country so I work hard on gym, on my diet and everything I try to control. I train really well and I have got ammunition inside me and when I want to push, I can push hard.

"I am not thinking too far ahead about the IPL or World Cup because then mentally you

can be tired. My focus is on the present, concentrating ball by ball and get results in our favour."

## Buttler, Leach return for 5th Test

AFP ■ LONDON

England on Tuesday recalled left-arm spinner Jack Leach and wicketkeeper-batsman Jos Buttler to the squad for the final Test against India as they seek to level the five-match series.

The hosts trail 2-1 after their 157-run defeat at the Oval ahead of Friday's decider at Old Trafford but head coach Chris Silverwood has made only minor alterations to his squad.

Leach, who gives England a second spin option alongside off-spinning all-rounder Moeen Ali, has not played a Test since March despite taking 28 Test wickets in six matches on tours of Sri Lanka and India.

Buttler missed the fourth Test to attend the arrival of his second child but is ready to return and, if he reclaims his place as vice-



captain, there may only be room for one of Jonny Bairstow or Ollie Pope.

Silverwood and captain Joe Root must decide whether pacemen James Anderson and Ollie Robinson, who have both been ever-present in the series, can rally for one last crack at the Indians.

"I think they (Anderson and Robinson) have been exceptional. I'm proud of the way they have contributed to the games, the way they have gone about their business and the effort they have put in for the team," said Silverwood.

"But it is something we have got to keep an eye on."

Root's men lost a two-match series earlier in the season to New Zealand and need a sharp reversal of fortunes to avoid becoming the first England side to suffer twin defeats on home soil since 1986.



## 'Poms too dependent on help from pitch'

PTI ■ LONDON

Battle-hardened India exposed shortcomings of England in all departments with their famous win in the fourth Test, reckons former skipper Michael Vaughan.

India were on the backfoot initially but conjured up a comprehensive 157-run win at the Oval on Monday to take a 2-1 lead in the five-match series.

Vaughan found faults in every department of the game.

"The deficiencies of England's Test team were laid bare this week in batting, bowling and fielding. They were beaten by battle-hardened opponents who know how to win the key moments," Vaughan wrote in his column for *The Telegraph*.

"It started with their catching on day one, continued through their batting in the first innings before their bowling was exposed on a flat wicket over the weekend.

"I would like to know why in the last couple of years this fielding team has not improved. They continue to drop chances and should have bowled India out for 125 in the first innings," he said.

Vaughan said England did

not make enough runs in their first innings and also questioned the shot selection of the batsmen.

"England played some poor strokes through lapses in concentration. Haseeb Hameed chased a wide ball, for example, and Moeen Ali top-edged one in the air when England were strolling the game. Those were poor cricket shots.

"England lack pace and variation to make things happen in flat conditions. This England Test team are dependent on the pitch helping them. When that happens they look like taking 20 wickets like they did at Headingley, otherwise they struggle."

Vaughan also found "lack of intent" among England batsmen.

"The run out of Dawid Malan was a prime example. If you are busy from ball one you are alert to singles but Malan was on his heels because he was not expecting that call from Hameed. That is a lack of intent. It was an insight into England's mindset. They were just batting."

The former captain also did not like the way England chose their combination for the Oval Test.

## Sakkari beats Andreescu in epic battle



AFP ■ NEW YORK

Novak Djokovic struggled but advanced within three matches of completing the first men's singles calendar-year Grand Slam in 52 years on Monday by outlasting American Jenson Brooksby at the US Open.

In the late match of the day, 2019 US Open winner Bianca Andreescu, the sixth seed from Canada, battled hard in an 2 hour 3 minutes epic but Greek 17th seed Maria Sakkari prevailed in three sets. The match finished well past 2 am local time in New York.

Sakkari won 6-7 (2/7), 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 as Andreescu's unbeaten record in the main draw of this Grand Slam came to a close.

World number one Djokovic rallied past 99th-ranked Brooksby 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to book a quarter-final encounter with Italian sixth seed Matteo Berrettini in a rematch of July's Wimbledon final.

"It's going to be exciting," Djokovic said. "He loves the big serve, big game overall. I know what to expect. Going to try to prepare a good game plan and hope for the best."

The 34-year-old Serbian star would become the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to sweep all four major titles in the same year by capturing his fourth career US Open crown.

An epic shocker seemed possible when Brooksby, a 20-year-old American wildcard who hadn't played Djokovic before, broke in the second and sixth games and fired a service winner to

claim the first set in 29 minutes.

Djokovic broke in the second game of the second set, but was broken in a electrifying 20-minute fifth game, netting a backhand on Brooksby's sixth break chance as the American raised his arms and jumped for joy.

But Djokovic broke back in the sixth game, ripping a cross-court forehand winner for a 4-2 lead, and held from there to take the 68-minute set.

In all, Djokovic won 15 of the last 20 games after the marathon broken serve, rolling to victory in the stamina test after two hours and 59 minutes.

Berrettini advanced by defeating 144th-ranked German qualifier Oscar Otte 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

**OLY CHAMPS WIN**

Tokyo Olympic champions Alexander Zverev and Belinda Bencic advanced with straight-set triumphs, as did British 18-year-old qualifier Emma Raducanu.

German fourth seed Zverev stretched his win streak to 15 matches by beating Italian 13th seed Jannik Sinner 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (9/7).

Swiss 11th seed Bencic eliminated Polish seventh seed Iga Swiatek, last year's French Open champion, 7-6 (14/12), 6-3.

Czech fourth seed Karolina Pliskova, this year's Wimbledon runner-up, beat Russian 14th seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 7-5, 6-4. She next faces Sakkari.

## Bopanna-Dodig pair goes down fighting

**New York:** Veteran Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna and his Croatian partner Ivan Dodig fought their hearts out before losing their men's doubles third round to fourth seeds Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury at the US Open.

Bopanna and Dodig, seeded 13th, lost 7-6(4), 4-6, 6-7(3) to the Australian Open runners-up in a gruelling contest that lasted two hours and 30 minutes on Monday night.

With this defeat, India's challenge has ended at the last Grand Slam of the season. PTI

## Karthik confident of KKR qualification for play-offs

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

It will be a herculean task for them but Kolkata Knight Riders batsman Dinesh Karthik is confident that his side can win six out of their remaining seven matches and qualify for the IPL playoffs.

The two-time former champions did not have a great run in the first phase of IPL 2021 as they could manage just wins from seven matches.

They are languishing at the bottom half of the table as the IPL is set to resume in the UAE in a few days from now.

"We want to win six out of seven matches (to qualify). It's as simple as that. As a team that's what we'll be looking to do. Take one game at a time but try and win six out of seven matches," Karthik told KKR website.

The 2020 edition of IPL saw KKR lose out on a last-four berth owing to a not-so-healthy Net Run Rate.

"Last year when we were in UAE, we missed it (qualifying for playoffs) by a whisker. We won as many matches as we can but still just missed it by a whisker. Two years on the trot, we have been fifth on the table. That's something that still gnaws at me," Karthik said.

## Russell confirmed as Hamilton's new Mercedes teammate

AFP ■ LONDON

George Russell was Tuesday confirmed as Lewis Hamilton's new team-mate at Mercedes for next season after Valtteri Bottas sealed a move to Alfa Romeo.

The British driver, 23, earns the move to the Silver Arrows after three campaigns with Williams.

He also impressed in a one-off appearance for Mercedes at last year's Sakhir Grand Prix as a stand-in for Hamilton after he tested positive for coronavirus.

"It's a special day for me personally and professionally," Russell said in a statement from Mercedes.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't absolutely buzzing," he added. "It's a huge opportunity and one I want to grab with both hands.

"But I'm under no illusions as to the scale of the challenge. It's going to be a steep learning curve."

## Tokyo Olympians set to skip National Boxing C'ships

**New Delhi:** The upcoming national men's boxing championship is unlikely to feature any of the five pugilists who competed at the Tokyo Olympics, ruling them out of contention for next month's world championships in Serbia as well.

Amit Panghal (52kg), Manish Kaushik (63kg), Vikas Krishan (69kg), Ashish Chaudhary (75kg) and Satish Kumar (+91kg) had competed at the Tokyo Games. All of them lost in the preliminary rounds barring Satish, who went down in the quarters.

Of these, Vikas, Satish and Ashish are nursing injuries and have withdrawn. There is no word yet on what Amit and Manish would do but a source said they might also skip the tournament due to "lack of practice time."

"They have opted out of the Nationals because they haven't been able to train well since coming back from Tokyo. One or two might still consider it closer to the tournament but in

good preparation. I'm happy I could score some runs and win some matches for my team."

Jaiswal also got the chance to have a one-on-one session with his idol, batting great Sachin Tendulkar.

Speaking after joining up with the Royals' squad ahead of the IPL, as he quarantines in his hotel room in Dubai, he said, "My idol has always been Sachin Tendulkar, and I was really fortunate to have a conversation with him before the Oman tour."

"I was over the moon when I first heard he was going to be present there, and when I had the chance to speak to him at length, he was really humble and helped me on some skills where he thought I could

improve on.

"It was good to see that a legend like him was aware of my game, and it was certainly a very happy moment for me. I can't wait to keep implementing those things in my game and express myself better on the field," he added.

Jaiswal also revealed the chats he had with another legend Kumar Sangakkara, who is the Royals' director of cricket, earlier this year.

"We have had so many chats on what I can do during the game — how I should think, what my approach will be against which bowler, how I can change the tempo of the game, etc."

"I'm really fortunate to have a mentor like him. I also feel the best thing about him is that he's always willing to listen and give his time to the players," the youngster said. PTI

## Tokyo show will help us produce better results in future: Tete



**New Delhi:** The Indian women's hockey team has gained a lot of confidence from its stellar display at the Tokyo Olympics, according to midfielder Salima Tete, who feels the side showed signs of a bright future despite not ending on the podium.

The Indian women's team fought tooth and nail against some of the top teams in the

world at the Tokyo Games.

"Our performance in Tokyo is slowly starting to sink in now. We were really dejected when we lost to Great Britain in the Bronze medal match, but now we are seeing the positives from the tournament," Tete said.

"We may not have won a medal, but we have certainly gained a lot of confidence from the way we played in Tokyo and it's definitely going to help us to grow as a team and produce much better results in the future," she added.

When asked about the most important things that helped India perform exceedingly well at the Olympics, Tete said, "We always found a way to push the ball forward and attack our opponents in the Olympics. We created many goal-scoring opportunities and ensured that we utilized our Penalty Corners well.

"And also we gave everything we had on the pitch and never gave up, no matter what the situation was." PNS