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India, Russia share Af concerns

New Delhi wary of Pak role, Af soil being used as terror launch pads against India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
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- Conveying this concern to Russia and the USA, New Delhi also sought an assurance about safety and security of minorities, including Sikhs and Hindus in Afghanistan
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While the India-Russia talks were held on Wednesday, the interaction between Doval and Burns took place on Tuesday.

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A Russian read-out of the delegation-level talks said the two countries paid attention to



Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a meeting with Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of the Security Council of Russia, in New Delhi on Wednesday

intensifying joint work by "special services and military bodies". They also decided to hold further interactions on the anti-terrorist tracking, combating illegal migration, and drug trafficking.

As a follow-up to the telephone conversation between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 24, an exchange of views took place on the military, political and socio-economic situation in Afghanistan," the Russian read-out said.

It said the two sides agreed to coordinate on the Afghan issue in multilateral formats. They also touched upon humanitarian and migration problems in this country, as well as prospects for the Russian-Indian joint efforts aimed at creating conditions for launching a peaceful settle-

ment process on the basis of an intra-Afghan dialogue, the statement said.

The importance of defining parameters of the future State structure of Afghanistan by the Afghans themselves, as well as the need to prevent the

escalation of violence, social, ethnic and confessional contradictions in the country, were emphasised, it added.

The two NSAs also deliberated on threats from drugs networks operating from Afghan territory, the role of regional countries and details of Indo-Russia cooperation to meet the current and future challenges, sources said.

On Tuesday, the Ministry of External Affairs said Patrushev was visiting India at the invitation of Doval. After the Modi-Putin conversation, Russia said the two leaders expressed the intention to enhanced cooperation to counter the spread 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 ambassador to New Delhi Nikolay Kudashev said that 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 that 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.

ISI chief's Kabul visit part of plan to plant interests in Af

Pak wants to ensure presence of Haqqani mercenaries in Af Presidential Palace

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

As part of its long-term strategic game plan, Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Faiz Hameed's visit to Kabul earlier this week was to ensure implementation of a list of its demands, including reduction of the number of Afghans in the Presidential Palace in Kabul and to ensure the significant presence of the mercenaries of the Haqqani Network to monitor the activities of the Taliban leaders.

Hameed, according to sources tracking the developments there, also discussed with the Taliban leadership ways to fill important positions at the top in the future Government and army there with ISI-Pakistan Army "stooges" and mercenaries of its jihadi terror conglomerates besides resolution of the dispute over the Durand Line in favour of Islamabad.

In addition, the ISI chief also ensured the swift launch of the violent attacks on Panjshir Valley with aerial and ground support from the Pakistan Air Force and the Pakistan Army to quell the resistance from the National Resistance Front.



Counter-Terrorism expert Dr Rituraj Mate said, "The Taliban regime needs legitimacy from its own citizens but apparently it is working at ISI's behest to win over the hearts and minds of its people. It is not going to work in Afghanistan as Pakistan has itself failed in restive Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regions."

Hameed's meddling in Afghan affairs could also be indicative of the dissensions within the Pakistani politico-military-ISI combine. Pakistan PM Imran Khan is himself a Pathan and his party is ruling in Pakhtun areas like Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region, making him a popular face among the Afghan origin people. The ISI could be seeking to fuel conflict between the Pakhtuns from either side of the Durand Line

on the one hand and between the Pakistanis and Pathans within its jurisdiction to make Khan unpopular, Dr Mate added.

The presence of the Haqqani Network fighters in the Presidential Palace will keep close tabs on the workings of the interim Government and take measures in line with Pakistani interests. The ISI bid also suggests it does not rely on the Afghan cohorts. The ISI is already planting the terror commanders of its terror affiliates as Governors of the provinces. Pro-ISI Haqqani Network's chief Sirajuddin Haqqani's placement as Interior Minister in the interim Government in Kabul will ensure postings of Pakistanis as Governors and key appointments in the police and future army with ISI's favourites, the sources said.

"Hameed also pushed with the Taliban leadership to raise a professional army and include former members of the Afghan National Defence Force, many of whom were planted by ISI-Pakistan Army, leading to the quick control of the provinces by Taliban. The Taliban leaders led by Abdul Ghani Baradar opposed the raising of the professional army as Taliban is essentially an insurgent outfit relying on guerrilla tactics to maintain supremacy," Counter-Terrorism expert of Afghan origin Ajmal Sohail told *The Pioneer*.

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CAPSULE

SC UPHOLDS EXTENSION OF ED CHIEF'S TENURE

New Delhi: Observing that a reasonable period of extension can be granted to facilitate completion of ongoing investigations, the Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a plea challenging retrospective change in the 2018 appointment order of Sanjay Kumar Mishra as director of the ED.

NOIDA MEDIA CLUB HOLDS PRAYERS FOR DR MITRA

Noida: The Noida Media Club (NMC) on Wednesday held a condolence meeting on the demise of *The Pioneer's* Editor and former Rajya Sabha member Chandan Mitra. Mitra, also the patron of NMC, had passed away on September 2.

INTER-CASTE MARRIAGE: PROTECTION TO MAN

New Delhi: The Supreme Court granted protection from arrest to a man accused of kidnapping a woman who married him against the wishes of her parents. A bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and Abhay S Oka noted that the application filed by the man seeking pre-arrest bail was pending before the Calcutta High Court since April 2021 and despite his best efforts the plea could not have been taken up for hearing.

1 dead, 33 missing as boat with 120 sinks in Assam

PTI ■ JORHAT/GUWAHATI

At least one person died and 33 others went missing after a boat carrying over 120 passengers collided with a ferry steamer and sank in the Brahmaputra river near Nimati Ghat in Jorhat district of Assam on Wednesday, officials said.

Three officials of the Inland Water Transport (IWT) Department have been placed under suspension for alleged negligence of duty, while senior ministers admitted that there were lapses and the "guilty" will be punished.

The accident occurred when the private boat 'Ma Kamala' was headed to Majuli from Nimati Ghat and ferry 'Tripkai', operated by the State's Inland Water Transport (IWT) Department, was coming from the riverine island.

"The boat capsized and sank," an official of the IWT Department said.

Another IWT official said more than 120 passengers were on board the boat but many of



A woman holds a two-month old infant who was rescued from a ferry capsized in the Brahmaputra river, near Nimati Ghat, in Jorhat, on Wednesday

them were rescued by life-guards on 'Tripkai'.

A woman died in hospital after she was rescued from the river, Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) Chief Executive Officer Gyanendra Tripathi told PTI. "We have reports of around 33 people missing. Several teams of NDRF and

SDRF are carrying out rescue operations and it will continue whole night," Jorhat Superintendent of Police Ankur Jain said.

The deceased was identified as Porimita Das who hails from Guwahati and was working as a faculty in a college in Majuli.

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Taliban Govt a bid to end Af anarchy: China

Announces \$31mn aid for Afghanistan

PTI ■ BEIJING

China on Wednesday announced USD 31 million as aid to Afghanistan, its first after the Taliban seized power in Kabul, as it backed the Afghan militant group's interim Government, saying it is a "necessary step" to restore order and "end anarchy".

Taking part in the first meeting of Foreign Ministers of the neighbouring countries on Afghanistan, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said China will provide Afghanistan with 200 million yuan (USD 31 million) worth of grains, winter supplies, vaccines and medicines as per the needs of its people, state-run *Xinhua* news agency reported.

Wang said China has decided to donate 3 million vaccine doses to the Afghan people in the first batch.

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At least 14 members of Taliban's Govt on UNSC's terrorism blacklist

Kabul/Peshawar: At least 14 members of the Taliban's hard-line interim Government in Kabul are on the UN Security Council's terrorism blacklist, including acting Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund and his both deputies, raising concern of the international community over the composition of the new Cabinet in Afghanistan.

Farmers' protest in Karnal continues

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The talks between the farmers' unions and the Haryana Government remained inconclusive for the second consecutive day on Wednesday in Karnal with farmers announcing to continue their protest outside the mini-secretariat there.

The sit-in outside the Karnal mini-secretariat, following a mahapanchayat in the same city, had begun on Tuesday evening over the demands of registration of a case against IAS officer Ayush Sinha, compensation for a farmer who died and those who got injured during police

lathi-charge on farmers on August 28 in Karnal, the Assembly constituency represented by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

After their talks failed on Tuesday, the Karnal District Administration on Wednesday again invited Samyukt Kisan Morcha leaders in a bid to end the stand-off. However, another round of talks which lasted for three hours failed to resolve the deadlock.

Bharatiya Kisan Union Rakesh Tikait told the media persons after the meeting that the talks completely failed because of the Government's adamant attitude.

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Farmers during their sit-in protest outside the Mini Secretariat in Karnal on Wednesday

Ban on Ganesh Chaturthi at public places in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has said that Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations will not be allowed at public places in the national Capital in view of the Covid-19 situation.

The authorities released the order late on Tuesday and said District Magistrates and Deputy Commissioners of police will ensure that Lord Ganesha's idols are not set up in tents or pandals. "It should be ensured that crowds do not gather at any religious or social place," it added.

Permission will also not be granted for any procession, it said and advised people to celebrate the festival at home.

Ganesh Chaturthi will be celebrated this month and considering the prevailing restrictions on gatherings and congregations and the present sit-



uation of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has been decided that the celebrations of the festival may not be allowed in public places, the order stated.

Meanwhile, the city recorded 41 new cases of Covid 19 in the past 24 hours. According to Covid-19 health bulletin, Delhi State Health Department, 75079 tests were conducted; the positivity rate 0.05 per cent and 13 patients have been recovered.

U'khand Guv resigns 2 yrs before term

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya submitted her resignation to President Ram Nath Kovind on Wednesday. Maurya, who had completed three years in office as the State's Governor last month still had two years left in her tenure. According to sources, she cited personal reasons for her resignation though speculation is rife that she may be given an important position as a BJP leader in her home State of Uttar Pradesh ahead of the Assembly elections there.

Maurya was sworn in as the Uttarakhand Governor in August 2018 after her predecessor Krishna Kant Paul completed his tenure. She has served at various positions in the past. She was the Mayor of Agra from 1995 to 2000 while in 2001, she was a member of the State Social Welfare Board.

BJP names Union Mins, Fadnavis as poll heads in 5 election-bound States

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Readying for the Assembly polls in five States which are less than six months away, the BJP on Wednesday appointed organisational States election-in-charge for them.

The party named Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Pralhad Joshi, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Bhupendra Yadav as poll-heads for Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Manipur respectively. Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has been put in-charge of Goa with Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy and Darshana Jardosh as deputies.

Besides key State of Uttar Pradesh with 80 Lok Sabha seats, the BJP will be looking at retaining power in

Uttarakhand and Manipur. The Congress has much in stake in Punjab as a ruling party where the AAP and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD)-BSP alliance are its main rivals. The BJP is not seen as a major player in Punjab after the exit of SAD from the National Democratic Alliance last year in protest against three farm laws passed by the Modi Government.

The BJP has put its poll-experienced Ministers as in-charge of the four States who are to be backed by deputy-in-charge, again mostly Union Ministers. The maximum focus is on winning UP which has PM's constituency Varanasi.

Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya who quit her post may throw her hat in the State elections.

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NDA now open to women: Govt to SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a major step towards ensuring gender parity, the Government on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that women will now be eligible for induction into the National Defence Academy (NDA). The apex court had last month pulled up the Armed forces for keeping women candidates out of the NDA and allowed them to appear for the entrance examination of the NDA.

The three Services chiefs visited the headquarters of the NDA, the cradle of grooming officers for the Army, the Navy and the IAF, late last month to take stock of the infrastructure catering to women cadets. The NDA was founded in 1954 in Khadakvasala, Pune and till now admits only male cadets.



It is the only tri-service institution in the world.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, told a bench comprising Justice SK Kaul and Justice MM Sundresh that the Armed forces and the Government have decided that women candidates will be inducted for permanent commission through the NDA.

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Nod for 56 aircraft for IAF from Airbus, 40 to be made in India by desi firms

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on Security on Wednesday gave its go-ahead for a ₹17,000 cr deal for the procurement of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft from Airbus Defence and Space SA Spain.

Sixteen aircraft will be procured off the shelf within 48 months of signing of the contract and 40 aircraft will be manufactured in India by TATA Consortium within ten years of signing of the contract.

This is the first time that a military aircraft will be manufactured in India by a private company. All 56 aircraft will be installed with indigenous Electronic Warfare Suite. The project will give a boost to the aerospace ecosystem in India.

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EXPLOSIVE-LADEN SUV PLANTING-BUSINESSMAN HIRAN MURDER CASES

Waze planted bomb for monetary gain: NIA

■ MUMBAI

Dismissed Assistant Sub-inspector Sachin Waze — the main accused in the twin explosive-laden SUV recovery and businessman Mansukh Hiran murder cases — had “conspired” to “terrorise wealthy and prosperous individuals”, including Mukesh Ambani and his family, as part of his plan to stage a come-back as a “super cop” after being under suspension for 16-long years.

In its 290-page charge-sheet, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) — which has named Waze as the accused number one — stated: “Through extortion, he (Waze) was collecting huge amounts of money, part of which was used for the commission of instant crime. As evident from the threat note placed along with the (20 gelatin sticks) explosives in the vehicle (Scorpio SUV) planted by Waze himself on Carmichael Road (on Feb. 24) was an act of terror on the part of Waze”

“The intent was clearly to

terrorize wealthy and prosperous individuals and also to extort money by putting them into fear of dire consequences. The post on Telegram channel ‘Jaish Ul Hind’ appears to be a deliberate attempt to add credibility to the above said act of terror, and the murder of Hiran was a direct outcome of the said act of terror,” the NIA stated its charge-sheet filed before an NIA court on September 3.

“Besides, the writings in the threat note ‘Agle baar connect hokar aaya’ clearly depicts the intention of Waze for furtherance of the terror acts to re-establish himself as a super cop by staging fake encounters to regain his lost glory.. It is pertinent to note here that the demand for ransom made to the Ambani family in a threat letter posted on Instagram to avoid dire consequences, clearly depicts the motive of Waze for huge monetary gains from the entire conspiracy,” the NIA charge-sheet added.

Among other things, the charge-sheet has stated that

Vaze was one of the main conspirators who planted the explosive laden Mahindra Scorpio vehicle bearing the fake registration number MH-01-DK-9945, near Mukesh Ambani’s residence “Antilia” on the intervening night of February 24 and 25, 2021 with a threat note addressed to the industrialist (Ambani)

The NIA has also said that Sachin Waze played a key role in the murder of Mansukh Hiran and had directed the latter (Hiran) to get an FIR lodged with regard to the “theft of Scorpio vehicle and he himself used the said vehicle in the commission of crime, in the guise of a stolen vehicle”. Waze allegedly parked the Scorpio car laden with 20 gelatine sticks near Mukesh Ambani’s residence in Mumbai.

As per orders of A-1 (Sachin Waze) the Scorpio vehicle was piloted by a witness in the official Innova vehicle of Mumbai Crime Branch. Being designated as the investigating officer in the case, he manipu-

lated the investigation to cover up the conspiracy.

Apart from Waze, the nine accused in the twin cases are: Vinayak B. Shinde, Hisamuddin Kazi, Sunil D. Mane, Pradeep R. Sharma (all ex-cops), Naresh R. Gor, Santosh A. Shelar, Manish V. Soni, Anand P. Jadhav and Satish T. Mothkuri, all of whom have been slapped with murder and terror charges

The NIA has produced the statements of 178 witnesses including 20 who are under protection, comprising one who has witnessed Vaze parking the Scorpio near Antilia.

Vaze was the first accused to have been arrested by the NIA which registered an FIR in the explosive-laden SUV recovery case on March 8.

Vaze, who was arrested on March 13 in connection with the gelatine sticks laden Scorpio recovery case, was earlier booked under sections 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy) 286 (negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance), 465 (forgery) 473 (making or

possessing counterfeit seal) and 506 -2 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and 4 (a)(b)(i) of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908.

Vaze was subsequently booked under sections 16 (Punishment for Terror act) and 18 (Punishment for conspiracy etc) of the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

The NIA booked Waze, Gor and other accused in connection the suspicious death of businessman Mansukh Hiran

It may be recalled that Hiran’s body was recovered from the marshy Reti-Bunder creek Mumbai in the neighbouring Thane district on March 5, 2021.

Hiran, a Thane-based businessman whose “stolen” SUV with 20 gelatin sticks was recovered by the police near Industrialist Mukesh Ambani’s skyscraper mansion “Antilia” in south Mumbai on February 25, 2021 hit the headlines after his body was found in mysterious circumstances on March 5.

Bihar’s political temperature rises as Chirag meets Tejashwi

Patna: Bihar’s political temperature rose by a few notches on Wednesday as Lok Janshakti Party MP Chirag Paswan met RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav in Patna to invite the latter to an event marking his father Ram Vilas Paswan’s first death anniversary a few days later.

While politicians and pundits speculate a strong possibility of their coming together, the two young leaders, however, told prying journalists their meeting was a result of “family relations” that went back to ties shared by their fathers.

“I still remember having learnt some of my early lessons in managing an election campaign from late Ram Vilas Paswan in the assembly polls of 2010 which he had fought along with my father ‘Lalu Prasad’, Yadav said.

“Chirag said that he is scheduled to meet Lalu ji at Delhi tomorrow. If father’s health permits, he may even come down to Patna to attend the barkhi (function held upon one year of death),” the RJD leader said.

He said that Lalu Prasad’s imprisonment, besides poor health, prevented him from attending Paswan’s funeral last year. Convicted in several fodder scam cases, Prasad was released from jail earlier this year upon obtaining bail from the Jharkhand High Court. He has since been convalescing in the national capital, occasionally interacting with party workers here through video conferencing. Yadav was also asked about his contention that Chirag, who has been cornered in his own party following a split engineered by uncle Pashupati Kumar Paras, should consider crossing over to the Grand Alliance headed by the RJD.

“Nothing remains to be said by me when Lalu ji himself has expressed the wish that both of us come together,” quipped Yadav, while Chirag smiled cryptically.

“I must make it clear that today’s meeting between me and Tejashwi bhai has nothing to do with politics. Had my father been alive, he would have certainly liked Lalu ji and his

family to be a part of any function taking place in my family. I am just carrying forward the tradition,” said the Jamui MP who has been left cornered in the party floated by his father even as his rebellious uncle has landed a Union cabinet berth.

Chirag was asked whether he has also extended an invitation to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, towards whom his hostile stance has become a part of contemporary political folklore.

“I have sought an appointment with the chief minister. Making a demand on his time is tough, especially when it involves me,” the LJP leader remarked sarcastically.

Yadav, who is the leader of the opposition in the assembly, indirectly referred to the matter and said, “On such occasions, one must not hesitate in taking some time off to meet people.”

Paswan’s ‘barkhi’ is to be held at the late Union residence in the city on September 12. Chirag had on Tuesday shared screenshots of the invitation cards printed for the occasion. **PTI**

2-day workshop on capacity-building for Ladakh officials begins today

New Delhi: The Centre will conduct a two-day workshop from Thursday on capacity building of Ladakh officials at Leh with an objective to familiarise them with the central laws, improve the service delivery mechanism and realisation of the goals of good governance.

The objective of the programme would be to create a civil service fully familiar with the Union laws on procurement and financial management, Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP), eOffice and also to usher in digital procurement practices and digital governance, keeping in view the government’s mandate of transparency and ease of business, said a Personnel Ministry statement.

The capacity building workshop aims to benefit and upgrade the administrative and related skills of the officials of UT Ladakh, thereby increasing or enhancing the exposure and awareness in the diverse fields for improving the delivery mechanism and realisation of the goals of good governance, said the statement issued by the Personnel Ministry.

The workshop would encompass sessions on addressing governance challenges in Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, CSMOP 2019, e-office and success stories in the UT administration, it said.

The workshop plans to provide a platform for information exchange and knowledge dissemination, the statement said. **PNS**

HC grants time to reply to plea on Rakesh Asthana’s appointment

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday granted time to the Centre to file reply to a petition challenging the appointment of Gujarat-cadre IPC officer Rakesh Asthana as Delhi Police Commissioner. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh allowed the plea by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta for granting some more time to file the response and listed the matter for further hearing on September 16.

The High Court, which had on September 1 issued notices to the Centre and Asthana on the petition, issued a fresh notice to the IPS officer as it was not served to him due to want of payment of process fee by the petitioner. The bench was hearing the PIL by Sadre Alam, a lawyer, against the appointment of Asthana along with an intervention application by Prashant Bhushan

lead NGO which has challenged the appointment before the Supreme Court.

Advocate B S Bagga, representing Alam, apologised for the delay and assured the court that the process fee would be deposited during the day. During the brief hearing, advocate Prashant Bhushan, representing the NGO - Centre for Public Interest Litigation (CPIL), reiterated that Alam’s petition was mala fide and a “complete copy-paste” of his plea pending before the apex court. He said the court should see whether this kind of mala fide petition should be entertained.

Mehta said he was in agreement with Bhushan and this practice of copy-paste must be deprecated. He commented however that if Bhushan makes plea public before filing it, nobody is to be blamed. **PNS**



NDA now open ...

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The ASG sought apex court’s permission to place the details on record through affidavit and sought status quo in this year’s exams as this needs procedure and infrastructural changes.

The top court said it has been periodically nudging the authorities to do it themselves and it believes that they are best suited to evolve the whole.

“The idea is when nothing happens, the court steps in. Let me assure you it’s not a happy situation to step in and we would like the Armed services to do it themselves. They are very respected forces of the country but on gender equality they have to do more and sometimes the resistance does not come out well,” said the bench.

The apex court was hearing a plea filed by advocate Kush Kalra raising the issue of exclusion of eligible and willing female candidates from joining the prestigious NDA

solely on the ground of sex which allegedly is a violation of fundamental right of equality.

The matter will now come up in the court after two weeks.

Bhati said, “It is a delight to share this. Women will be admitted in the NDA. We will place a detailed affidavit. On June 24, the exam was postponed to November this year. Please grant status quo in these exams as this needs procedure and infrastructural changes.”

In the hearing on August 18, the court criticised a “mindset problem” when it came to equal service opportunities for men and women in the country’s Armed forces, and warned the Government “you better change”.

About 300 cadets are inducted into the NDA every semester after clearing the entrance examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

So far, women candidates appear and qualify for courses in the Officers Training Academy (OTA) of the Army and similar institutions of the IAF and the Navy.

ISI chief’s Kabul...

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The regular Afghan Governments in the past and the present Taliban regime are all opposed to respecting the sanctity of the Durand Line drawn in 1893 by British India following the Anglo-Afghan war. Afghanistan claims sovereignty over the Federally Administered Tribal Areas in northwestern Pakistan merged with neighbouring province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 2018. FATA existed from 1947 until being amalgamated with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, a tribal area inhabited mostly by Pashtuns who also live in a sizable portion of northern Balochistan, a restive province of Pakistan.

According to open source information, the Durand Line is the 2,670-kilometre international land border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. It was originally established in 1893 as the international border between British India and the Emirate of Afghanistan by Mortimer Durand, a British diplomat of the Indian Civil Service, and Abdur Rahman Khan, the Afghan Emir, to delineate their respective spheres of

influence and improve diplomatic relations and trade.

Under the British Raj, Afghanistan was considered an independent State although the Britishers controlled its foreign affairs and diplomatic relations. Afghanistan had already ceded the regions of Quetta Pishin, Harnai, Sibi, Kurram and Khyber to the British Raj by the 1879 Treaty of Gandamak during the Second Anglo-Afghan War. The Durand Line left about half of the Pashtun homeland under British rule, now under control of Pakistan that was partitioned from India in 1947. The Afghans have been contesting the sovereignty of these regions under Pakistan’s control. In 1901, the Pashtun-majority North-West Frontier Province was formally created by the British administration on the British side of the Durand Line. Post partition, the NWFP was under the control of Pakistan and contested by Afghans.

“By making a deal on the Durand Line with Taliban, the ISI is seeking to resolve the issue of controlling the Afghan territories under its control and sanctify its sovereignty over these areas,” Sohail added.

Farmers’ protest...

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They are not ready to accept any of our demands, he said.

Tikait announced that farmers will continue their dharna outside the gates of Karnal mini-secretariat till their demands are accepted by the Government. Farmers from Punjab and Uttar Pradesh will also join the protest in Karnal, he said.

The protest against three Central farm laws will continue at Delhi borders while another protest will now continue in Karnal, he added. SKM leader Yogendra Yadav said that the State Government is not even ready to suspend the IAS officer, leave alone register a case against him over this controversial statement on the day of lathicharge on farmers in Karnal.

Scores of farmers, including SKM leaders Rakesh Tikait, Gurnam Singh Charuni, Yogendra Yadav, Balbir Singh Rajewal among others had spent a night outside Karnal mini-secretariat on Tuesday over their demands.

Not only this, farmers have pitched tents outside the building, made arrangements for food and water to prepare for a long haul.

Despite deployment of heavy police force, imposition of pro-

hibitory orders, suspension of mobile internet services, thousands of farmers had managed to reach outside the mini-secretariat on Tuesday evening and had laid siege to the building.

After Wednesday’s meeting, Karnal Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav said that a meeting was held with the farmers’ delegation for three hours but talks failed as the farmers’ leaders remained adamant over their demands. On farmers’ demand to register an FIR against IAS Ayush Sinha, Yadav said that we have assured them to hold an inquiry into the incident of lathi-charge on farmers on August 28. After the findings of the inquiry, we will take action against those found guilty. Similarly, compensation for the farmers will also be decided after the inquiry. But the farmers’ leaders insisted on the suspension of the IAS officer, he said.

Yadav said they have announced to continue their protest outside the mini-secretariat building. We have told them to continue their protest peacefully and not engage in any kind of violence, he added.

Notably, Haryana Police had lathi-charged a group of farmers at Karnal’s Bastara toll plaza on August 28 while they were head-

ing to protest against a BJP meeting where Chief Minister Manohar Lal and senior BJP leaders were present. At least 15 farmers were injured during the incident.

The farmers’ unions have also claimed that a farmer died after the August 28 lathi-charge, an allegation rejected by the Karnal Administration.

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 by the State Government and has now been posted as the Additional Secretary in the Citizen Resources Information Department.

They have also demanded compensation of Rs 25 lakh and a job to the next of kin of a farmer who died and Rs two lakh compensation for those injured in lathi charge.

Meanwhile, the Congress has slammed the Haryana Government over the incident. Haryana Congress chief Kumari Selja and former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda have asked the State Government to accept the demands of the farmers to end the standoff.

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Three more persons are undergoing treatment at the Jorhat Medical College and Hospital, a senior doctor said. Jorhat Deputy Commissioner Ashok Barman told PTI that 42 people have been rescued so far and nobody has been recovered from the water yet.

“After sinking, it swept around 1.5 km away and stuck in the bed of the river. The boat is upside down now and we are not able to turn it around. Once we can do that, we will be able to see if anybody is stuck there,” he added.

The Army will join the operations on Thursday morning with some advanced machines, Barman said.

The NDRF and SDRF have started a rescue and search operation, but they are facing difficulties as it was pitch dark.

President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the boat accident.

“My thoughts go out to the victims, survivors and their families. Rescue and relief efforts are on to save as many lives as possible,” Kovind said.

“All possible efforts are being made to rescue the passengers. I pray for everyone’s safety and well-being,” Modi tweeted.

Responding to Modi’s tweet, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said he is personally supervising the rescue operations.

“All the injured are being diligently attended to,” he added in a tweet.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah called up the chief minister to enquire about the accident and took an update on the rescue operations and conditions of those rescued so far.

“Anguished to learn about the tragic boat accident in Assam. Have spoken to CM Shri @himantabiswa, the state administration is doing everything possible to rescue the people. We are continuously monitoring the situation. Also assured full support from the Central Government,” Shah tweeted.

In a statement, Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi expressed concern over the accident and said the state government with its men and materials has launched a massive rescue operation.

“All possible steps are being taken to rescue the victims and give adequate medical attention to the rescued people,” he added.

The Chief Minister too expressed deep concern over the boat accident and directed the district administrations of Majuli and Jorhat districts to undertake rescue missions expeditiously with the help of NDRF and SDRF.

He also ordered Power Minister Bimal Bora to immediately rush to the site. Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary is also on the way to Nimati Ghat, around 315 km from Guwahati.

Sarma asked Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha to monitor the developments round-the-clock.

The Chief Minister will visit Nimati Ghat on Thursday, a CMO statement said. Union Minister of Shipping, Ports and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, who hails from Assam, also expressed deep anguish and concern on the accident in the Brahmaputra.

He spoke with Sarma over phone and took stock of the ongoing rescue and relief operations.

“Officials of the Ministry have been directed to provide all necessary support to help the victims,” a statement from Sonowal’s office said.

Meanwhile, three senior officials of the Inland Water Transport Department have been suspended for negligence of duty and Transport Secretary Jadav Saikia was asked to carry out an enquiry about the accident, an official release said.

“Three officials, namely Bikramaditya Choudhury, in-charge Executive Engineer, IWT, Dibrugarh Division; Mukut Gogoi, in-charge Assistant Executive Engineer, IWT, Jorhat Sub-Division and Ratul Tamuli, Junior Engineer, IWT, Jorhat Sub-Division have been placed under suspension,” it said

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China is also ready to provide more anti-epidemic and emergency materials to Afghanistan under the China-South Asian Countries Emergency Supplies Reserves.

Wang said China would work with countries in the region to help Afghanistan rebuild its economy and society, as well as fight terrorist groups and the illegal drug trade. The Taliban on Tuesday unveiled a hardline interim government led by Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund, with key roles being shared by high-profile members of the insurgent group, including a specially designated global terrorist of the dreaded Haqqani Network as the interior minister.

Earlier, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing here “China attaches importance to the Afghan Taliban’s announcement of the formation of an interim government and some key roles”.

“This has put an end to the anarchy in Afghanistan that lasted for over three weeks and is a necessary step for Afghanistan to restore domestic order and pursue post-war reconstruction”, he said responding to a question on the formation of the interim government. Significantly, state-run Xinhua reported Wang Wenbin’s comments with a headline “China welcomes Taliban’s announcement of caretaker government”.

The spokesman also highlighted the Taliban’s statement that the interim government is formed to restore social and economic order as soon as possible. He also reiterated China’s stand that the Taliban should establish a broad based and inclusive political structure.

“We hope Afghanistan will establish a broadly based and inclusive political structure, follow moderate and prudent domestic and foreign policies, resolutely combat all types of terrorist forces, and live on friend-

ly terms with other countries, especially its neighbours”. Beijing also supports the Afghan people in independently choosing a development path suited to the country’s conditions, he said, adding that China will respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Afghanistan. Asked whether China would recognise the new administration considering that Beijing has been calling for an “open and inclusive” government, Wang said the Chinese Embassy in Afghanistan is operating normally, suggesting that Beijing already has its diplomatic presence in Kabul.

“We stand ready to maintain communication with the new Afghan government and leaders”, he said. “We hope the new Afghan administration in the capacity of interim government will broadly solicit the opinions of all ethnic groups and factions and live up to the expectation of the Afghan people and aspiration of the international community. We noted that the Afghan Taliban stressed that all people will benefit from the new administration”, he said.

When asked about the statement by The National Resistance Front (NRF) which is fighting the Taliban forces in Panjshir valley in Afghanistan the interim government is illegal and its appeal to the international community to not to recognise it, Wang has called for unity among all Afghan political parties and factions.

“China sincerely hopes that all parties in Afghanistan will meet the urgent desire of the Afghan people and the expectation of the international community, resolve relevant differences through consultation, ensure a smooth transition, enable the war-scarred Afghan people to get rid of war and conflict as soon as possible and establish lasting peace”, he said.

A Taliban delegation headed by its senior leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar had visited China in July and held talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang.

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Delhi's green body reconstitution notified

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government's proposal for reconstituting the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) was notified on Wednesday. The constitution of the SEIAA and of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) has been done for Delhi for a three-year term.

With the constitution of the SEIAA, category 'B' projects requiring Environmental Clearance (EC) will not have to wait for the Central Government's approval as it will now be given in a fast tracked manner by the city Government. Senior Delhi Government officer Sarvagya Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the Chairman of the SEIAA. Reena Gupta as Member and Special Secretary (Environment) will be Member Secretary.

The SEIAA is bound to take its decision on the recommendations of the SEAC. The Central Government also notified the constitution of the SEAC comprising a Chairman, 11 Members and a Member Secretary.

Environment Minister Gopal Rai said that with the committee in place, it will be easier to handle applications and the Environment Impact



Assessment (EIA) will get more robust and transparent in the State. "Environment protection is a prime responsibility of the Kejriwal Government and it won't compromise on the standards," Rai said.

"As much as fast tracking will be sought after solution, we will also make the system more robust and transparent. Environment protection is one of the prime responsibilities of the Delhi Government and we will not compromise on it," he added.

The Delhi Government had sent its proposal for the reconstitution of the SEIAA/SEAC, along with names of experts, to the Central Government in 2020 and, after

multiple correspondences and meetings, the notification was finally issued.

It is to be noted that as per the Environment Protection Rules, all category 'A' projects (mega projects) are approved by an Expert Appraisal Committee of the MoEFCC while all category 'B' projects (large projects) are approved by the SEIAA. Reena Gupta, Member, SEIAA said, "We are very happy that Delhi SEIAA has been reconstituted by the Central Government. Now approval and monitoring decisions can be taken at the State level. We look forward to making the EIA process more robust and transparent as envisaged under the law."

Elevated taxiway to be ready by 2022 end: DIAL

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi airport's elevated taxiway will be ready in 2022 as 60 per cent of Indira Gandhi International Airport's (IGIA) elevated eastern cross taxiway (ECT) has already been constructed so far.

"The elevated eastern cross taxiway would be ready by the end of 2022," Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) said on Wednesday.

Pivotal, once the eastern cross taxiway is commissioned, the aircraft taxiing distance will go down drastically from nine kilometres to just two kilometres as it will taxi along the taxiway parallel to runway 11/29 as well as use the eastern cross taxiway to take a straight path to Delhi Airport's Terminal 1 (T-1) or vice-versa.

According to the DIAL spokesperson, at present, after landing at runway 29/11 or to take off from the runway of Delhi Airport, an aircraft has to cover a distance of approxi-

mately nine kilometres. "During this period, flyers have to remain inside the plane.

The elevated ECT of Delhi Airport will also help airlines to save about 350 kg of fuel every time an aircraft uses the taxiing route provided by the eastern cross taxiway from runway 29/11 to T-1 as well as vice-versa."

According to the airport operator, this would result in reduction of approximately 1,114 kg emissions of carbon dioxide for each aircraft taxiing along this route. "The ECT will also help airlines to save approximately 350 kg of fuel every time an aircraft uses the taxiing route provided by the ECT from RWY 29/11 to Terminal 1 and vice-versa.

This would translate into a reduction of nearly 1,114 kg of CO2 emissions for each aircraft taxiing along this route. Annually, the ECT is estimated to reduce emission of approximately 55,000 tonnes of CO2 from aircraft," DIAL said.



New WhatsApp help desk for Delhiites' corona queries: Jain

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Health Minister Satyendar Jain on Wednesday officially launched a new WhatsApp corona help desk for the people of Delhi. Vaccine locator, tele-consultation and information about oxygen cylinder refilling stations are some key features of this WhatsApp corona help desk.

The people of Delhi can now get accurate, authentic, and up-to-date information about Covid-related resources in Delhi through this WhatsApp helpline number.

For this, a user has to send a simple "Hi" to +911122307145 on WhatsApp. This will help the people of Delhi get all their information from one single window. To mark the launch on this occasion, the officials of WhatsApp were also present.

Jain said, "As part of our tireless attempts to combat the pandemic and to fortify our preparedness in the face of the anticipated third wave, we have built the tech-solution of a WhatsApp chatbot. We have added some new features to this chatbot to aid citizens conveniently access credible information and resources related to Covid-19 besides helping them locate their nearest vaccine centres."

This chatbot is built on an integrated solution of

WhatsApp Business API. This chatbot will make it simple and easy for the people of Delhi to fetch verified answers to their Covid-related queries from the Government of Delhi. People can find their nearest vaccination centre, available vaccine slots, hospital beds and oxygen refining centres through this chatbot. This chatbot is integrated with the CoWin Portal and the Delhi Government's Covid War Room. Thus, it will serve as a credible source of authentic corona-related information.

To use this new WhatsApp Covid-19 Helpdesk of the Delhi Government, people of Delhi have to simply save the number +911122307145 in their phone contacts or visit [https://wa.me/911122307145]. This service is available in both Hindi and English.

During the launch, the Public Policy Director of WhatsApp, Shivnath Thukral stated, "Over the last year and a half, a simple and intuitive technology like WhatsApp has played a pivotal role in helping India in its strife against the pandemic. Delhi Government's custom tech-solution of this WhatsApp-API Helpline chatbot will now supplement and accelerate the Government's pandemic relief efforts and equip the people of Delhi with credible information and resources related to Covid-19.

Media cell to be set up at Delhi Chief Electoral Officer's office

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Dr Ranbir Singh, CEO, on Wednesday said a permanent media cell will be set up at Delhi Chief Electoral Officer's (CEO) office at State/UT level.

A Group 'A' officer of Delhi Government, Kaanchan Azad, who is Deputy Director from DIP has been appointed as an Officer on Special Duty(Media) in the CEO's office.

Singh further said: "The media is one of the major pillars of our democracy and plays an important role in the electoral process.

The media is a key ally in informing and educating voters. The Commission in its objective of "No Voter to be left behind" considers media as an equal partner for making the election process participative and inclusive."

The CEO informed that Special Summary Revision (SSR) of electoral rolls with January 1st, 2022 as the qualifying date shall commence from November 1st, 2021. During this SSR any person who would be 18 years or more on or before 01.01.2022 will be eligible to enroll as a voter. He emphasised the need to adopt on-line mode of availing electoral services on www.nvsp.in or the Voter Helpline Mobile App in order to stay Covid-safe.

Afghan solidarity committee chief booked for Covid norms breach

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has registered a First Information Report (FIR) against Ahmad Zia Ghani, the chief of the Afghan Solidarity Committee, for allegedly violating Covid-19 guidelines while protesting outside the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR) office in the national Capital.

The FIR was registered at Vasant Vihar Police Station on August 31. According to Ingit Pratap Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Southwest district, police has registered a case under section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Indian Penal Code last week for violating Covid guidelines and no one has been arrested yet.

The Delhi Police on Tuesday filed a status report in the High Court stating that the protest by Afghan refugees has been withdrawn from the UNHCR office.

No Covid death in last 24 hours, 41 fresh cases found

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi reported 41 new cases and zero fatalities due to Covid-19 on Wednesday while the positivity stands at 0.05 per cent, according to the health bulletin issued by the Delhi Government.

According to the health bulletin, 75,079 tests were conducted a day ago to detect Covid-19. It included 51,328 were RTPCR, CBNAAT and TrueNat tests while the rest were rapid-antigen tests.

"The number of containment zones declined to 100 on Wednesday from 104 on Tuesday while the death toll was 25,083 while the case fatality rate stood at 1.74 per cent," it said.

As per the bulletin 13 patients were discharged in a day. The number of active cases has increased to 414 on Wednesday from 386 the previous day. Of these, 107 people are in home isolation. The overall infection tally in the city has climbed to 14,38,082, of which over 14.12 lakh patients have recovered.

HM Vij takes stock of law and order situation in Gurugram

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Gurugram: Haryana Home and Health Minister Anil Vij held a meeting with the senior police officials of the Gurugram police on Wednesday. During the three-hour meeting, Vij obtained the area-wise law and order information from the area Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Gurugram police. The Minister especially sought reports about the status of the heinous crime. Each DCP was asked how many cases of heinous crimes are pending in his area and the reasons behind them. During the meeting, Vij directed all the DCPs that they must visit at least one police station in a week and also make an entry in the register there. Apart from this, he ordered the police officers to hold Janata Darbar in their office every day from 11 am to 12 noon. He also said that a committee of Eminent Persons should be formed at every DCP level in their concern areas to get public feedback.

149 concrete mixing carriers in Delhi fined for hiding number plates

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Traffic Police have fined over 140 cement concrete mixing carriers in the past week during a special drive across the national Capital against such vehicles for hiding their number plates to avoid prosecution.

According to Muktesh Chander, the Special Commissioner of Police, Traffic, 149 cement concrete carriers were issued challans in the last one week and legal action will also be taken against truck drivers if they are caught with such improper number plates.

"Police have observed that, cement concrete mixers hide number plates of their vehicles to avoid prosecution in cases of red light jumping, over-speeding and accidents so that they do not get caught on CCTV cameras and even if they get caught, it would be difficult to identify them because of their improper number plates," said the Special CP.

"So, a special drive was conducted and 149 such cement concrete carriers were prosecuted in the last one week. We have noticed that prosecution increases with compliance of traffic laws," he added.

SDMC introduces Delhi's first web-enabled workflow system 'PRICE'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to ensure online preparation of estimates, modification and approval of administrative and technical sanctions of buildings, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) on Wednesday implemented web-enabled workflow system 'PRICE' software (Project Information and Cost Estimation).

Mukesh Suryan, SDMC Mayor while introducing the system along with Gyanesh Bharti, Commissioner SDMC and Rachna Shrivastava, DDG (NIC) said that 'PRICE' will lead to preparation of estimates of buildings in an efficient and transparent manner. He said that in preparation of estimates regarding civil and electrical works of buildings, the SDMC has followed CPWD Rate Analysis (DAR) with cost index. With this, estimates preparation can be done for plan/non plan works based on the head of account.

Speaking on the move, the mayor said that 'PRICE' will also help in speedy approval of estimates which reduces delay in issue of administrative and technical sanctions, transparency and accountability will also be ensured.

"The higher authority in work-flow can view the estimate and return for correction

(online) while file history will be maintained for all estimates and quick retrieval of data. It will also help in auto generation of administrative and technical sanction while issuing sanction," he said.

While elaborating the 'PRICE', Gyanesh Bharti, Commissioner of SDMC said that the system is a complete e-platform solution for the management of all public works. "Bill of Quantity (BOQ) generated from the PRICE can be uploaded to GePNIC for initiating the tendering process in GePNIC. Specifications like handover recast and revised estimates and its approvals with supplementary agreement generation, measurement book, bill preparation, bill payment etc are also the components of this system," he said.

The commissioner also said that the SDMC is the only agency in the National Capital which has introduced this system. He added that a total of 521 estimates have been created, 487 administrative sanctions & 435 technical sanctions so far have been done through the system.

Bharti also praised the team of officials from Kerala who implemented the system in various departments and PSUs in the state for their assistance to the SDMC officials for successful implementation of the system here also.

Good Intention Always Brings Victory

My Esteemed Investors & Kartavyayogi Worker Friends,

For past some days, some unscrupulous elements have been propagating that our organization is not making repayments to our esteemed investors. **In this regard, it is to be informed that repayments are being made to the esteemed investors but certainly there has been a situation of delayed repayments. However, in case of delay the esteemed investors are being paid interest for the delayed period.**

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Our Intention

Sahara India Pariwar is one such organization whose management has openly been putting its inconveniences and problems before its esteemed investors and workers from time to time. We deem it our responsibility to keep you apprised of the prevailing situations. Our intention has never ever been wrong. In 44 years of its existence, barring the last eight years when there has been a situation of delayed payments because of the embargo by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Sahara-SEBI case, no one's payment was delayed before nor will it be delayed in future. If our intentions had been wrong, we would have adopted an escapist attitude in the year 2014 when the organization was suddenly struck by enormous problems. We could have hastily sold our assets at throw away prices and got ourselves free from all our problems by depositing money with SEBI. But we didn't do so considering the best interests of our organization, our esteemed investors and our workers. In the past, assets of many companies were taken over by the Government, yet even after that the esteemed investors couldn't get even a single rupee back in more than two decades. **It means all your payments have to be made by Sahara India Pariwar only.**

Overseas-Air Services

In my last address I told you in detail how our business activities had been affected due to Corona pandemic in last one and half year, and how we couldn't complete



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our those projects through which we expected to get money from, to repay our esteemed investors. I had also said that if the situation got normal and business operations around the world were back on track after recovering from the Corona pandemic, we would be in a position to repay in the months of July, August and September, 2021. At that time we had hoped that overseas travel will restart, but it didn't happen and even today, international air travel has not resumed. Now the Government of India has extended the curtailment of international flying till 30th September.

I had told you that most of our business transactions had happened overseas from which we would have received sufficient funds. But due to Corona, our representatives and those of other countries are not able to visit each other and the agreements are not getting finalized. Hence, we are not able to get adequate funds.

₹24,000 Crore

I had also told you the places, including the Sahara-SEBI account (**more than ₹24,000 crores**), where our funds were stuck. We assumed there would be progress in this direction and we would get our money that we were to use to make payments to our esteemed investors, but the adverse circumstances kept coming in our way. Due to Corona we didn't get a date of hearing from the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the last 14 months. Despite all these things our efforts are going on.

We are hopeful that the situation will normalize soon and our business activities will speed up again, which will take our deals to finalization and we will get enough money that will enable us to provide relief to all.

Because of the prevailing circumstances, at present we are not in a position to tell you how long it will take to happen.

However, we assure you that your payment is our responsibility which we will fulfill at all cost and by all means and **very soon we will be before you with good news.**

My regards to all the elders and loving blessings to the younger ones!

Always Yours,

Saharabhai
Subrata Roy Sahara



Acquisition of ₹17K cr 56 transport aircraft OK'd

DEPNs ■ NEW DELHI

In an effort to enhance the Indian Air Force's (IAF) capabilities to transport personnel and equipment, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on Wednesday approved the procurement of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft from Airbus Defence and Space S.A., Spain. The deal is worth over ₹17,000 crores.

Giving details here, officials said 16 aircraft will be procured

off-the-shelf within 48 months of signing of the contract and 40 aircraft will be manufactured in India by TATA Consortium within ten years of signing of the contract.

This is the first project of its kind in which a military aircraft will be manufactured in India by a private company. All 56 aircraft will be installed with indigenous Electronic Warfare Suite. The project will give a boost to aerospace ecosystem in India wherein

several medium and small enterprises (MSME) spread over the country will be involved in manufacturing of parts of the aircraft.

This plane is capable of air-lifting five to ten tons and fitted with latest technology will replace the ageing Avro planes now in service since 1960s. The new aircraft has a rear ramp door for quick reaction and parachute dropping of troops and cargo.

The manufacturing pro-

gramme will provide major boost to the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' as it offers a unique opportunity for the Indian Private Sector to enter into technology intensive and highly competitive aviation industry. The project will augment domestic aviation manufacturing resulting in reduced import dependence and expected increase in exports.

A large number of detail parts, sub-assemblies and major component assemblies of

aero structure are scheduled to be manufactured in India. The programme will act as a catalyst in employment generation in the aerospace ecosystem of the country and is expected to generate 600 highly skilled jobs directly, over 3,000 indirect jobs and an additional 3,000 medium skill employment opportunities with more than 42.5 lakh man hours of work within the aerospace and defence sector of India.

It will involve development of specialised infrastructure in form of hangars, buildings, aprons and taxiway. During the process of manufacturing in India, it is expected that all the suppliers of TATA Consortium who will be involved in special processes will gain and maintain globally recognised National Aerospace and Defence Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP) accreditation.

IAF to get 350 aircraft in next 2 decades: Air Chief

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Facing the ever present threat of a two-front war simultaneously with Pakistan and China, the IAF is looking at procuring around 350 aircraft in the next two decades, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria said here on Wednesday.

In an address at a conference on the Indian aerospace sector, he also talked about the need for developing asymmetric capabilities to bolster the IAF's overall strength in view of challenges from China. "Looking at the northern neighbour, we have to

have niche technologies which must be built in-house by our own industry for reasons of security," the IAF chief said.

Emphasising that India becoming self-reliant in the defence sector is crucial for dealing with various challenge, Bhadauria said the IAF is looking at procuring around 350 aircraft from within the country in the next two decades. He, however, said it is a rough projection.

The IAF chief also said the Tejas light combat aircraft project has instilled confidence in the aerospace industry in India.

Textiles sector gets boost with ₹10,683 crore PLI scheme

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme worth ₹10,683 crore for textiles sector with an aim to boost domestic manufacturing and exports. The cabinet "has approved the PLI scheme for textiles for MMF (man-made fibre) apparel, MMF fabrics and ten segments/ products of technical textiles with a budgetary outlay of ₹10,683 crore," Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal told reporters here.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi later tweeted that the PLI scheme will make India emerge as hub for global textiles manufacturing and enhance women empowerment. "Our textiles sector plays a vital role in the economy. In order to give a further boost to the sector and strengthen our endeavour to create an Atmanirbhar Bharat, the Cabinet today approved a PLI Scheme for textiles," he said.

"Through the PLI Scheme in textiles, India seeks to emerge as a hub for global textiles manufacturing. The PLI scheme will further women empowerment and accelerate progress in the aspirational districts," added Modi.

PLI scheme for textiles is part of the overall announcement of the scheme for 13 sectors made earlier during the Union Budget 2021-22, with an outlay of ₹1.97 lakh crore. The scheme for textiles will help promote production of high value MMF Fabric, Garments and Technical Textiles in the country. The incentive structure has been so formulated that industry will be encouraged to invest in fresh capacities in these segments, said Goyal.

MSP for rabi crops gets hike

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the midst of farmers' protests, the minimum support price for rabi crops has been increased between ₹35 and ₹400 for the 2021-22 crop year (July-June) and 2022-23 marketing season. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi hiked the MSP for six rabi crops - Wheat, Barley, Gram, Lentil (Masoor), Rapeseed, Mustard and Safflower - with an aim to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce.

According to a statement issued by the government, the MSP for wheat has been increased by ₹40 to ₹2015 per quintal from ₹1,975 per quintal. The cost of production of wheat is estimated at ₹1,008 per quintal. The Government has procured a record of over 43 million tonnes of wheat during 2021-22 rabi marketing season.

After the CCEA decision, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Cabinet's approval to increase the MSP for Rabi crops will ensure maximum remunerative price for farmers and also encourage them to sow a wide variety of crops. "Taking another big decision today in the interest of farmer brothers and sisters, the Government has approved the increase in MSP of all Rabi crops," Modi tweeted.

Rahul pseudo expert, says Pradhan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday hit back at Rahul Gandhi for demanding the postponement of medical entrance exam NEET, saying the Congress leader was a "pseudo expert" with an "overflowing vanity and a misplaced sense of entitlement".

Criticising Rahul Gandhi for "questioning the wisdom" of the Supreme Court and experts on the NEET schedule, Pradhan said that "yuvraj (prince)" should stick to "his expertise of concocting lies than issuing statements on matters he has no understanding of".

The minister's response came after the former Congress President called for the postponement of the NEET examination as many other examinations are scheduled around September 12. Alleging that the government is "blind" to students' distress, Rahul Gandhi had urged the Centre to let students "have a fair chance" in the exams.

On Monday, the Supreme Court refused to defer the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET)-UG examination scheduled for September 12, saying it does not want to interfere with the process and it will be "very unfair" to reschedule it.

"Rahul Gandhi perceives himself to be an expert on everything without having an iota of knowledge. Overflowing vanity & misplaced sense of entitlement of a failed crown prince is no alibi to meddle into the schedule of examinations, give undue stress & make the students suffer," Pradhan tweeted.

T'gana to deliver medicines, vax through drones

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

From Thursday, Telangana Government will start the trials of delivering medicines and vaccines through drones under the 'Medicine From The Sky' project. The trial flights will be conducted from September 9 to October 10 at Vikarabad (Hyderabad), and a majority of them will be by tech start-up Skye Air Mobility. This will make Telangana the first state in the country to start trials of Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) drone flights for delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.

According to the Telangana government, the 'Medicine From The Sky' (MFTS) project's first two days of trials will be flying in the visual line of sight, which involves drones flying between 500 and 700 meters from the base and they can be seen with the naked eye.

Delhi-based drone delivery tech firm Skye Air Mobility has tied up with Blue Dart to initiate a three-phase trial for Telangana Government that starts with flying drones, each carrying 175 vaccines. BVLOS drone flights are those that go beyond 500-700 metres from the eye's vision or beyond the visual line of sight.

From September 11 onwards, BVLOS drone flights will take place for 9-10 km distances. These flights will be with consignments of vaccines, medical samples and other healthcare items, it said.



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NOTICE OF 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the 15th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Indiabulls Real Estate Limited ("the Company") is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, 30th September, 2021 at 01:30 P.M.** (IST) through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility to transact the businesses as listed in the Notice dated September 6, 2021, convening the AGM in compliance with the General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 read with General Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars"), applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder, Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated May 12, 2020 and January 15, 2021, respectively issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular"), and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as "SEBI LODR Regulations"). The proceeding of AGM conducted shall be deemed to be made at the Registered Office of the Company. Members intending to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM may attend the AGM by following the procedure prescribed in AGM Notice.

In compliance with the MCA Circulars and relevant circulars issued by SEBI, the Notice convening 15th AGM and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2020-21 ("Annual Report") has been sent, through electronic mode on September 8, 2021, to those members whose e-mail address is registered with the Company / Registrar & Share Transfer Agent (RTA) / Depository Participants (DPs).

The aforesaid documents are also available on <https://www.indiabullswireestate.com/>, <https://evoting.karvy.com>, <http://www.bseindia.com> and <http://www.nseindia.com>.

Notice is further given pursuant to Section 91 of the Act read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules") and Regulation 42 of SEBI LODR Regulations, that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Monday, September 27, 2021 to Thursday, September 30, 2021 (both days inclusive) for annual closing (for the purpose of AGM).

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Rules and Regulation 44 of the SEBI LODR Regulations and above mentioned Circulars, the Company is providing remote e-voting facility to all its members to exercise their right to vote on the resolutions listed in the AGM Notice and has availed the services of KFin Technologies Private Limited (KFinTech) for providing VC facility and e-voting. The detailed procedure for attending the AGM through VC/OAVM and the e-voting is provided in the Notice convening the AGM. The Notice also contains Instructions/details with regard to process of obtaining Login credentials for shareholders, holding shares in physical form or in electronic form, who have not registered their e-mail address either with the Company or their respective DPs.

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Link to VC / OAVM	https://emeetings.kfintech.com/
Link for remote e-voting	For Individual members: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/ (holding securities in demat mode with NSDL) https://www.cdslindia.com/ (holding securities in demat mode with CDSL) For non-Individual members and members holding shares in physical form: https://evoting.kfintech.com
Cut-off date for determining the Members entitled to vote through remote e-voting or during the AGM	Thursday, September 23, 2021. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their shares in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company, as on September 23, 2021.
Commencement of remote e-voting period	Monday, September 27, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.
End of remote e-voting period	Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

The remote e-voting shall be disabled by KFinTech at 5:00 PM on 29th September 2021, and thereafter the Members shall not be able to vote through remote e-voting. However to enable the Members, who have not cast their vote through remote e-voting, insta-poll (e-voting) facility will also be made available during the AGM. Further, the Members who have cast their votes through remote e-voting may attend the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

Members holding shares in physical form or those who have not registered their e-mail ID with the Company/RTA/DPs or the persons who becomes a Member of the Company after the dispatch of the AGM Notice and holds shares as on the cut-off date i.e. September 23, 2021, may obtain the User ID and password in the manner as mentioned in the Notice and can cast their vote through remote e-voting or through insta-poll (e-voting) during the meeting. Detailed instructions are provided in the AGM Notice, which is available on the website of the Company viz. www.sorilinfraresources.com and also on the Website of the Stock Exchange(s) i.e. BSE Limited (BSE) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) at <https://www.bseindia.com> and <http://www.nseindia.com>, respectively, and the website of KFinTech at <https://evoting.kfintech.com>.

All documents referred to in the accompanying Notice and the Explanatory Statement are available on the website of the Company for Inspection by the Members.

Those shareholders whose e-mail ID is not registered, can also register their e-mail ID by following the process given in the AGM Notice or sending e-mail at evoting@kfintech.com by providing their name registered as per the records of the Company, address, e-mail ID, PAN, DP ID/Client ID or Folio Number and number of shares held by them.

Ms. Neha Sharma (Membership No A44741), of M/s. Neha S & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries, has been appointed as Scrutinizer in accordance with the Provisions of Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) to act as Scrutinizer for e-voting process.

In case of any query / grievance(s) connected with attending the AGM through VC/OAVM or the electronic voting, members may contact Mr. P.S.R.C.H. Murthy, Manager – RIS, KFin Technologies Private Limited Unit: SORIL Infra Resources Limited, Selenium Tower B, Plot No. 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad – 500 032, Tel: +91 40 6716 2222, Toll Free No.: 1800-309-4001; E-mail id: murthy.psrch@kfintech.com or evoting@kfintech.com.

By Order of the Board
For **SORIL Infra Resources Limited**
Sd/-
Place: Gurugram Vikas Khandelwal
Date: September 8, 2021 Company Secretary



SORIL Infra Resources Limited
CIN: L52190HR2005PLC077960
Registered Office: Plot No. 448-451, Udyog Vihar, Phase-V, Gurugram-122016, Haryana, Tel: 0124 6681199, Fax: 0124 6681111
Website: www.sorilinfraresources.com, E-mail: helpdesk@indiabulls.com

NOTICE OF 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the 16th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of SORIL Infra Resources Limited ("the Company") is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, 30th September, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.** (IST) through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility to transact the businesses as listed in the Notice dated September 6, 2021, convening the AGM in compliance with the General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 read with General Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars"), applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder, Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated May 12, 2020 and January 15, 2021, respectively issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular"), and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as "SEBI LODR Regulations"). The proceeding of AGM conducted shall be deemed to be made at the Registered Office of the Company. Members intending to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM may attend the AGM by following the procedure prescribed in AGM Notice.

In compliance with the MCA Circulars and relevant circulars issued by SEBI, the Notice convening 16th AGM and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2020-21 ("Annual Report") has been sent, through electronic mode on September 8, 2021, to those members whose e-mail address is registered with the Company / Registrar & Share Transfer Agent (RTA) / Depository Participants (DPs).

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Pursuant to Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Rules and Regulation 44 of the SEBI LODR Regulations and above mentioned Circulars, the Company is providing remote e-voting facility to all its members to exercise their right to vote on the resolutions listed in the AGM Notice and has availed the services of KFin Technologies Private Limited (KFinTech) for providing VC facility and e-voting. The detailed procedure for attending the AGM through VC/OAVM and the e-voting is provided in the Notice convening the AGM. The Notice also contains Instructions/details with regard to process of obtaining Login credentials for shareholders, holding shares in physical form or in electronic form, who have not registered their e-mail address either with the Company or their respective DPs.

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Cut-off date for determining the Members entitled to vote through remote e-voting or during the AGM	Thursday, September 23, 2021. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their shares in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company, as on September 23, 2021.
Commencement of remote e-voting period	Monday, September 27, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.
End of remote e-voting period	Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

The remote e-voting shall be disabled by KFinTech at 5:00 PM on 29th September 2021 and thereafter the Members shall not be able to vote through remote e-voting. However to enable the Members, who have not cast their vote through remote e-voting, insta-poll (e-voting) facility will also be made available during the AGM. Further, the Members who have cast their votes through remote e-voting may attend the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

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Ms. Neha Sharma (Membership No A44741), of M/s. Neha S & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries, has been appointed as Scrutinizer in accordance with the Provisions of Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) to act as Scrutinizer for e-voting process.

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By Order of the Board
For **Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited**
Sd/-
Place: Gurugram Priya Jain
Date: September 8, 2021 Company Secretary



Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited
(formerly Indiabulls Integrated Services Limited)
CIN: L51101HR2007PLC077999
Registered Office: Plot No. 448-451, Udyog Vihar, Phase-V, Gurugram-122016, Haryana. Tel: 0124 6681199, Fax: 0124 6681111
Website: www.yaari.com, Email: helpdesk@indiabulls.com

NOTICE OF 14TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the 14th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited ("the Company") is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, 30th September, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.** (IST) through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility to transact the businesses as listed in the Notice dated September 6, 2021, convening the AGM in compliance with the General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 read with General Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars"), applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder, Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated May 12, 2020 and January 15, 2021, respectively issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular"), and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as "SEBI LODR Regulations"). The proceeding of AGM conducted shall be deemed to be made at the Registered Office of the Company. Members intending to attend the AGM through VC/OAVM may attend the AGM by following the procedure prescribed in AGM Notice.

In compliance with the MCA Circulars and relevant circulars issued by SEBI, the Notice convening 14th AGM and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2020-21 ("Annual Report") has been sent, through electronic mode on September 8, 2021, to those members whose e-mail address is registered with the Company / Registrar & Share Transfer Agent (RTA) / Depository Participants (DPs).

The aforesaid documents are also available on www.yaari.com, <https://evoting.kfintech.com>, <http://www.bseindia.com> and <http://www.nseindia.com>.

Notice is further given pursuant to Section 91 of the Act read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules") and Regulation 42 of SEBI LODR Regulations, that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Monday, September 27, 2021 to Thursday, September 30, 2021 (both days inclusive) for annual closing (for the purpose of AGM).

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Cut-off date for determining the Members entitled to vote through remote e-voting or during the AGM	Thursday, September 23, 2021. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their shares in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company, as on September 23, 2021.
Commencement of remote e-voting period	Monday, September 27, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.
End of remote e-voting period	Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

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Mr. Nishant Mittal, (Membership No. 553860), Proprietor of M/s. N Mittal & Associates, Practicing Chartered Accountants, has been appointed as Scrutinizer in accordance with the Provisions of Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) to act as Scrutinizer for e-voting process.

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By Order of the Board
For **Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited**
Sd/-
Place: Gurugram Priya Jain
Date: September 8, 2021 Company Secretary

BJP announces team for UP Assembly polls

Lucknow: The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in Uttar Pradesh has set the ball rolling for the crucial 2022 Assembly polls with the announcement of a strong 14-member team of senior leaders led by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to retain power in the most politically sensitive State.

The team has seven joint in-charges along with six in-charges of respective regions, a BJP Press release said here on Wednesday.

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan will be the overall in-charge and he will be assisted by Union Information and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur, Union Parliamentary Affairs,

Tourism and Culture Minister Arjun Medhwal, Rajya Sabha member Saroj Pandey, Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Kardlaje, former Haryana Minister Captain Abhimanyu, Union Minister of State for Education Anupama Devi and Rajya Sabha member Vivek Thakur.

Similarly, the party has announced in-charges of six regions too. MP Sanjay Bhatia will be the in-charge of western UP, Bihar MLA Sanjeev Chaurasia of Braj region, BJP national secretary Y Satya Kumar of Awadh region, national joint treasurer Sudhir Gupta of Kanpur region, national secretary Arvind Mohan while Sunil Ojha will be joint in-charge of Kashi region. **PNS**

Didi compares BJP with Duryodhan, Dushyasan

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Mamata Banerjee has compared the BJP to Duryodhana and Dushyasan — the two epitomes of vice in Mahabharata — saying a Royal Bengal Tigress as she was she would never get cowed down by the saffron outfit's arm-twisting tactics.

The immediate trigger for the Bengal Chief Minister's scathing attack on the BJP was a second summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate to TMC national general secretary and her nephew Abhishek Banerjee in money-laundering and coal scam cases.

The junior Banerjee an MP from Diamond Harbour who was grilled by the ED for nine hours on Monday was called for the second time on Wednesday but he skipped the summons.

Having failed to defeat the TMC politically the BJP was resorting to vendetta politics, she said adding "as the BJP cannot do anything to me it is attacking my family members and my party leaders ... they have also summoned our senior minister Partho Chatterjee ... they did this to Subroto Mukherjee in the Narada case when their own leaders were seen wads of notes," in the sting video footage that was made public five years ago.

Incidentally Partho Chatterjee has been asked to appear before the ED officials in Kolkata on September 13 reportedly to explain his connection with the multi-crore I-Core chit fund case. He is likely to be asked as to why he was present in the functions of the said chit fund company.

According to ED sources

the junior Banerjee, who failed to appear before the ED officials in Delhi on Wednesday was likely to be summoned soon. Fresh summons were likely to be issued to him and his wife Rujira who too failed to appear before the ED officials on September 1. In a letter she wrote to the ED officials to question her at her house in Kolkata as it could be risky for her to venture out of her house in pandemic circumstances.

According to sources Abhishek Banerjee who was grilled for about 9 hours on Monday "refused to cooperate" with the ED officials who specifically asked about the alleged unaccounted money which was received by the two firms associated with his family members. He failed to explain the source of money, which officials claim came from the coal smuggling case.

J&K ex-CMs: Taliban Govt will be a Islamic role model

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Singing in chorus two former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Ministers Dr Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday expressed hope that the new rulers in Afghanistan (Taliban) would deliver good governance and emerge as 'role models' if they went on to follow 'Islamic law' (Sharia law). The first statement on Taliban gaining control in Afghanistan came from Dr Farooq Abdullah.

Interacting with the reporters after paying tributes to Sheikh Mohd Abdullah on his 39th death anniversary in Srinagar, the National Conference President said, "I hope they (Taliban) will deliver good governance and follow Islamic principles in that country (Afghanistan) and respect human rights. They should try to develop friendly relations with every country". Dr Abdullah was responding to a question on the situation in Afghanistan after the Taliban had gained control on ground zero.

Interestingly, the comments made by Dr Abdullah immediately went viral on several media platforms and social media handles.

As the news item was trending it prompted the National Conference to issue a clarification.

In a hard hitting statement the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference posted a tweet, "Backs? How? Falsely attributing things to Dr Farooq Abdullah that he NEVER said is DEPLORABLE. Twisting words and misrepresenting the intended meaning only exposes the so-called "channels" that manufacture stories with mala fide intention".

In another tweet JKNC said, "Dr Farooq's statement on Afghanistan is simply an invocation of Human Rights (Insaani-Huqooq) & Social Justice (Insaaf) in the turbulent country. Extremely shocking & disappointing to see the tabloid media contorting this into an endorsement for Taliban rule. Liars will be liars".

Shortly after, PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti too went public with her comments. She told reporters in Kulgam, "the Taliban is emerging as a reality. They had an image of anti-human rights during their first rule. They can set an example for the world if they follow the real Sharia law which includes women rights, & not their interpretation of Sharia. Mehbooba Mufti also claimed if they failed to do so and adopted their own model of governance of 1990 then they would not only compound miseries of other countries but the people of Afghanistan.

SC upholds extension of Mishra's tenure as ED director

New Delhi: Observing that a reasonable period of extension can be granted to facilitate completion of ongoing investigations, the Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a plea challenging extension of one year service to Sanjay Kumar Mishra as Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Upholding the Centre's decision, a bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao, however, made it clear that extension of tenure of officers who have attained the age of superannuation should be done in rare and exceptional cases. "The court also made it clear that no further extension can be given to Mishra.

The apex court said that a reasonable period of extension can be granted to facilitate the completion of cases of ongoing investigations only after recording the reasons by the committee constituted under Section 25 of the Central Vigilance Commission Act. "Any extension of tenure granted to persons holding the post of director of ED after attaining age of superannuation should be for a short period. We do not wish to interfere with the post of second respondent in the instant case as the tenure is coming to end in November 2021," said the bench also comprising Justice B R Gavai. The judgment came on a plea filed by NGO, Common Cause, challenging retrospective change in the 2018 appointment order of Mishra as director of the ED. Mishra, an Indian Revenue Service officer was appointed as the ED Director for two years by an order of November 19, 2018. Later, by an order of November 13, 2020, the appointment letter was modified retrospectively by the central government and his 2-year term was made for three years.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the NGO, had said Mishra could not have been given any extension since he reached the age of 60 years in May 2020 and such an illegal extension may have an impact of "destroying" the independence of the office of the Director **.PNS**

HC stays rustication of Vishwa Bharati students

PNS ■ KOLKATA

In what the agitating students saw as "egg in the face of Vishwa Bharati University Vice Chancellor" Bidyut Chakrabarty the Calcutta High Court on Wednesday put an interim stay on the rustication of three students and directed the University to let them join regular classes from Thursday.

The Court also ordered the Left students union to withdraw their ongoing agitation and resume their classes.

Welcoming the order advocate Samim Ahammed, who represented the students said, "the learned court has observed that the action taken against the students was 'harsh and disproportionate' and put an interim stay on the rustication order of the three students during the course of the hearing.

No separate avenue for scribes to come directly to top court for quashing of FIRs: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said it does not want freedom of press to be muzzled or stifled but it cannot create a separate avenue for journalists to approach it directly for the quashing of FIRs lodged against them. The apex court stated this while hearing a plea filed by Foundation for Independent Journalism, which publishes digital news portal "The Wire", and its three journalists seeking quashing of three FIRs lodged against them in Uttar Pradesh.

A bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao asked the petitioners to approach the Allahabad High Court to seek the quashing of FIRs and granted them protection for two months. "You go to the high court and argue for quashing. We will protect you in the interim," said the bench, also comprising justices B R Gavai and B V Nagarathna. **PTI**

Kerala logs 181 deaths in 24 hrs

KOCHI: Even as the threat posed by Nipah is fast vanishing as more persons under surveillance tested negative, Covid-19 returned with vigour in Kerala on Wednesday. Out of the 1.71 lakh samples tested during the last 24 hours, 30,196 persons tested positive for Covid-19 while the Test Positivity Rate climbed to 17.63 per cent, according to Health Minister Veena George.

The death toll till date in the State touched 22,001 as 181 lives were claimed by the pandemic during the last 24 hours. Thrissur (3832), Ernakulam (3611) Kozhikode (3058) and Thiruvananthapuram (2900) topped the table of districts with highest daily cases.

As on Wednesday evening, 2.39 lakh persons are undergoing treatment for Covid-19 in the State. **PNS**

TN Amruth Mahotsav turns sour War breaks out over names of freedom fighters

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The plans of Doordarshan and All India Radio in Chennai to observe the Amruth Mahotsav (75th anniversary of India's Independence) has turned sour even before the first episode of the programme was aired.

Both Doordarshan and AIR had made grand plans to broadcast features and programmes on freedom fighters from Tamil Nadu who had contributed great services to liberate the country from the shackles of British rule. "But some of the names included in the list were shocking and insulting as they had no role in the freedom movement," said B R Gowthaman, director, Vedic Research Centre, an autonomous body engaged in propagating Vedic Studies and Indian culture.

In memorandums addressed to Anurag Thakur, L Murugan, union ministers of State for Information and Broadcasting, and K Annamalai, Tamil Nadu BJP chief,

Gowthaman said that three persons in the list prepared by the bureaucrats of Doordarshan and AIR do not have any role in the country's freedom movement.

"E V Ramasami Naicker (popularly addressed as Periyar) was never a part of the freedom movement. In fact Naicker had pleaded with the British not to leave India," Gowthaman told The Pioneer. He further pointed out that Rettamalai Srinivasan, whose name has been included in the list by the bureaucrats of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, was a social reformer and had never taken part in any agitation for the liberation of the country.

Yet another person whom the officials want to highlight is Marshal Nesamani, who too did not take part in freedom struggle. "Nesamani hailed from Kanyakumari in the then Travancore State. He was focussed on annexing the district from Travancore and joining it to the then Madras Province and had no role in the freedom movement," said Gowthaman.

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e-procurement Notice
NIT No. -119/PR/JBVL/2021-22
Online short e-tender is invited by General Manager (Commercial), JBVNL for the selection of Project Management Agency (PMA) to provide services for implementation of works under Revamped Reforms - Linked Results - Based Distribution Sector Scheme(RDSS) in JBVNL.

Sl. No.	Details of Work
1	Selection of Project Management Agency (PMA) to provide services and comprehensive support for implementation of works under Revamped Reforms - Linked Results - Based Distribution Sector Scheme in JBVNL.
2	Calendar of Events :
i.	Date of Publication of NIT on website 09-09-2021 at 15:30 hrs
ii.	Last date for sending pre-bid queries/ suggestions along with request for online participation through video conference at Email-ccer2018@gmail.com a)13-09-2021 till 15:00 hrs(for request of online participation) b)14-09-2021 till 16:00 hrs(for pre-bid queries via email)
iii.	Pre-Bid Meeting Date and Time(Online) 14-09-2021 at 12:30 hrs
iv.	Last Date / Time for receipt of bids 20-09-2021 till 15:00 hrs
v.	Date and Time for Opening of Technical bid 21-09-2021 at 16:00 hrs

1. The tender documents with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and should upload all relevant documents as mentioned in the tender document only through online e-tender portal/website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

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General Manager (Coml.)
PR 252943 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd (21-22)_D

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान,
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पत्रांक: 689/निविदा सूचना/2021-22 दिनांक : 08/09/2021

: निविदा सूचना :

मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान की ओर से देहरादून जन्मद में उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान की शाखा पिथुवाला के उपखण्ड इन्दिरानगर के अन्तर्गत मिट्टी बेरी क्षेत्र में निम्नानुसार में पाईप लाईन बिछाने तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य हेतु सोलबन्द निविदाये आमन्त्रित की जाती है जो कि दिनांक 09.09.2021 से 23.09.2021 तक अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक कार्य दिवसों में उल्लेखित दरों पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है। यह निविदाये दिनांक 24.09.2021 यदि वर्धित तिथि को अवकाश हो तो अगले कार्य दिवस के साथ 3:00 बजे तक शाखा कार्यालय में जमा करवाये जा सकते हैं तथा उसी दिन साथ 3:30 बजे उपस्थित निविदादाताओं या उनके प्रतिनिधियों के सम्म खोली जायेगी।

क्र.सं	कार्य का नाम	घरोहर धनराशि (₹)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (₹)	जी0एस0टी0 (18%)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	देकेदार की न्यूनतम श्रेणी
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शर्तें

- निविदा प्रपत्र के साथ घरोहर राशि की धनराशि सीडीआर/एफडीआर जो कि अधिशासी अभियन्ता पिथुवाला के पक्ष में बंधक होगी, सलमन करना अनिवार्य है। बिना घरोहर राशि के निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि को किसी कारण अवकाश घोषित होने की दशा में निविदाये अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी।
- अस्पष्ट व अशुद्ध निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा तथा सशर्त निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा एवं अघोषणाकारी को बिना कारण बताये एक अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को निरस्त करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित है।
- वर्धित कार्य हेतु ठेकेदार/फर्म का पंजीकरण शाखान्तर्गत/विमान में होना अनिवार्य है।
- निविदा सिकाफे पर कार्य का नाम लिखना अनिवार्य है।
- निविदा के साथ शपथ पत्र हेतु ₹100.00 का नॉन ज्यूडिशियल स्टाम्प पेपर ₹1.00 के रसीद टिकट पर हस्ताक्षर एवं मोहर सार्फत सलमन करे।
- निविदादाताओं द्वारा यदि कार्य मंद हेतु अत्यधिक न्यूनतम दर की जाती है, तो उन्हें दृष्टिगत रखते हुए समिति की संस्तुति के आधार पर 10 प्रतिशत जमानत धनराशि के अतिरिक्त निम्नानुसार अतिरिक्त जमानत धनराशि सम्बन्धित ठेकेदार को अनुबन्ध करके सम्य जमा करनी होगी।

क्र.सं	न्यूनतम दर विवरण	अतिरिक्त जमानत धनराशि
1	05 प्रतिशत से 15 प्रतिशत तक	10 प्रतिशत
2	15 प्रतिशत से कम होने पर	15 प्रतिशत

यदि सम्बन्धित ठेकेदार द्वारा निर्धारित समयान्तर्गत अनुबन्ध नहीं किया जाता है, तो 02 प्रतिशत अग्रिम घरोहर धनराशि जब की जाएगी। दरें गुणवत्ता सहित मानक के अनुरूप कार्य नहीं किया गया तब समस्त जमानत धनराशि (10 प्रतिशत, अतिरिक्त जमानत धनराशि) जब करती हूँ उन्हें काली सूची में डाल दिया जाएगा।

नोट : विस्तृत नियम एवं शर्तें निविदा प्रपत्र में अंकित हैं।

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PUBLIC NOTICE - BATTERIES MANAGEMENT

Batteries (Management & Handling) Rules, 2001 came into force w.e.f 16th May, 2001. These rules mandate various responsibilities on manufacturers, importers, assemblers, re-conditioners, dealers, recyclers, consumers, bulk consumers and auctioneers. Major responsibilities of each of these stakeholders are listed as under.

Manufacturers/Importers

- Shall ensure that the new batteries be sold only to the registered dealers and the used batteries are collected back as per the schedule against new batteries sold excluding those sold to original equipment manufacturer and bulk consumer(s).
- Shall file a half-yearly return of their sales and buy-back to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) in Form- I latest by 30th June (for Oct-Mar) and 31st December (for Apr-Sept) of every year.
- Set up collection centres either individually or jointly at various places for collection of used batteries from consumers or dealers and shall ensure that the collected batteries are sent only to the registered recyclers.
- Shall ensure that necessary arrangements are made with dealers for safe transportation from collection centres to the premises of registered recyclers and shall ensure that no damage to the environment occurs during the transportation.
- Create public awareness through advertisement, publications, posters or by other means with regards to (a) hazard of lead (b) responsibility of consumers to return their used batteries only to the dealer or deliver at designated collection centre and (c) address of the dealer and designated collection centres.
- Buy recycled lead only from registered recyclers.
- Bring to the notice of the DPCC or the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India for any violation by the dealers.
- Importers shall apply for registration as per Form II and Form III on the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) online portal for a period of five years (link: <http://cpcbbrms.nic.in/>).

Assemblers/Re-conditioners

- Shall ensure that the used batteries collected back are of similar type and specifications as that of the new batteries sold and shall ensure that used batteries collected are sent only to registered recyclers.

Dealers

- Apply for registration by submitting online application in Form- IV available on DPCC website by creating user ID and password for the period of five years.
- Shall ensure that the used batteries are collected back as per the schedule against new batteries sold.
- Shall ensure safe transportation of collected batteries to the designated collection centres or to registered recyclers.
- Shall file a half-yearly return of their sales

Consumers/Bulk Consumers

- Shall ensure that used batteries are not disposed off in any manner other than by depositing with the dealer/ manufacturer/ registered recycler/ importer/ re-conditioner or at the designated collection centres.
- Bulk consumers shall file half-yearly return latest by 30th June (for Oct-Mar) and 31st December (for Apr-Sept) in Form- I to DPCC.
- Bulk consumers to their user units may auction used batteries to registered recyclers only.

Auctioneers

- Shall ensure that used batteries are auctioned to the registered recyclers only.
- Shall maintain records relating to receipt of used batteries, sources, quantities and metal yield and submit to DPCC.
- Shall file half-yearly returns of their auctions latest by 30th June and 31st December to DPCC in Form-IX.

Recyclers

- Shall apply for registration to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change or an agency designated by it (if not applied already), by submitting information in Form VI.
- Shall submit half-yearly returns as per Form-VII to the DPCC latest by 30th June (for Oct-Mar) and 31st December (for Apr-Sept) of every year.
- Shall make available all records relating to receipt of used batteries, sources, quantities and metal yield to be submitted to the DPCC.
- Create public awareness through advertisement, publications, posters or by other

and buy-back of old batteries to the DPCC and manufacturer in Form-V latest by 31st May (for Oct-Mar) and 30th November (for Apr-Sept) of every year.

Note:- As per Batteries (Management and Handling) Amendment Rules, 2010, every dealer of Lead Acid Battery shall obtain registration from DPCC, within 30 days of this Notice and in case of failure legal action including prosecution shall be initiated.

Member Secretary

What next?

Now that the 'interim' Taliban Govt has been unveiled, the world must decide on future course

The world had hoped against hope that the Taliban have changed this time around, that they appear mindful of public opinion and may not be as regressive as before. The world even debated about the good Taliban and the bad Taliban. The hope was that just one step of the Taliban towards civilised behaviour will make it easier to decide whether to take a chance by recognising them. The Taliban, by announcing their interim Government, simply dashed all these hopes. They are the same as ever. It is as if they expect the world to accept them as they are. Where recognition of a toned-down version of the 1996 vintage Taliban might have paved the way for some kind of developmental interference of the world in Afghan affairs, the same old hardline faces in the interim Government limit the international community's options on recognition and sanctions. The world thought it was seeing a reformed Taliban when their spokesperson with a smile pasted on his face conversed with a woman journalist. The announcement on Tuesday changed all that. It is an all-male, no-women, hard-liner affair. The field commanders crowd the Government and the Doha-based political moderates are edged out. If it took this long to announce the Government — the process speeded up, coincidentally, only after the arrival in Kabul of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence chief — it was because the Taliban were settling their internal squabbles over demarcating their turfs and arriving at a *pro rata* share in the power pie acceptable to all *shuras*.

It is an "interim" Government, the prefix carrot dangled in the face of the world, hinting at a promise of elections at some point and insisting that democracy is not a mirage in the wilderness of Islamist ideology. The hasty departure of the United States troops from Afghanistan and the quantum of vacuum they left behind are suddenly a thing of the past. The nations of the world face the question: What next? The ball is in their court. A series of global meetings in the next couple of weeks may help debate the options — the BRICS meeting, followed by the SCO council of the heads of State and the UN General Assembly. In between, the UN Security Council's Taliban Sanctions Committee will meet, India in the chair. Should there be a request for the lifting of sanctions or their extension? All eyes will be on China which said it will decide on recognising the Taliban after the Government is announced. It cannot be that the world can be asked to recognise the Taliban Government when new Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani, under sanctions from the UNSC committee, is also on the US' most wanted list for terrorism. The world is reminded of Haqqani's smug remarks the *New York Times* braved criticism to publish just days before the 2020 Taliban-US agreement was signed in Doha: "I am convinced that the killing and the maiming must stop."



Devotees attend a 'Mass' during the annual feast of the birth of Virgin Mary, in Hyderabad

Fingers crossed

New infections are a regularity since COVID-19. There's dread over what the next one will be

Ever since the novel strain of Coronavirus began to wreak havoc early last year, a variety of infections and outbreaks have surfaced to aggravate the precarious health scenario across the nation. The dreaded mucormycosis, infamously known as black fungus, although receded now, became the next big epidemic and claimed more than 4300 lives in India following the vicious second wave of COVID-19. Black fungus was a curse, creepier than Coronavirus itself. In 2001 and 2007, the first two outbreaks of Nipah virus (NIV) were reported in West Bengal. The 'zoonotic virus' (transmitted from animals to humans) first transmitted from pigs to humans and later from bats to humans, and is now transmissible human to human. The first two spells of NIV in India caused 71 cases; however, of concern were the 50 deaths that came of it. The trend continued in the 2018 Nipah outbreak in Kerala, in which 17 of the 18 confirmed cases succumbed. This severe fatality rate is again the cause of concern during the 2021 Nipah outbreak. Although

it is too early to assess whether the fatality rate would remain static, the death of a 12-year-old boy due to NIV has put Kerala on high alert over the infectious disease. The State currently accounts for over 50 per cent of the country's total COVID-19 cases and, now with an additional outbreak, the chips are really down there. The Nipah outbreak is confined to its peripheries for now, however, a strange viral fever outbreak which started in UP's Firozabad district is running its course and has claimed at least 50 lives in the district alone. The cases of dengue-like fever are now being reported in Noida and Delhi as well. Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra asked the UP Government if it has not learnt any lessons from the mismanagement of the horrific second wave of Coronavirus. While COVID-19 has settled in most parts of the country for now, a new variant called 'Mu' or B.1.621 has made it to the headlines. The variant was first reported in Colombia in January 2021, and has since spread to over 40 countries globally. The variant has been added by the WHO to its "variant of interest" list and is being monitored closely. With so much in store, and too little information, it's hard to tell what could be the next big thing to shatter our tranquillity.

Why Javed sahab said what he did



PRAFULL GORADIA

Historically, Muslims and communists have stood together because of an apparent fear of Hindus. But the new era isn't against any religion

Jana'b Javed Akhtar has equated the RSS with the Taliban, a prominent wing of the Islamist forces standing against virtually the rest of the world. The RSS, meanwhile, is a socio-cultural organisation which also runs many schools. No RSS *sevak* is on record to have fired a single bullet. Some believe Akhtar is a communist but to me he appears to be a Left liberal. His statement has done untold damage to Indian Muslims.

In my eight-year endeavour to learn spoken Urdu, I have made more than several friends in Akhtar's community. In the last few years, many of them, their relatives and friends have begun to integrate with the new Indian ethos, that is to live as an equal Indian without appeasement. The Nehruvian ethos has passed and is being replaced by a Hindu-coloured era without being against any religion. Akhtar *sahab's* statement, quite unprovoked, has disturbed the switchover from what has passed to the new whose dawn has broken. A number of Hindus, who were helping the cause of integration, may go back and say that even a communist Muslim is a Muslim first. I do appreciate that religion is the compass of his life. So much so that their womenfolk are trying to break the shackles of the rules laid down by religion.

Prime facie, it would appear that Islam and communism are sharply different. The Muslim lives by his religion all day while the Marxists reject god and call religion the opium of the masses. In the Soviet Union, most mosques were converted to shops, municipal offices or party hangouts. Many a youthful CPM member used to enjoy declaring that they were pure atheists even on the floor of Parliament. But historically, in India, the Muslim parties and the communists have been allies. The CPI (then undivided) only supported the Partition and even splitting the country into 16 nationalities, if need be. At the other end, when Sir Abdul Rahim and Fazlul Rahman were negotiating with a prominent Hindu leader for a united Bengal as a third dominion plus Pakistan



and Hindustan, the CPI and MA Jinnah were enthusiastic supporters. This was Jinnah's way of gobbling up the whole of Bengal (Muslim majority) instead of only East Bengal. Whatever cuts up India, the CPI was at its service. Even after *Jana'b Akhtar's faux pas*, two communist leaders were in his support on television channels, in whatever little I have seen.

The secret behind this opportunist compact appears to be fundamentally the fear of Hindus. In their perception, anyone else who comes to power — capitalist, socialist or communist — can be, after an effort, defeated in an election. The CPM in West Bengal and the Congress in many States are examples. But, in their assessment, once a Hindu party gets into power, it would be difficult to dislodge it. It would build up a Hindu vote bank and its numbers would be large, larger certainly than any other vote bank, whether working class or minority. The animosity between Prophet Mohammed and Marx would show when one of them acquires supreme

I HAVE MADE MORE THAN SEVERAL FRIENDS IN AKHTAR'S COMMUNITY. IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, MANY OF THEM, THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS HAVE BEGUN TO INTEGRATE WITH THE NEW INDIAN ETHOS, THAT IS TO LIVE AS AN EQUAL INDIAN WITHOUT APPEASEMENT

power across the country. Pakistan has no visible communist, even in Bangladesh (which had tall Leftist leaders like Maulana Bhashani) they have since long been wiped out.

To go back to Akhtar, does he not realise that his community as a whole has nowhere to migrate and they would be reluctant to emigrate? Why then should leaders like him provoke Hindus into animosity? Pakistan, which should have been their haven, began to close its gates on the morrow of Partition. Punjab took Panjabis from the east. Most other Muslims were diverted to Sindh, which is where nearly all *mohajirs* have had to gather. Now there is no more space, though Balochistan is one place where there is no problem of space. But how many Indians would find it welcoming? Elsewhere in the world, the gates are closing, if they have not already closed. What is the future but to integrate in India? Why should Akhtar *sahab* disturb the atmosphere? Remember, except for the Trump riot in northeast Delhi, there has

been no rioting for seven years or more. We should leave it at that. The advice to Akhtar should be to keep his mouth shut.

The question that remains is what in Akhtar's mind could be the benefit either to his lyrics, himself or his community? No mature person speaks in public loosely to the harm of anyone, certainly not himself. Javed *sahab* is of course a veteran and anyone who has met him would assess him to be not only mature but also wise. He is also a gentleman and, therefore, he must have said about the RSS what he did to tell off the Sangh to improve itself by giving up all thoughts of a Hindu *Rashtra*. He should have known that he is safer in such a *Rashtra* than in a Nehruvian polity where there was frequent communal rioting to tell Muslims that Hindus are dangerous; you better support us because we are the only party which can protect you.

(The writer is a well-known columnist, an author and a former member of the Rajya Sabha. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE 'RIGHT TO SIT' IS A RELIEF

Sir — We wholeheartedly welcome the Bill introduced in the Tamil Nadu Assembly to give workers 'the right to sit' in workplaces. It is a much-needed piece of legislation; a change in tune with the times. It will benefit lakhs of workers who have been hitherto forced to stand on their feet literally for hours. In shops and showrooms, workers have been made to stand even when there are no or few customers. It is a fallacy to say that the quality of service to customers is affected when the workers are occasionally allowed to sit.

The new legislation recognising the right to sit will ease the pain of standing (during working hours) which workers have had to bear for the sake of eking out a living and enable them to experience the 'lightness of being'. With the new law coming into effect, when workers sit, they cannot be said to be derelict in their duty. Soon, the owners of establishments will have to abide by the new law and provide a chair to each worker. The 'right to sit' also restores the dignity of labour which no worker, however humble, should be deprived of.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

TEAM INDIA ON A ROLL

Sir — Team India has learnt the art of winning matches overseas and that has been proved once again at the Oval after Team India registered a remarkable win against the hosts. As a matter of fact, the England team has been blown away by India in this five-match Test series. England collapsed at 210 after a brilliant opening partnership. A steady pace coupled with spin attack shattered its middle and lower middle order in a matter of time. Jasprit Bumrah's magical spell turned the tide for tourists and it was refreshing to see India's winning ways. It was an all-round show that saw Team India lead the series by 2-1 with one match to go.

Spin legend Shane Warne and former England captain Nasser Hussain praised Virat Kohli for his captaincy. Virat had

Celebrate life now, festivals later



The lockdowns as a result of the pandemic have brought life to a halt. As we enter the 16th month into the lockdown, people in many States still await guidelines and permissions to return to normal, day-to-day life. However, for Indians, even a pandemic is no excuse to shy away from the bombastic celebration of festivals. However, with limitations on the number of people permitted to gather at one place, we are tasked with the feat of figuring out a balance between celebration and safety. It is no surprise that

earlier surpassed MS Dhoni as India's most successful Test cricket captain. India recorded their first Test win at the Oval since 1971, which marked their first ever win in England. The stupendous win saw India displace Pakistan from the top spot in ICC Test rankings. It is a morale booster for the final Test, which is to be played in Manchester.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

Sir — Amidst the raging pandemic, the Initial Public Offering (IPO) of companies got oversubscribed overwhelmingly. The shares are issued at high premiums, priced through the book-building process. 'Make hay while the sun is shining' seems to be the driving spirit in the stock market, which has been witnessing a prolonged bull run.

Though India has secured only the 139th spot out of 149 countries in the UN World Happiness Report 2021, this part of the country in the stock mar-

ket is filled with happiness abound. In 2021, until now, companies garnered about ₹74,000 crore from the public; of it, the 'Offers for Sale', wherein the entire subscription money goes into the kitty of the promoters, amounted to ₹40,000 crore.

The gross amount from fresh issues, which remains with companies, was about ₹34,000 crore only. Interestingly, the fresh issues were mainly for repayment and/or prepayment of the borrowings fully or partially, funding the working capital requirements and meeting public issue expenses of the companies. Certain declared common objectives, such as meeting the expenses of 'general corporate purposes' and achieving the benefits of listing equity shares on the stock exchanges, were sketchy.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

SOUND BITE

Nitish Kumar and the BJP fraudulently won the 2020 Assembly election and people of Bihar know it. This time, they will vote for the RJD.



RJD leader — Tejaswini Yadav

No PhD or Master's degree is valuable today. The Mullahs and the Taliban don't even have a high school degree, but are the greatest.

Taliban's Education Minister — Sheikh Noorullah Munir

I'm fortunate to have managed to finish three new films in the pandemic. I can't wait for audiences to watch these real gems.



Actor — Ayushmann Khurrana

Kohli gives his team the belief. Long live Test cricket while we've Virat Kohli. Please keep playing for a long, long time.

Former Australia bowler — Shane Warne

The Taliban should protect the human rights of their citizens and give them a just and honourable Govt under the Islamic rules.



Former J&K CM — Farooq Abdullah



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CEA STOKES HOPE AMID ASIAN GLOOM

India's economic growth is expected to be higher than the pre-COVID19 level



SHIVAJI SARKAR

After a long time, Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy Subramanian boosted the nation's confidence asserting that the Indian economy is poised to grow as macro-economic fundamentals are strong. The CEA expects a double-digit growth which is reassuring for a nation that has stagnated for almost 18 months on a decelerated growth during the previous two years. Any positive growth can boost business confidence and create a favourable political atmosphere. The Economic Survey estimated a growth of 11 per cent and the budget, 10.5 percent. UN ESCAP predicts a troubled 'K' shape recovery. The latest RBI Monetary Policy puts it at 9.5 percent. And the first quarter recovery is stated to be 21.4 percent, an improvement over the forecast made in June of over 18.5 percent. The CEA, however, is modest and says that the growth will be higher than pre-COVID-19 level and possibly "the budget and Economic Survey predictions should be achieved". The first sign of hope is in the eight



core sectors continuing to expand at the rate of 9.4 percent. That more, it was achieved during the intense second wave of the pandemic. The recovery is "V"-shaped, Subramanian says and would continue to be so. He revels on the 49.6 per cent year-on-year growth of the manufacturing sector compared with a 36 per cent contraction last year. Construction grew at 68.3 per cent, the farm sector did better in April-June with four percent growth. Subramanian does not disagree with the presence of some hiccups but the 9.4 per cent recovery of coal, crude oil, natural gas, petroleum and refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity is far better than the contraction 7.6 per cent in June 2020. The core sectors have maintained the growth for the fifth consecutive month.

However, there is an overall financial crunch and the budget deficit at the end of July was ₹3.2 lakh crore - 21.3 per cent of the full year target. The GST and other revenue realizations are lower. Personal citizen economy is still not in a happy state with loss of jobs, wages and salary cuts. This also affects purchasing capacity, a necessity for increasing market activities. The private equity and venture capital (PE-VC) deals have tapered in early August raising questions on the nature and quality of investments. Despite optimism, investors are still shy of entering into deals because of cash flow problems. Investment flows depend on how the line-up IPOs performed. The liquidity has not hit its peak yet. There are more offers for sale and the buyers are not revving up to the offers. Another not so good indicator is the diesel sales. It has recorded the sharpest fall in monthly sales since May, ascribed to monsoon conditions having majorly hit demand from the farm, trucking and construction sectors. The UPI transaction value officially is showing improvement but during June to August it has decelerated. The growth rate of transaction value also moderated. Overall manufacturing activities are hit by PMI that hovers around 52.3 in August. Global and Asian trends are yet not positive. Overall, the Asian economy sees corporate profits declining, falling sales of cars in China and Toyota cutting September production. Factory activity in the Asia Pacific contracted sharply in July. There are signals of slowing down in southeast Asia and Pacific. Asia's largest firms are likely to post profit decline of 6.2 per cent, according to a calculation of Refinitiv Elkon. In such a scenario, the CEA's statement keeps hopes alive for Indian economy. The market would like to see Subramanian's prediction coming true despite all odds. Would it happen?

(The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed are personal.)

Highlighting separatist tendencies a poor idea

The DMK's victory in this year's Tamil Nadu Assembly elections has blurred its political reality to a large extent



TS RAMAKRISHNAN

After coming to power in Tamil Nadu this May, the ruling DMK and its supporters have been rattling incessantly, directly or obliquely, about the sovereignty and integrity of India.

Anna Durai abandoned the demand for a separate Dravida Nadu in 1963 but still, the late M. Karunanidhi, when he was the Chief Minister, acted against sovereignty and integrity of the nation on one pretext or another. When some battalions of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) returned to Chennai after finishing the task assigned to them by Indian Government, Karunanidhi, then in office, refused to welcome them.

When LTTE cadres killed EPRLF Padmanabha and 12 others in the busy locality in June 1990, Karunanidhi, who was both CM and home minister, ensured that the murderers escaped to Sri Lanka via Rameswaram. This serious act of cross-border terrorism emboldened the LTTE to even carry out the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi. Karunanidhi is alleged to have shared crucial information about LTTE's illegal activities he received from Indian intelligence agencies with the Lankan group. This was precisely the reason why the DMK Government was dismissed by the then Chandrasekhar Government.

Whenever Karunanidhi wanted representation in the Union cabinet for his family members, he described the Government and the ruling party with terms of endearment. However, when no such opportunity existed, he lambasted the Centre and proposed the concept of India as a federation of states.

Since DMK came to power in TN in May 2021, it has resorted to indirect means to challenge the Centre. Earlier, it used to describe the Centre as 'Matthiya Arasu, meaning Central Government but now they call it 'Ondriya Arasu', meaning Union Government. It is to send a subtle message that the Centre is no longer the powerful "Central" Government but only a "Union" Government.

There was a controversy over a KMDK chief ER Easwaran dragging the State Governor into a controversy over the issue of ending his assembly address with a salutation to the nation. The DMK website still retains the reasons for the objective of forming a separate Dravida Nadu. All these indicate that DMK is more interested in highlighting its fissiparous tendencies.

There are many regional parties in the states which face the national parties as their political opponents. Shiv Sena, Telugu Desam, Nationalist Congress Party, Biju Janata Dal, Samajwadi Party, Rashtriya Janata Dal, Janata Dal (United), Janata Dal (Secular), TMC, TRS and YSR Congress, have all been playing their politics but irrespective of whether they are part of the Government in Delhi or not, they do not speak or act in a way that challenges the integrity of India.



EVERY PILLAR OF THE INDIAN ADMINISTRATION HAS DEFINED RESPONSIBILITIES AS PER THE CONSTITUTION AND THEY SHOULD TRY TO ACT WELL WITHIN THE AUTHORITY AND POWER THEY HAVE BEEN VESTED WITH. IF DMK CONTINUES ITS SPEECHES AND ACTIVITIES THAT QUESTION THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY OF INDIA, THE RISING SUN MAY BECOME A SETTING SUN IN FUTURE

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



No other party in India has cast aspersions against the BJP, the Central Government, or Prime Minister Narendra Modi as much as Shiv Sena in the last seven years. But their anger and frustration has been only against BJP and Modi and not directed against India. In Odisha, BJP is the main opponent for BJD and is waiting to replace BJD at the next state assembly elections. It also is a case of a regional party versus a national party but BJD never resorted to politics of balkanisation of India. Even Mamata Banerjee, who fought ferociously against BJP in the recent West Bengal assembly elections, never raised the idea of a separate State. These regional parties were part and parcel of the Central Government on one or more occasions and now they are not but they never question their allegiance to India.

Political parties and its members can register with the Election Commission and contest elections only after they openly subscribe to Indian sovereignty and integrity and that is the precise reason why armed groups with fissiparous tendencies never participate in the democratic process of elections. When elected representatives take oath as members of a legislative forum, they are bound by the sovereignty and integrity of India. The allegiance to Indian sovereignty and integrity becomes complete when the elected representatives become part of the ruling establishment, taking charge of the administration of the State as Chief

Ministers and Ministers. Any violation in this regard would make them constitutionally untenable to remain as elected representatives or continue to hold office.

In February 2014, when the bill for bifurcating Andhra Pradesh into Telangana and residual AP was introduced, the MPs of coastal Andhra used all disruptive tactics to stop the bill including using pepper spray against members in the House. Once the bill was passed, however, the political lives of many politicians in coastal Andhra crashed completely and many left politics to defend their businesses and wealth in Hyderabad.

In Kashmir, both the Abdullah and Mufti families enjoyed the powers of ruling Jammu and Kashmir for many decades, leaving hardly any space for other political outfits to grow and challenge them. When the Central Government removed Article 370 and converted the state into two Union Territories, the two families were depoliticized with immediate effect. The action came at a time when J&K politicians and nearly all thinktanks, liberals and journalists in India strongly believed that Article 370 will stay for ever and no Government would dare to remove it.

The victory of DMK in 2021 also gave rise to the false hope that encouraging speeches and actions against Indian sovereignty and integrity in Tamil Nadu can go on relentlessly and no one will stop it. Kashmir politicians never used the term "Union" Government to

represent the Central Government, but now they live in the "Union" Territory of J&K. DMK politicians day in and day out have been using the term "Union" to indicate that the Central Government is after all the conglomeration of states and nothing beyond that since May 2021.

If the Central Government can muster a majority in Parliament, it may go ahead with the decision to carve a new State or States or union territories in any part of the country. Although the opinion of the state legislatures is to be sought, the President is not bound by it. Even the resolution passed by the State Assemblies for okaying or rejecting a proposal for a new state has no bearing on the President once Parliament approves it.

The DMK's victory in the assembly elections has blurred its political reality to a large extent. Every pillar of the Indian administration has defined responsibilities as per the Constitution and they should try to act well within the authority and power they have been vested with. If DMK continues its speeches and activities that question the sovereignty and integrity of India, the rising sun may become a setting sun in future. The DMK leaders who stated that the bifurcation or trifurcation of Tamil Nadu can never happen may have to witness the same. As it is, recent rumours of the demand for carving a separate state of Kongu Nadu from Tamil Nadu shocked the DMK.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

WE HAVE BEEN INTIMIDATED BY NARENDRA MODI AND YOGI ADITYANATH, BUT WE HAVE COME TO DEFEAT THE BJP IN UP.

— AIMIM CHIEF ASADUDDIN OWASI



YOGI JI WILL NOT ALLOW JINNAH'S JIHADI MENTALITY TO FLOURISH IN UP. GIVING PROTECTION TO A CRIMINAL LIKE ATIQ AHMED SHOWS OWASI'S MENTALITY.

— BJP KANNAUJ MP SUBRAT PATHAK

Tax avoidance by large corporate giants

The minimum global corporation tax can stop the menace

Tax is a source of revenue for a Government of a country. However, taxes can at times come in the way of subjective development of individuals or a company and further push these individuals and large business houses to find a way to avoid them by using loopholes in tax laws and guidelines.

There is a thin line of distinction between tax avoidance and tax planning. Tax planning is the arrangement of financial activities in such a way that maximum tax benefits are enjoyed by making use of all beneficial provisions in the tax laws. Tax avoidance is dodging tax without actually breaking the law. Tax planning is something which is expected from a taxpayer and tax avoidance is something which



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is beyond the expectation of the government.

Tax havens or offshore financial centres are the most-preferred route by companies worldwide to minimize their tax burden by avoiding taxes. These countries or jurisdictions offer minimal tax liability to foreign individuals and companies and do not require businesses to operate out of their territories to receive tax benefits.

Some of the top tax havens in the world are Bermuda, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Cayman Islands, Singapore, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Mauritius, Switzerland, and Ireland, etc. Some of the 50 biggest US companies that have allegedly stashed approximately \$1.6 trillion offshore include Microsoft, IBM,



General Electric, Pfizer, Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Walmart.

Till now, Apple booked an amount of \$214.9 billion offshore. It uses Ireland as a tax haven. Apple would have owed the US Government \$65.4 billion in taxes if tax haven benefits were not used. On a much lower scale, Nike holds \$10.7 billion offshore. It uses Bermuda as a tax haven. It would have paid \$3.6 billion

for taxes if tax haven benefits were not used. This implies Nike pays a mere 1.4 per cent tax rate to foreign governments on those offshore profits, indicating that nearly all of the money is officially held by subsidiaries in tax havens. Similarly, Goldman Sachs holds \$28.6 billion offshore and also uses Bermuda as a tax haven.

Overall, the American companies earned over \$4.2 trillion in profits globally, but they used offshore tax havens to lower their effective overall tax rate to just 25.9 per cent, which was well below the US statutory rate of 35 per cent and even lower than the average levels paid in other developed countries.

Large Indian companies have also taken advantage to

loopholes in Indian taxation laws. Before 1995, Reliance was famously known as zero tax company in India, as it used to pay zero or close to zero tax each year through subsidiaries and by exploiting the loopholes in the taxation system. The subsidiaries used to make raw materials and other components in countries with low tax rates and the Indian parent company purchased these raw materials at prices more than the tangible cost, thereby reducing their net income and the subsidiaries escaped from paying taxes in India.

Similarly, Tata Industries sold their shareholding in Idea cellular in 2007 to Birla TMT Holdings through its subsidiary called Apex situated in Mauritius and through

this, avoided to pay tax in India. Income tax officials flagged this deal and determined the capital gains tax in this deal was to the tune of Rs 1,00,000 crore. However, the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal held that as there was no transfer of assets by a tax resident of India to a non-resident, they cannot be taxed on capital gains that arose on sale of Idea shares by its Mauritius subsidiary.

Governments worldwide face huge loss of revenue due to these tax avoidance strategies. According to the February 2021 report by UN High Level Panel on Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity, every year, countries collectively lose somewhere between \$500-600 billion due to the universal glob-

al corporate practice of profit-shifting.

However, the recent G7 accord could be the beginning of the end for tax havens. On June 5 this year, G7 countries reached a landmark deal to impose higher global taxation on large multinationals by agreeing to back a minimum global corporation tax rate of at least 15 per cent on global profits. This means that if a corporation pays lower rates in a particular country, their home Governments could 'top-up' their taxes to the minimum rate, thus eliminating the advantage of 'shifting profits'. This could be the ground-breaking decision to stop the menace of tax havens. Or would the corporate giants still find new loopholes? Only time will tell.

Af resistance urges Int'l community not to recognise 'caretaker' Govt

IAN S ■ KABUL

Terming the Taliban-unveiled new 'caretaker' Government in Afghanistan as 'illegal', the anti-Taliban forces in the country have urged the international community not to recognise it.

The interim cabinet announced on Tuesday has drawn criticism from the US, as it consists entirely of Taliban leaders or their associates and does not include any woman member. The US expressed concern at figures linked to attacks on US forces, reported the BBC.

The interim cabinet is led by Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund, who is on a UN blacklist. Another figure, Sirajuddin Haqqani, is wanted by the American FBI.

The Panjshir province based National Resistance Front (NRF) asserted that the announcement of the Taliban's caretaker cabinet is "a clear sign of the group's enmity with the Afghan people."

The Taliban insist they have now defeated the NRF in the Panjshir Valley north of Kabul, but NRF leaders say

they are still fighting.

In a statement, the US state department has said: "We note the announced list of names consists exclusively of individuals who are members of the Taliban or their close associates and no women."

The statement added that the US would "judge the Taliban by its actions, not words." "Washington would continue to hold the Taliban to their commitments to allow safe passage for foreign nationals and Afghans with travel documents, including permitting flights currently ready to fly out of Afghanistan," it asserted.

"We also reiterate our clear expectation that the Taliban ensure that Afghan soil is not used to threaten any other countries," it said, adding: "The world is watching closely."

The Taliban on Tuesday named Mullah Hassan Akhund as the Prime Minister of Afghanistan's caretaker government.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar and Abdul Salam Hanafi will be the acting deputy Prime Ministers.

Mullah Mohammad

Yaqoob, son of the late Taliban co-founder Mullah Mohammad Omar, was appointed the acting defence minister.

Amir Khan Muttaqi is the acting Foreign Minister and Sarajuddin Haqqani, son of the founder of the Haqqani network, was named as the acting Interior Minister.

A Taliban spokesman said the appointments of the interim government are not final as these are acting positions, and the remaining posts will be announced at a later date.

The spokesman stressed that it is an "acting" government and the group will try to induct people from other parts of the country.

The formation of the Afghan caretaker government was announced after the Taliban claimed on Monday that it had completely captured Panjshir, the last holdout province of Afghanistan's 34 provinces. The Taliban previously promised to build an inclusive government and expressed hope that the Afghan people would help in the country's transition.

Panjshir resistance to declare parallel Govt in Af

IAN S ■ KABUL/NEW DELHI

In response to the new cabinet announced by the Taliban for the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the resistance front in Panjshir province led by Ahmad Massoud has said that they will declare a parallel government in the country after consultations.

The front termed the Taliban's caretaker government as illegitimate and a vivid enmity with the people of Afghanistan, Khaama News reported.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan announced a 33-member caretaker government on Tuesday, which will be led by Mullah Muhammad Hassan Akhund.

The front in its statement reiterated resistance against the Taliban and added that the Taliban are a threat to the region and the world.

"The resistance front acknowledged that they will establish a transitional democratic and legitimate government, which will be forged based on the votes of the people and will be acceptable to the international community," the resistance force said. The front has asked the UN, UNHRC, EU, SARC, ECO, and the member states of OIC to stop cooperation with the Taliban.

German Foreign Minister: Skeptical about Taliban Govt

Berlin: Germany's foreign minister has responded skeptically to the Taliban's announcement of an interim government line-up for Afghanistan.

The Taliban on Tuesday announced an all-male interim government stacked with veterans of their hard-line rule from the 1990s and the 20-year battle against the U.S.-led coalition. Germany was a major troop provider for that alliance.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said in a statement that his country is ready to provide humanitarian aid via the United Nations and will continue to speak to the Taliban to secure the departure from Afghanistan of former employees and others.

He added that any commitment beyond that will depend on the Taliban's behaviour. **AP**

US SAYS WILL JUDGE TALIBAN GOVT BY ITS ACTIONS

Washington: The State Department says the US is assessing the new Afghan government announced by the Taliban. "We note the announced list of names consists exclusively of individuals who are members of the Taliban or their close associates and no women," a State Department statement said.

"We also are concerned by the affiliations and track records of some of the individuals. **PTI**

At least 14 members of Taliban's Govt on UNSC's terrorism blacklist

Kabul/Peshawar: At least 14 members of the Taliban's hard-line interim government in Kabul are on the UN Security Council's terrorism blacklist, including acting Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund and his both deputies, raising concern of the international community over the composition of the new Cabinet in Afghanistan.

Specially designated global terrorist Sirajuddin Haqqani, who carries a reward of USD 10 million US bounty on his head, is the acting interior minister while his uncle - Khalil Haqqani has been named as acting minister for refugees. Acting defence minister Mullah Yaqoob, acting foreign minister Mullah Ameer Khan Muttaqi and his deputy Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai are all listed under the UNSC 1988 Sanctions Committee, also known as the Taliban Sanctions Committee.

"At least 14 members of the Taliban's interim government are on the UN Security Council blacklist, BBC Urdu reported.

The 33-member interim Cabinet includes four of the five leaders known as the "Taliban Five" who were once held at the Guantanamo Bay prison. They include Mullah Mohammad Fazil (deputy defence minister), Khairullah Khairkhwah (information and culture minister), Mullah Noorullah Noori (Borders and Tribal Affairs minister) and Mullah Abdul Haq Wasiq (Director of Intelligence). The fifth member of the group, Mohammad Nabi Omari, has been appointed as governor of eastern Khost Province recently.

The "Taliban Five" leaders were released from Guantanamo Bay prison by the Obama administration in 2014 in exchange for US Army deserter Bowe Bergdahl. Fazil and Noori are accused of ordering the massacres of ethnic Shia Hazara, Tajik, and Uzbek communities in Mazar-i-Sharif in 1998. **PTI**

Russia's emergency situations minister dies in Arctic drill

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russia's emergency situations minister has died during drills, the ministry said on Wednesday.

Yevgeny Zinichev, 55, tragically died in the line of duty during inter-agency exercises to protect the Arctic zone from emergency situations, while saving a person's life," the ministry said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies.

The ministry didn't offer any details about where or how he died. According to its website, in recent days Zinichev was on a trip to the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk. On Tuesday, he opened large-scale drills spanning seven regions in the Russian Arctic that were scheduled to last through Wednesday.

In a statement sent to the Associated Press, the ministry said Zinichev died while trying to save prominent film director Alexander Melnik, who came to the site of drills.

Trial of 20 men accused in 2015 Paris attacks begins

AP ■ PARIS

The trial of 20 men accused in the Islamic State group's coordinated attacks on Paris in 2015 that transformed France opened Wednesday in a custom-built complex embedded within a 13th-century courthouse.

Nine gunmen and suicide bombers struck within minutes of each other at several locations around Paris on Nov. 13, 2015, leaving 130 people dead and spreading fear across the nation. It was the deadliest violence to strike France since World War II and one of the worst terror attacks to hit the West.

The lone surviving attacker from that night, Salah Abdeslam, is the key defendant - but he has so far refused to speak to investigators, denying the nation answers to many of the remaining questions about the attacks and the people who planned them.

Fire kills 41 inmates, 80 hurt at crowded Indonesian prison

AP ■ JAKARTA, INDONESIA

A massive fire raged through an overcrowded prison near Indonesia's capital early on Wednesday, killing at least 41 inmates, two of them foreigners serving drug sentences, and injuring 80 others.

Firefighters battled through the early morning hours to extinguish the flames as black smoke billowed from the compound of the Tangerang prison on the outskirts of Jakarta.

After the blaze was extinguished, ambulance after ambulance filled with body bags containing the victims were driven by Red Cross workers to the morgue of a local hospital, where they were stacked wall-to-wall on the floor of a room awaiting transport to a larger facility for identification.

Relatives of prisoners trickled in to the prison throughout the day to check and see whether their loved ones were among those killed.

Most of the 41 killed were drug convicts, including a man from South Africa and a man from Portugal, while other victims included a terrorism convict and a murderer, Indonesia's Law and Human Rights minister Yasona Laoly told reporters. He expressed his deep condolences for the families of the victims and pledged to provide the best treatment for those injured.

Af's 'new reality' requires world to discard 'old lenses': Pak FM

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Wednesday hosted the first ministerial meeting of Afghanistan's neighbours since the Taliban took over in Kabul, saying that even though the situation in the war-weary country is "complex and fluid", its "new reality" required the world to discard "old lenses" and proceed with a "realistic approach".

Qureshi issued a series of tweets as he chaired the first virtual meeting of Foreign Ministers of China, Iran, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan - the neighbours of Afghanistan. "The situation in Afghanistan remains complex and fluid. We hope the political situation stabilises leading to normalcy soon. The new reality requires us to discard old lenses, develop new insights and proceed with a realistic/pragmatic approach," he said in one of his tweets.

The meeting comes a day after the Taliban unveiled a hardline interim government led by Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund, with key roles being shared by high-profile members of the insurgent group, including a specially designated global terrorist of the dreaded Haqqani Network as the interior minister.

He said that at the centre of the endeavours must remain the well-being of the Afghan people, who have suffered enormously due to conflict for over 40 years.

"In the wake of recent developments, the key priorities are to prevent a humanitarian crisis and to take steps to prevent economic meltdown," he said.

Public Notice

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In pursuance to rule 19(2) of DCS rules, 2007, applications are invited from general public of Delhi who fulfill the conditions laid down in rule-19 & 20 of DCS Rules, 2007 for filling up one vacancy in Raman Vihar CGHS Ltd (Regd No.872-GH) for proposed three bedroom flat (tentative Cost of Flat 87,31,110/-) (having area approximate 1750 Sq.ft) which has arisen due to resignation of member. Interested persons can collect the application form in person from society office i.e., Plot No.5A, Sector-11, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 between 10.00am to 4.30pm free of cost and the same have to be deposited along with the amount of Rs.87,31,110/- which includes Share money, admission fee, land & construction money and Equalisation money through Pay order/ Demand Draft within 15 days of issue of this notice in favour of Raman Vihar Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd. Secretary - Raman Vihar CGHS Ltd.

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NOTICE

The notice is hereby given that the 12th Annual General Meeting of the delegates of Sahara Credit Cooperative Society Limited will be held on Friday, 24th day of September, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at 3rd floor, Sahara India Tower, 7, Kapoorkhana Complex, Aliganj, Lucknow- 226024, to transact the following business:

- To confirm the minutes of last General Meeting.
- To consider and adopt the audited financial statement of accounts for the FY. 2020-21.
- To consider and approve the Audit Report and Annual Report for the FY. 2020-21.
- To consider creation of specific reserve and other funds.
- To consider the disposal of net profit.
- To approve the annual budget for the FY. 2022-23.
- To approve the annual action plan for the FY. 2022-23.
- To consider and approve the appointment /Re-appointment of Statutory Auditors for the FY. 2021-22.
- To consider the list of employees who are relatives of members of the Board or of the Managing Director.
- Any other item, if any, with the permission of Chairperson.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members Hisar Spinning Mills Limited (the Company) will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 12.00 Hrs. at the Registered Office of the Company at 9th K.M. Stone, Hisar-Bhiwani Road, V.P.O. Dabra (Hisar) Haryana to transact the Ordinary & Special Business as set out in the Notice dated 06.09.2021 of AGM. In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is pleased to provide its members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date being Thursday, September 23, 2021 with facility of e-voting from a place other than venue of the AGM ("remote e-voting"), through electronic services provided by Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) to enable them to cast their vote on all the Ordinary and Special Resolutions as set out in the said Notice. All the Members are informed that:

- All the Ordinary & Special Business (es) as set out in the Notice dated September 06, 2021 may be transacted through electronic means by remote e-voting.
- The date of completion of dispatch of Notice of 29th AGM: September 06, 2021.
- The date and time of commencement of remote e-voting: September 27, 2021 at 9.00 A.M.
- The date and time of end of remote e-voting: September 29, 2021 at 5.00 P.M.
- The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by remote e-voting or at the AGM: September 23, 2021.
- Those persons who have acquired shares and have become members of the Company after the dispatch of Notice of AGM and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. September 23, 2021, may obtain the login ID and Password by following the instructions of e-voting as mentioned in the Notice of AGM which can be downloaded from the website of the Company i.e. www.hisarspinningmills.com
- The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting after 5.00P.M. on September 29, 2021. 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 Polling paper shall also be made available at the venue of AGM. 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.
- Members 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 through Polling Paper.
- In case of any queries, members may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com, under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com
- Contact details of the person responsible to address the grievances connected with remote e-voting: Mr. Sharad Goel, Chief Financial Officer, Phone No. 91-1662-260397.
- Website address of the Company/ CDSL, where Notice is displayed www.hisarspinningmills.com/ www.evotingindia.com
- The voting right of members shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on September 23, 2021 being cut-off date.
- Pursuant to provisions of Section 91 of the Act read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from September 25, 2021 to September 30, 2021 (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board
For Hisar Spinning Mills Limited
Sd/-
(Anurag Gupta)
Managing Director
Place: Hisar
Date: 04.09.2021

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135- 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2015GG025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

RO No. 652 Date: 07.09.2021

Tender Notice

The office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Maneri Bhali Stage-II, Chhinyalasar (Uttarkashi) invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders is given below:

Tender No:(1) NIT-35/EE(M)/MB-II/21-22 (2) NIT-36/EE(M)/MB-II/21-22 (3) NIT-37/EE(M)/MB-II/21-22

Name of work : 1) Maintenance and Painting of sheds in central store at Dharasu power house. 2) Re-filling of Fire Extinguisher of Central store and maintenance of fire Tender at Dharasu Power House 3) Repairing and Maintenance of various gates in central store at Dharasu power house. Estimated cost: Rs. 615077.00 Rs. 354140.00 Rs. 655000.00 Only Respectively + Taxes extra

Date of availability of bid document on website: - 09.09.2021
Last date for submission of tender: 30.09.2021 up to 11:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com"

Executive Engineer (Maintenance)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

Sale Notice

The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

Case Details	Asset Details	Reserve Price	EMD
ICICI BANK Ltd VS Kulvinder Singh, FAO 213/2015	Vehicle No. NA, Chassis No. MASFLB1500169179 Engine No.-D13A2084942, Make and Model: Maruti Ertiga, Manufacturing year 2013	120000	12000/
ICICI BANK Ltd VS Mehkar Singh, CM (M) 549/2020 & CM APPL-27986/2020	Vehicle No. UP16DT4118 Make and Model: CHEVROLET ENJOY, Manufacturing year 2015	140000	14000
ICICI BANK Ltd VS Subodh Kumar, CM (M) 602/2020 & CM APPL-30659/2020	Vehicle No. UP14FT6208 Make and Model: RENAULT LODGY RXE, Manufacturing year 2016	160000	16000
ICICI BANK Ltd VS Jitendra Chaturvedi, CM (M) 22/2020	Vehicle No. UP14FT7814 Make and Model: CHEVROLET SAIL UVA LT, Manufacturing year 2016	60000	6000
ICICI BANK Ltd VS Mohd Asif, CM(M) 178/2021	Vehicle No. UP14DD5260 Make and Model: MARUTI WAGON R VXI, Manufacturing year 2017	90000	9000
ICICI BANK Ltd VS Archana Raj, CM(M) 573/2020	Vehicle No. UP14ET7203 Make and Model: CHEVROLET ENJOY LT, Manufacturing year 2015	60000	6000
ICICI BANK Ltd VS Vijay Singh, OA/1563/2019	Vehicle No. HR66B9521 Make and Model: BHART BENSZ 3128C, Manufacturing year 2017	1000000	100000
ICICI BANK Ltd VS Vijay Singh, OA/1563/2019	Vehicle No. HR66B7217 Make and Model: TATA LPK 1618, Manufacturing year 2017	1000000	100000

Auction Date: 23 September, 2021 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
Venue: Godara Yard, Khatwa No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrali, Gurugram - 122022.
Contact Person- Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)
EMD: DD/PO of EMD amount to be made in favour of ICICI Bank Limited, payable at Delhi.

Terms of Sale

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participants/ are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come to site with original DD/PO of EMD amount along with original KYC proofs to participate in the auction. Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount) within 5 days from the auction date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if successful bidder fails to make the remaining sale amount within 5 days, his EMD amount will be forfeited.

The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot no-7, Rohini Sector-8, New Delhi-110085, for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle.

SVP HOUSING LIMITED
(Formerly Known As MAHABIR METALLEX LIMITED)
Registered Office: A-3, NDSE, Part-1, New Delhi-110049
CIN: L70100DL2003PLC118413 Website: www.svphousing.com
Email Id: info@svphousing.com Phone: 011-41070148

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND E-VOTING

Notice is hereby given that the 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of the Company will be held on Thursday, 30th September, 2021 at 01.00 PM. at A-3 NDSE Part-1, New Delhi-110049, to transact the business as stated in the Notice thereof.

In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended by Companies (Management & Administration) Rules 2015 the Company is pleased to provide Remote e-voting facility to the Members enabling them to cast their vote electronically for all the resolutions as set out in the AGM Notice dated 31st August 2021, through the e-voting services provided by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL).

Copies of the Notice convening AGM along with attendance slip and proxy form have been sent to all the Members of the Company through electronic means to those Members whose Email IDs are registered with the Company / Depository Participants. In case of other Members i.e. Members not having Registered Email ID, as per the requirement of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended by Companies (Management & Administration) Rules 2015, physical copies of the above documents will be sent through the permitted mode at the registered address of the Members and same will be completed till 08.09.2021.

All the Members are hereby informed that :-

- The remote e-voting period commences on Monday, 27th September, 2021, 9:00 a.m. and ends on Wednesday, 29th September, 2021, 5:00 p.m. Remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 P.M. 29th September, 2021. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on the resolution is casted by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- In case of any person becoming the member of the Company after 3rd September 2021 or before the cut-off date i.e. 24th September, 2021 (to whom the AGM Notice has not been dispatched) become the member of the company may write an email to evoting@nsdl.co.in or helpdesk@nsdl.co.in by mentioning the Folio NO/ DP ID or Client ID for obtaining login ID and password for e-voting. Further, if the Member is already registered with NSDL remote e-voting platform, then he can use existing User ID and Password for casting the vote through remote e-voting.
- Members may note that :-
 - The facility for voting through polling paper shall be made available at the AGM.
 - 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.
- The Notice of AGM is available on the Company's website i.e. www.svphousing.com

The Board of Directors have appointed M/s Ankit Singhal & Associates, Company Secretaries, New Delhi as Scrutinizer for conducting the voting / poll and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

Members are requested to read the instructions pertaining to e-voting as printed in the AGM Notice carefully. In case of any queries, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Question (FAQs) for Shareholders and remote e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the Downloads sections of www.evoting.nsdl.com or contact NSDL through e-mail at evoting@nsdl.co.in / amitv@nsdl.co.in or on Toll Free No.: 1800-222-990 / Telephone No.: 022-24994360.

To support green initiative, Members who have not registered their email addresses so far or who want to update their email address, are requested to approach their respective DP (for electronic holding) or Big Share Services Pvt. Ltd/ Company (for physical holding) for receiving all communications electronically.

For SVP Housing Limited
Sd/-
(Vijay Kumar)
Managing Director
Place : New Delhi
Date : 31.08.2021

Textiles Min to notify PLI scheme within week: Secy

PTI NEW DELHI The textiles ministry is aiming to notify production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for MMF (man-made fibre) and technical textile sectors within a week, and issue detailed guidelines by the end of the current month, a top government official said on Wednesday.



Textiles Secretary UP Singh also said that the ministry has undertaken a comprehensive consultation with all the concerned stakeholders before finalising the scheme. "There will be good takers of the scheme. We are targeting to notify the scheme within a week. And by September-end, we will be issuing the detailed guidelines," Singh told PTI.

Govt sticks to Sep 15 deadline for putting financial bids for Air India

PTI NEW DELHI The Government will stick to the September 15 deadline for investors to put in bids for buying national carrier Air India, an official said. This is in stark contrast to the extension of deadline for preliminary bids five times. Salt-to-software conglomerate Tata Group was among the "multiple" entities that had put in preliminary bids for buying loss-making Air India in December last year.



The airline, which started as a mail carrier in 1932, will give the successful bidder control of 4,400 domestic and 1,800 international landing and parking slots at domestic airports, as well as 900 slots at airports overseas. Besides, the bidder would get 100 per cent of the low-cost arm Air India Express and 50 per cent of AISATS, which provides cargo and ground handling services at major Indian airports.

Equity MFs get ₹8,666-crore investment in Aug on strong inflow in NFOs, stable SIP book

PTI NEW DELHI Strong inflows in new fund offers (NFOs) and a stable SIP book helped equity mutual funds attract a net investment of ₹8,666 crore in August, making it the sixth consecutive monthly infusion, amid an uptrend in stock markets. This was much higher than a net inflow of ₹2,583 crore seen in July, data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed on Wednesday. Equity schemes saw net inflow of Rs 5,988 crore in June, Rs 10,083 crore in May, ₹3,437 crore in April and ₹9,115 crore in March. Prior to this, equity schemes had consistently witnessed outflows for eight months from July 2020 to February 2021.

Cabinet may soon approve revised PLI scheme for auto sector

PTI NEW DELHI The Government is believed to have slashed the outlay for the automobile sector under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to about Rs 26,000 crore and the proposal is expected to be approved by the Union Cabinet soon, sources said. Last year, the government had announced a PLI scheme for the automobile and auto components sector with an outlay of Rs 57,043 crore, earmarked for five years.



Auto industry body SIAM has earlier stated that the scheme announced by the government will increase competitiveness and take the growth of the sector to the next level. The scheme for the sector is part of the overall production-linked incentives announced for 13 sectors in the Union Budget 2021-22 with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore. The PLI scheme will help bring scale in key sectors and create and nurture global champions.

Markets end mildly lower for second day

PTI MUMBAI The Sensex and Nifty closed with modest losses for the second straight session on Wednesday amid lack of fresh buying triggers and a lacklustre trend overseas. A weakening rupee, which tumbled for the third consecutive day, further sapped risk appetite. After swinging over 400 points in a choppy session, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 29.22 points or 0.05 per cent lower at 58,250.26. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty slipped 8.60 points or 0.05 per cent to 17,353.50. Nestle India was the top loser among the Sensex components, shedding 2.44 per cent. Maruti Suzuki slipped 1.33 per cent after the country's largest carmaker said its total production in August declined by 8 per cent due to the global semiconductor shortage. Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Auto,

₹ extends losses for 3rd day, skids 18 paise to 73.60 per \$

PTI MUMBAI Depreciating for the third consecutive session, the Indian rupee fell 18 paise to close at 73.60 against the US dollar on Wednesday amid a strong greenback overseas and a muted trend in domestic equities. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened weak at 73.48 and dropped to a low of 73.70 intra-day. It finally finished at 73.60 against the greenback, down 18 paise over its previous close. In the previous session, the rupee had closed at 73.42. Indian rupee depreciated for the third day in a row following the rebound in dollar against major trading currencies. Large corporate outflows, rise in global yields and hedging dollar demand weighed on local currency, said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Centre-States may discuss early inclusion of natural gas into GST fold

PTI NEW DELHI With GST revenue collections making a rebound post the disruptions caused by the second wave of Covid pandemic, the Centre is likely to initiate dialogue with states for inclusion of petroleum products under the new indirect tax fold. Sources privy to the development said that based on the Petroleum Ministry's suggestion, the Centre may take up with GST Council the issue of bringing natural gas under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime to begin with before the entire oil and gas sector is brought under it. The 45th GST Council meeting is scheduled on September 17, 2021 at Lucknow. Though the council members will discuss several pending issues such as states compensation, revision of GST

Transparent taxation most beneficial Govt initiative amid pandemic: Survey

The survey was carried with 3,700+ respondents across digital platforms. From being cautious to being optimistic, India Inc's business sentiments are drawing closer to pre-pandemic levels, hinting at a more robust performance in the next quarter, a Grant Thornton Bharat Survey said on Wednesday. The Government's move to make taxation transparent has been considered as its most impactful initiative (40 per cent), followed by the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme (30 per cent), equalisation levy (20 per cent), and new labour codes (10 per cent), as per the survey findings. The survey was carried with 3,700+ respondents across digital platforms, hinting at the rising global and domestic optimism related to revenues in 2021. Six out of 10 respondents feel that reducing the tax and compliance burden will help revive businesses post the second Covid wave. An uptick in direct spending, followed by additional liquidity infusion and increased FDI flows, respectively, are also some of the other relief packages that the respondents feel could help boost cross-border and domestic trade.

Supreme audit institutions can become partners in evaluating resources, economy: CAG

PTI NEW DELHI Supreme audit institutions (SAIs) can become valued partners in objectively evaluating resources, economy, and effectiveness of public expenditure to provide insight for optimising public finance management, CAG GC Murmu said on Wednesday. Comptroller and Auditor General of India Murmu was addressing the 57th Governing Board Meeting of the Assembly of Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI), said an official

release. Stating that protection of the environment requires collaboration across boundaries, he assured that SAI India will strive to make ASOSAI a model organisation and encourage its members to act in a spirit of global partnership. In his address, Murmu said SAIs would appreciate that the economic slowdown triggered by the pandemic has forced the governments to do more with limited resources through innovations in its processes to achieve desired outcomes. Supreme audit institutions

can become valued partners in objectively evaluating resources and economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of public expenditure thereby, providing insight for optimisation of public finance management, he added. The CAG informed the members that the Human Development Report of 1990 put people at the forefront of development debate by rightly pointing out "People are the real wealth of nations".

Centre mulls changes in mining sector: Joshi

PTI NEW DELHI The Government is planning to bring some changes in the mining sector and may invite suggestions from the stakeholders in a fortnight, Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi said on Wednesday. This is in line with the Government's earlier announcement that the sector will witness reforms and a flurry of activities in the current

year. "We are thinking to bring some changes (in the mining sector)," Joshi said during an event here to mark the handing over of 100 G4 mineral blocks by Geological Survey of India (GSI) to state governments. Without divulging the details of the proposed changes in the sector, he said "I think in another two weeks we can put

for state's comments and stakeholders' comments." "We are bringing amendment in the next session of Parliament in November." Joshi also called for more participation from people into exploration and mining. The Minister also asked states to go for fast decision-making and bring the mineral blocks to early auction. "I want to make it very

clear that the mines which are working and are going to expire, we will not give them through allotment route," he said. The Government had earlier said that in order to realise the vision of a self-reliant India, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) had delineated 100 geologically potential mineral blocks for auction.

India Inc resorted to salary cuts in Q1, will be drag on economic recovery: Report

PTI MUMBAI India Inc resorted to salary cuts to protect their profits in the June quarter, as revenues came under pressure due to the second pandemic wave that affected nearly the entire country, a report said on Wednesday. The "weak" wage growth will prove to be a drag on the overall economic recovery in the medium term as it will affect household consumption, the report by India Ratings and Research said. An environment of pandemic-led uncertainty and elevated inflation could impact the level of spending and hence the overall demand, it said. The analysis is based on a study of the standalone financials of 2,036 non-financial corporates. The entire sample set has been divided into eight buckets according to the size of

the annual revenue in FY19. "While the resilience of corporates is encouraging, the adverse effect of pressure on employee cost is a cause for concern. This could be a result of job loss or salary cut or both," it said. Half of the 2,036 companies have reported negative growth in labour costs in Q1FY22 compared to the preceding Q4FY21, it said. While there is some seasonality in employee costs, it is also true that the June quarter is always a better quarter than the March quarter owing to the disbursement of various performance-based payments linked to the previous fiscal, it added. "The more alarming fact is that the trend has been on a downward trend for the last few years, which is visible in the yearly wage growth data in the last three years," it said.

PUBLIC NOTICE: My client, Smt. Shanti Devi, W/o Late Shri Ramesh Chand R/o B/220, Phase 4, Kharsa No 1883, B Block, Arjan Garh, Aya Nagar, New Delhi-110047 & 2nd Address: 129B Khirki Village, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 has debarred all his relations with her Daughter Smt. Sneha Lata W/o Kuldeep and her Sons Sahil Hastodiya and Yash Hastodiya who have been disowned from all his movable and immovable properties.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice is hereby given to the public that SMC Certificate stating legal heirs/surviving members of late Mrs. Gyan Devi as Mrs. Savita Rathore, Mrs. Anita Sangwan, and Mrs. Sunita, Mrs. Kavita Sharma and Mr. Deshpik Dadas in respect of Property bearing No. B-46, area measuring 110 sq. Yds. out of Kharsa No. 622, Situated at Revenue estate of Village Tinari, Delhi State Delhi, area abadi known as Colony Asha Park, New Delhi, has been lost/misplaced. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document, if anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 15 days of the present.

PUBLIC NOTICE: To be known to all that I, Smt. Seema Singh & Sh. Ashok Kumar, Cont. 7004639610, Email: ashokkdnad197@gmail.com, R/o 8 Prop. No. DDA SFS Flat No. 741, G.F. Pk-2, Trikoti Pur (Mayapuri Ph-II) Delhi-92, has applied for the conversion of above said property. The documents like original 5th & 8th DDA Demand Letter, Possession Letter, Electricity & Water NOC issued by DDA in the name of Smt. Sheodan Singh, of above said property have been lost. An F.I.R. to this effect has been lodged in police station on dated 07/09/2021. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice and can personally contact Deputy Director (L&B) or Director (H.D - Block 3rd Floor Vikas Sadaan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE: It is informed to the general public that Mayfair Residency Society which is situated at plot no. G/1/076 Tech Zone-V, Greater Noida West has applied for Temporary Occupancy Certificate from Greater Noida Authority. The Society had given permission to some of the buyers for carrying out fit-outs in their respective units. However the said buyers without the permission of the Society have started residing in the said units which is neither a part of the Society's plan nor is it in accordance to the Temporary Occupancy Certificate nor as per GNDIA guidelines. It is therefore inform that the occupants of the said units are residing therein at their own risk. The Management of the Society is not responsible for their safety, security and any other consequences.

PUBLIC NOTICE: To be known to all that my client MOHAMMAD FAROOQ S/O MR. SAQIB AHMED HUSAIN R/O JHA FLAT NO. 286, FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK-C, POCKET-1, SECTOR-11, ROHINI, DELHI Allottee of JANIA FLAT NO. 286, FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK-C, POCKET-1, SECTOR-11, ROHINI, DELHI. The Original Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip & NOC of water and Electricity has been lost/misplaced. An F.I.R. to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station Ginn Branch Delhi Vids FIR/IR NO LR No:68235/2021 Date: 08/09/2021. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having objection or found in possession of original documents, may write contact with above saided name No.991102014 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person(s) claiming any right, interest, objection within respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Assistant Director Jania Housing (14B) Vikas Sadaan, INA Colony, Delhi-110023.

PUBLIC NOTICE: To be known to all that I, Dr. ANITA JHA S/O/W/O BK JHA R/O DDA SFS FLAT 1172 ON GROUND FLOOR, CAT -III, IN SECTOR-11, POCKET-A, VASANT KUNJ, NEW DELHI VIDE FILE NO F-126 (1) 84 /SFS/VK III. The Original Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip & NOC of water and Electricity has been lost. An F.I.R. to this effect has been lodged. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, objection within respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Assistant Director Jania Housing (14B) Vikas Sadaan, INA Colony, Delhi-110023.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur and Mrs. Jasmeet Kaur are the owners of Property No. WZ-59A, Portion of Plot No. 39-A, Village Chalkhandi in the assets of Ram Nagar Presently known as Ram Nagar Extn. New Delhi "Said Property" by virtue of Sale deed dated 31.01.2020, Registration No. 1876. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owners want to sell the Built up Upper Ground Floor, without roof rights of the said property to someone who wants to purchase the same by taking Home loan from our client Fullerton India Home Finance Ltd. If anybody has any objection/s upon the said property, and its ownership/ its Title/ Mortgage, Sale, Etc. the kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

NOTICE: TWENTY FIRST CENTURY MEDICARE LIMITED Plot No. 22, LSC, Madangiri, New Delhi-110062 CIN-U24239DL1985PLC022113, E-Mail: mpd.humanity@gmail.com

NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Thursday, 30th September, 2021 at 10.00 A.M. at Plot No.22, L.S.C. Madangiri, New Delhi-110062. To transact the business, as set out in the Notice of AGM. The Company has completed dispatch of the Annual Report for financial year 2020-21 to Members through permitted mode by Wednesday, September 08, 2021. In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, Members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the Notice of the AGM using electronic voting system provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) from a place other than the venue of the AGM (Remote e-voting) and the business may be transacted through such voting. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to the equity shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Friday, September 24th, 2021 (cut-off date). The facility for voting, either through electronic voting system or polling paper shall also be made available at the AGM. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting may attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. The e-voting period commences on September 27th, 2021, Monday at 09.00 a.m. and ends on September 29th, 2021, Wednesday at 05.00 p.m. During this period, Members may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL thereafter. A person who has acquired shares and become a Member of the Company after the dispatch of notice of AGM and holding shares as of cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com. However, if the person is already registered with CDSL for remote e-voting then the existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote. For details relating to remote e-voting, please refer to the Notice of the AGM. In case of any queries relating to voting by electronic means, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the Company's e-portal or contact at toll free no. 1800225533 or send a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com. In case of any grievances connected with facility for voting by electronic means, please contact Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Manager (CDSL), Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compound, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Para (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call on 022-2309542/43. The details of the AGM are available on the website of the CDSL at www.evoting.cdsl.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice is hereby given to the General public on behalf of ICICI Bank, that Mrs. Sunita Kapur is owner of Property No. 88, area measuring 231 sq. yds., Part of Block No. 111/153, Block-5C, New Rohini Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi, vide a Conveyance deed dated 23.06.2021, registration No. 4500. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell Second floor, without roof rights of the said property to someone who is taking loan for purchase of Second floor from ICICI Bank Ltd. If anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of Mrs. Sunita Kapur in respect of the said property its sale /Mortgage, and any kind of objection kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 15 days of the present.

NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the following share certificates have been reported as lost/misplaced and the Company intends to issue duplicate certificates in lieu thereof, in due course. Any person who has a valid claim on the said shares should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office within 15 days hereof.

Table with 5 columns: Name of the holder, Folio No., No. of Shares (Rs./₹), Certificate No.(s), and Distinctive No.(s). Row 1: Neelam Madhar, HLL3643449, 10, 5384230, 2201441005 to 2201441014.

NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARES OF HINDUSTAN UNILEVER LIMITED (Formerly Hindustan Lever Limited) Regd. Off. Hindustan Unilever Limited, Unilever House, B D Savant Marg, Chakala, Andheri (East) Mumbai - 400099. Notice is hereby given that the following share certificates have been reported as lost/misplaced and the Company intends to issue duplicate certificates in lieu thereof, in due course. Any person who has a valid claim on the said shares should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office within 15 days hereof.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (See Section 82 Cr. P.C.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Subhash Chand S/o L.T. Vijay Pal R/o H. No. 330, Gali No. 08, Mandoli Extension, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case F.I.R. No. 778/16 U/s 307/34 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act registered at P.S. Nand Nagari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said Subhash Chand could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Subhash Chand has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Subhash Chand is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 11.10.2021. By Order Sh. Ravinder Bedi, Additional Session Judge, E-Court, Court No. 317, Karkardooma Courts, Shahdara, Delhi

A LIFE INTERWINED WITH ART

CHRISTY VARGHESE visits Gallery Espace's dual solo-exhibitions where he meets SHOBHA BROOTA and gains a glimpse into the melodious mindset of the artist

Bringing together a selection of canvases created by Shobha Broota over the last two decades and the recent multimedia flatworks and sculptures that speak of Mekhala Bahl's intense engagement with materials and processes, Gallery Espace set the stage for a broader deliberation on abstract art practices in the world of contemporary Indian art through its simultaneous solo shows at the Centre for Contemporary Art, Bikaner House, New Delhi. The exhibition, which commenced on Saturday, September 4, will be on display till September 14, with *Sutra: Shobha Broota's Explorations Of Thread And Colour* housed on the first floor while the *Shape Of A Surface - A Solo Exhibition Of Recent Work by Mekhala Bahl* occupying all of ground floor.

"By juxtaposing the artworks of these two women artists, with their highly diverse abstract art practices, the Gallery offers a critical view of the historical narrative of abstractionist art practice in the Indian context that has largely been framed by two postulates - the impact of Western artists such as Paul Klee, Wassily Kandinsky and the New York Abstract Expressionists, and the engagement with indigenous philosophies and texts, and propositions and ideas of mysticism, meditation and transcendence, through these exhibitions," remarked Renu Modi, the founder-director of the Gallery. As we sauntered across the ground floor, examining the works displayed by Bahl for *Shape Of A Surface*, her third solo exhibition with Gallery Espace and fifth solo show in Delhi, which includes multimedia works made between 2016 to 2021 we can't help but take note of the artist's intense engagement with the physical and material processes of printmaking, which seem to be at the core of her show. When we looked her up, we understood that her highly experimental approach - using multiple mediums and bringing together printmaking, painting and drawing - has been the foundation of her practice for more than two decades and it underlies these works too, as she transforms conventionally called 'flatworks' or 'paintings' into sculptures through the act of layering different materials and utilising multiple methods of mark making. We got our hands on some notes by art historian and the curatorial advisor of the show, Laticha Gupta, who expressed, "*Shape Of A Surface* includes three-dimensional objects and these mark a distinctive evolution of Bahl's oeuvre as an artist. The exhibition also included works that experiment with using photography as a starting point, the surface of which is then layered into a complex abstraction that is as rewarding as it is challenging."

It was when we were strolling through the ground floor that something ethereal caught our eye. Leading up to the first floor, an intricate crocheted was invitingly hung from the banister. And we took the bait without any second thoughts. Knowing that the first floor would house Broota's works, we had some vague idea of what we were in for but viewing her works, and later talking to the illustrious artist herself, was a lesson which drove home the message that we should learn to experience life with an open mind. Showing over 50 paintings and a large body of over 40 drawings in her first solo in Delhi after a gap of eight years, Sutra features Broota's canvases created over the last two decades

using everyday materials such as wool, thread, plastic and other materials. Broota, who was born in 1943, trained as a classical Indian vocalist before studying fine art, and it's no wonder that her art 'aspires to the condition of music', to borrow the words of Victorian essayist Walter Pater. Like our classical ragas, her canvases have a tranquility and deceptive simplicity. Her abstract forms allow for meditative reverie un tethered to the confines of a narrative, her lines have rhythm and subtle movement, her colours, a rich resonance, and her surfaces a texture that is complex, yet moving. Our eyes take in the warmth emitted by her works, one after the other, and we turn around the corner to bump into the artist herself. Well, she was somewhat occupied tending to someone who referred to herself as Broota's fan. We cannot help but overhear the septuagenarian talking to the young artist, encouraging her to explore her individuality and different mediums. "Keep discovering, experimenting and growing. Life is all about growth. Don't worry about whether you do it right or wrong. Don't worry about the end result, because there is no such thing as failure or success. Just keep on striving for growth," Broota expressed, to the delight of her beaming fan.

And we were hooked, what stories might she have lived through? In a long and celebrated career, Broota has worked in several genres - from the early portraits, to woodcuts and etchings in the '70s and '80s, to the more recent oil and acrylic paintings, and 'relief' works where fabric, thread, silk, or wool - sometimes hand-knitted - is stretched across the canvas to create intricate grids and patterns. Speaking of her works, acclaimed art critic Ranjit Hoskote wrote in his essay, "Depth echoes against depth as the edge between forms is dissolved, and the space of the painting becomes an image of the cosmos. Having traced an itinerary through figurative painting, portraiture from the life, images of birds, as well as a range of media including print-making, dry pastels and oils, Broota works solely with a technique that involves flicking paint from a brush onto the surface of the painting with the fingers; neither brushwork nor spraying come into play."

When she turned to us, we can sense that she was effortlessly smiling beneath the mask, and we suspect that is her natural disposition. It was a delight speaking with her, especially since she elaborated on our queries with the utmost patience. Even when we posed some questions that seemed silly in retrospect. We started off by asking her why she changed her medium of expression, with the shift from vocals to the canvas, and she came back with the reply, "I wouldn't say my medium of expression has changed. I was interested in all kinds of creative activities. The desire to know more about oneself is present in all the arts. I was a vocalist because I simply received the opportunity to pursue my interest and I took it without any second thoughts. My heart still sings, its just that my throat cannot really cope with the voice in my head. (laughs, before continuing) I think it is not a good idea to distinguish between the different media of arts, be it the numerical forms of dance, writing, singing or even theatre, for that matter. If someone asks me, I would always recommend them to pursue every opportunity to explore art, and yourself, that



comes your way, if possible. Expressing yourself is only natural, why not try and be better at it, with every passing moment? Let's not forget that we humans are the composite whole of so many things, whatever your experience is embedded within your subconscious. Sure, you might forget some bits, some very important bits, even. But it

is extremely important to not stop and crib. Keep exploring." Intrigued, we knew we had just scratched the surface, and we had to press on. We quiz her about her style of working, starting off with portraiture and now exploring abstracts, with threadwork. "My style of working emerged from the desire to find my own language, my own identity. After all this time I can say that my work feels like it is a part of me. It is a combination of everything, what I have learned, and unlearned. If I had missed out on even one opportunity that I have availed of in my past, I would have been a different person," she remarked.

When we wonder how she started with threadwork, she catches us off-guard by retorting, "How do you think one starts painting?" Not quite sure, we respond with the first thing that comes to mind, "Well, we suppose it starts with simply get-

ting hold of some colours and scribbling on a piece of paper..." And she beamed at us, her eyes lit up in delight, she said, "There you go. As I was exploring various media, I got my hands on some thread and started playing with it and here I am."

As our conversation branched to matters not limited to art, Broota went on to say definitively, "If you wish to do something with every ounce of your being, and you act on that thought, you can do anything. But if you have given up on yourself, even if something is handed to you on a platter, nothing will come out of it."

Her words left us with a sense of inspiration, that seems hard to come by in these uncertain times. If you fancy the idea of being moved by art, do visit Bikaner House before September 14. If you are lucky, you might get to chat with the wise artist as well.

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DEMAND NOTICE
Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Axis Bank Ltd. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice on respective dates mentioned herein under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc upto the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name of the Borrower / Address/ Co-Borrower And Guarantor Name	1. NPA Date 2. Date of Demand Notice 3. Outstanding Amt (Rs.) As On Date of Notice 4. Loan Amount (Rs.)	Property Address of Secured Assets
1.Mr. Kislay Mishra S/O Sh. Prabhulla Chandra Mishra Q-1201, Palm Enclave, Sector-66, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001	1. 13-April-2021 2. 28-June-2021 3. Rs. 25,04,830/- 4. Rs. 25,64,362	Apartment No. Km00150901 Having A Super Area of 127.52 Sq. Mtrs. or Thereabouts At Kosmos Constructed On A Portion of Subject Land At Sector-134, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida, U.P.
1.Mrs. Sumedha Dogra Flat No 74, Sam Residency, Plot 60, Sec-1, Crossing Republic, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010 Also At: Kf 34, Expression Tower, Ground Floor, Sec 14, Kausambi, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010 2. Mrs. Sahela Afaq W/O Mohd. Kamal Flat No 74, Sam Residency, Plot 6, Sec-1, Crossing Republic, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010	1. 12-May-2021 2. 15-June-2021 3. Rs. 7,92,206/- 4. Rs. 10,00,000/-	Residential Apartment No. 74, 7th Floor, Consisting of One DDK, Four Bedrooms, Three Bathrooms To Lets, Covered Parking, One Kitchen & Balconies Having Salable Super Area 1838 Sq. Ft. Covered Area 1471 Sq. Ft. Approx In Multi Storied Building Constructed On Gt Plot No. 6, In Township 'Crossing Republik' On Group Housing Complex Known As 'Sam Residency' Situated At Dundaehra, Ghaziabad, U.P.
1.Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Yadav S/O Sh. Shiv Nandan Singh A/183, Himalaya Apartment, Sector-2, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 Also At: Jaijpur Golden Hospital 2. Institutional Area, Rohini, Sector-3, New Delhi-110085 3. Mrs. Kalavati Yadav W/O Sh. Akhilesh Kumar Yadav A/183, Himalaya Apartment, Sector-2, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 Also At: Post Office Nkr Nagar C-7, Lawrence Road, New Delhi-110035	1. 03-May-2021 2. 29-June-2021 3. Rs. 14,93,300/- 4. Rs. 14,93,300/-	DDA Built Up Free Hold Flat Bearing No. 64, Category L.I.G On Third Floor, In Pocket-5, Type-B, Sector-2, Rohini, Situated In The Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini, Delhi-85 With Its Free Hold Rights Of Land Therein.
1.Mr. Girish Mishra S/O Sh. Shiv Shankar A-1/G, Top Floor, DDA Flats, Munirka New, Delhi-110067 Also At: GK Mishra & Company Prop-Mr. Girish Mishra C-84/A, Lower Ground Floor, Lajpat Nagar Part-I, New Delhi, 110024 2. Mrs. Pratibha Ranjan W/O Mr. Girish Mishra A-1/G, Top Floor, DDA Flats, Munirka New, Delhi-110067	1. 12-May-2021 2. 29-June-2021 3. Rs. 19,12,781/- 4. Rs. 34,00,000/-	The Residential Flat/Dwelling Unit Bearing No. /Flat No. 359-D On The 3rd Floor, Having A Total Super Area Measuring 90.4 Sq. Meter Situated At Residential Colony Shriya Sun City, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, District Ghaziabad, (U.P.)
1.Mr. Thagata Paul S/O Sh. Pallab Paul Farm Side Road, Bidyabhanu Pally Chinsurah Po Distt. Hooghly Chinsurah, Rs Chinsurah, West Bengal-721022 Also At: Aecom India Pvt. Ltd. 9th Floor, Infinity Tower-C, DLF Phase-II, Gurgaon Haryana 122002 Also At: Flat No. 804, Tower-C1, Avalon Residency (Phase II), Bhiwadi-Awar Bypass Road, Tehsil Tijara, Distt. Alwar, Rajasthan-301019 2.Mrs. Tania Maitly S/O Sh. Thagata Paul Farm Side Road, Bidyabhanu Pally Chinsurah Po Distt. Hooghly Chinsurah, Rs Chinsurah, West Bengal 721022 Also At: Flat No. 804, Tower-C1, Avalon Residency (Phase II), Bhiwadi-Awar Bypass Road, Tehsil Tijara, Distt. Alwar, Rajasthan-301019	1. 11-April-2021 2. 15-June-2021 3. Rs. 12,28,693/- 4. Rs. 14,37,416/-	Unit No. 804, On 8th Floor, Tower-C1, Of 'Avalon Residency (Phase II) At Village Udaipur, (Urban Area Bhiwadi) On Bhiwadi-Awar Bypass Road, Tehsil Tijara, Distt. Alwar, Rajasthan Having Rtg Super Built Up Of 950 Sq. Ft (Approx).
1.Mr. Manish Singh S/O Mayanka Singh Flat No.-1402, Tower-5, Orange County, Indrapuram Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001 Also At: Manish Singh S/O Mayanka Singh Senior Director Always On Vacation & Solution Pvt. Ltd. A-17, 1st Floor, Sector-58 Noida-201301, U.P. Also At: Manish Singh S/O Mayanka Singh Flat No.-A-Ph-03(Pent House), Block-A, 11th Floor, Sector-Saffron, 'Scottish Garden', Mohliundipura Kanawani, Tehsil-Dadri, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. 2.Mrs. Mayanna Singh W/O Mr. Manish Singh Flat No.-1402, Tower-5, Orange County, Indrapuram Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001 Also At: Mayanna Singh W/O Mr. Manish Singh Flat No.-A-Ph-03(Pent House), Block-A, 11th Floor, Sector-Saffron, 'Scottish Garden', Mohliundipura Kanawani, Tehsil-Dadri, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.	1. 07-May-2021 2. 15-June-2021 3. Rs. 46,61,428/- 4. Rs. 51,00,000/-	All Piece And Parcel Of Super Delux Type Flat No.-A-Ph-03(Pent House), Having Its Super Area 2170 Sq. Ft. I.E 201.59 Sq. Mtrs., Sector-Saffron, Block-A, 11th Floor, 'Scottish Garden', Mohliundipura Kanawani, Tehsil-Dadri, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.
1.Mr. Gaurav Tripathi S/O Ganga Vishnu Tripathi H.No-184, Mohyal Colony Sector-40, Gurugram-122001 Haryana Also At: Mr. Gaurav Tripathi S/O Ganga Vishnu Tripathi 15, 1st Floor, Sector-63, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 2.Mrs. Kanishk Rai W/O Sh. Rakesh Kumar Rai Flat No-546, Yamuna Tower, Sanskriti Vihar, Gaur City-2, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 Also At: Flat No. 76, Vill-Kathaura, Post-Kathaura, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh-221717	1. 07-May-2021 2. 15-June-2021 3. Rs. 17,60,832/- 4. Rs. 11,50,000/-	The Residential Flat/Dwelling Unit Bearing No. 546/GC-10, On The 5th Floor, In Tower No. 'F' Consisting Of One Bed Room, One Drawing Room, One Kitchen, Two Toilets, Two Balconies, Having A Total Super Area Measuring 555 Sq. Ft. In The 'Gc-10/Sanskriti Vihar' Situated At Plot No. Gh-03, Sector-16, Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. Alongwith Undivided, Identifiable Lease Hold Rights In The Portion Of The Said Land Underneath The Building, Consisting Of Several Blocks Comprising In Proportion Of The Super Area Of The Said/Flat/Dwelling Unit, As Per Enclosed Plan And Bounded As Follow: North: As Per Deed West: As Per Deed East: As Per Deed South: As Per Deed
1.Mr. Rakesh Kumar Rai S/O Sh. Brij Bhushan Rai Flat No-546, Yamuna Tower, Sanskriti Vihar, Gaur City-2, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 Also At: Flat No. 76, Vill-Kathaura, Post-Kathaura, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh-221717 2.Mrs. Radhika Devi W/O Sh. Dharmao Kumar Mahto House No. 25, Biraudi, Chakrasainpur, Dadri, Ghaziabad, U.P.-245101 Also At: Jatkauli, Vaishali, Bihar-844111 3.Mrs. Balu W/O Sh. Mukesh Kumar Sikandrabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-203202 Also At: Bhupender Bhatt Market, Sh. 11,20,707/- Near Mohan Baba Mandir Ghirdharpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 Also At: Flat No. 25, Second Floor, Block-C, Omicron-3, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301	1. 07-May-2021 2. 15-June-2021 3. Rs. 17,60,832/- 4. Rs. 11,50,000/-	Leasehold Residential Flat/Dwelling Unit Bearing No. 546/GC-10, On The 5th Floor, In Tower No. 'F' Consisting Of One Bed Room, One Drawing Room, One Kitchen, Two Toilets, Two Balconies, Having A Total Super Area Measuring 555 Sq. Ft. In The 'Gc-10/Sanskriti Vihar' Situated At Plot No. Gh-03, Sector-16, Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. Alongwith Undivided, Identifiable Lease Hold Rights In The Portion Of The Said Land Underneath The Building, Consisting Of Several Blocks, Comprising The Complex, In Proportion Of The Super Area Of The Said/Flat/Dwelling Unit.
1.Mr. Dharmao Kumar Mahto S/O Sh. Sukhdev Mahto House No. 25, Biraudi, Chakrasainpur, Dadri, Ghaziabad, U.P.-245101 Also At: Jatkauli, Vaishali, Bihar-844111 2.Mrs. Radhika Devi W/O Sh. Dharmao Kumar Mahto House No. 25, Biraudi, Chakrasainpur, Dadri, Ghaziabad, U.P.-245101 Also At: Jatkauli, Vaishali, Bihar-844111 3.Mr. Mukesh Kumar S/O Sh. Bahori Lal Giridharpur, Gurukul Sikandrabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-203202 Also At: Bhupender Bhatt Market, Sh. 11,20,707/- Near Mohan Baba Mandir Ghirdharpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 Also At: Flat No. 25, Second Floor, Block-C, Omicron-3, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301	1. 11-April-2021 2. 15-June-2021 3. Rs. 18,07,889/- 4. Rs. 12,26,721/-	Residential Flat No. 348 (S) Second Floor, Block-D, Sector-Omicron 01, Area 32 Sq. Mtr. Situated In Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)
1.Mrs. Shushama Rani W/O. Sh. Harish Kumar H.No. 1882, Sector 49, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 1882, Sector 49, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 2. Mrs. Kanishk Rai W/O Sh. Rakesh Kumar Rai Flat No-546, Yamuna Tower, Sanskriti Vihar, Gaur City-2, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 Also At: Flat No. 76, Vill-Kathaura, Post-Kathaura, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh-221717 3.Mr. Harish Kumar S/O. Sh. Ved Raj H.No.1982, Sector 49, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 3-Mr. Bharat Sharma S/O. Sh. Harish Kumar H.No.1982, Sector 49, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 Also At: Jai Amba Pipe Industries, la-250, Neelam Bata Road, Faridabad, Haryana-122001	1. 12-May-2021 2. 15-June-2021 3. Rs. 67,04,066/- 4. Rs. 81,62,191/-	Residential Plot No.905, Block-C Area Measuring 250sq.Yards, In The Residential Colony Known As Sanki Colony, Sector -49, Faridabad, Haryana.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules thereunder.
Kind Attention is invited to provisions sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, No Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.
Dated: 09.09.2021
Place: Delhi & Delhi NCR

HDB Financial Services Limited Ground Floor, Zenith House, Keshavnagar Khadye Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai - 400034 Tel No. +91 22 49116300

FINAL AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS

The borrower(s) (whose details are provided in the table herein below), in particular the public, is/are hereby informed that the below mentioned accounts are overdue, and the borrowers/account holders have not responded/complied with the communication, and notice sent by HDB Financial Services Limited (the "Company") requesting the borrower to clear his/her/their dues as per the documents in respect of the below mentioned loan signed/accepted by the borrower(s) (such documents, collectively "loan agreement") and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The Company has in exercise of its rights as a pledgee, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public auction of the gold ornaments pledged to the company as security for the loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing/recovering the dues owed by the borrower(s) to the company. The auction will be conducted on **14-09-2021** at the below mentioned local branch of HDB Financial Services Limited from 11.00 am onwards on the date and branches mentioned in the below table:

S. No.	Loan No	Customer Name	Date Of Loan	Overdue Amount Rs.	Branch Name
1	12079513	Rameshwar Pandey	10-08-2020	4164	Delhi-Kailash Nagar
2	14088174	Rahul Kumar	30-01-2021	3864	Delhi-Kailash Nagar
3	12280724	Manjeet Rani	28-08-2020	4036	Delhi-Ramesh Nagar
4	12045854	Raj Singh	05-08-2020	2937	Delhi-Ramesh Nagar
5	12045854	Raj Kumar	05-08-2020	16032	Delhi-Ramesh Nagar
6	13917881	Arun Kumar	15-01-2021	18972	Delhi-Ramesh Nagar
7	13227629	Umesh Kumar	18-11-2020	23732	Delhi-Ramesh Nagar
8	7977766	Poonam Gupta	20-06-2019	27838	Delhi-Ramesh Nagar
9	9834952	Harshat K	30-11-2019	11719	Delhi-Bhajanpura
10	9834952	Farfar S	30-11-2019	120181	Delhi-Bhajanpura
11	9656625	Shiv Kumar	15-11-2019	15032	Delhi-Bhajanpura
12	10201600	Manoj Kumar	02-01-2020	10363	Delhi-Bhajanpura
13	11747287	Isha I	02-07-2020	19676	Delhi-Bhajanpura
14	12923210	Gaurav Sharma	16-10-2020	15988	Delhi-Bhajanpura
15	12045854	Raj Singh	05-08-2020	6162	Delhi-Bhajanpura
16	12429155	Narinder Rustagi	11-09-2020	46683	Delhi-Keshavnagar
17	8554291	Jatin Gaba	17-08-2019	11980	Delhi-Keshavnagar
18	10161635	Prem Kumar	28-12-2019	12844	Delhi Ncr - Burari
19	10561678	Sunil Kumar	18-01-2020	10588	Delhi Ncr - Burari
20	11117732	Amir Sakram	09-03-2020	3013	Delhi Ncr - Burari
21	11875865	Wazid Khan	15-07-2020	8588	Delhi Ncr - Burari
22	12605499	Harleen Singh	26-09-2020	17126	Delhi Ncr - Burari
23	6228820	Shekhar Babu	29-12-2018	5648	Delhi Ncr - Burari
24	8972898	Shiv Nandan Sharma	25-09-2019	10423	Delhi Ncr - Burari
25	11828580	Balwan B	07-07-2020	41162	Delhi-Adarsh Nagar
26	12079314	Naveen Ranjeet	10-08-2020	23272	Delhi-Adarsh Nagar
27	12685307	Virender Kumar	06-10-2020	20110	Delhi-Sadar
28	8893585	Diwaker Kumar Pandey	18-09-2019	4552	Delhi-Sadar
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Freedom from wastage

A Food Processing Week was organised as a part of the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* celebrations

To commemorate 75 years of India's independence, the Government of India is celebrating the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. As a part of the celebration, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is celebrating 'Food Processing Week' from September 6-12, under which the Ministry is organising various programs.



On September 7, the success story of the beneficiary of the PMFME scheme, Ranju Garg of Honey Flo Organics, was published on the Ministry's website in the 'Atmanirbhar Enterprises' series.

A Workshop on 'One District, One Product' was organised by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Department of Agriculture, Lakshadweep. An amount of ₹1.06 Crore as seed capital amount has been transferred to 12 District Project Management Units (DPMU) of SRLM for 311 SHG enterprises under the PMFME Scheme in the

state of Chhattisgarh. It was a historic day for the food processing industry as the Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Pashupati Kumar Paras and Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, Prahlad Singh Patel, virtually inaugurated five food processing projects in the states of Assam, Gujarat and Karnataka. The total cost of these five projects is about ₹124.44 crores, and the Ministry has given a grant of ₹28.02 crores for these projects. These projects will also provide direct and indirect employment to about

820 people and benefit about 7,700 farmers in the catchment areas. In his address, Paras said that the central sector scheme - Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana was launched in 2016-17, keeping in mind the need of the food processing sector. The primary objective of this scheme is to promote cluster-based development of food processing activities. The scheme can also be seen as a comprehensive package that will create modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm to retail outlets.

He further added that providing better income for agricultural products and generating employment are amongst the government's top priorities. The Government of India is constantly striving to make the country a flexible food economy and the world's food factory. The government has made food processing a major thrust area of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. Taking forward the commitment, five projects have been launched in which the Ministry has been instrumental. Delighted over the launch of the projects and congratulating all the promoters, Patel commented that their success would send a message and inspire others. He added that if something isn't damaged or over-produced, and we are working towards saving it, it is not for industry or any individual, but for the nation. If the farmer gets the right price for the agricultural produce, and the processed food is exported worldwide, it will strengthen the Indian food processing sector.

Review meeting for Abhiyan-2021 implementation

The housing commissioner, Pawan Arora, on September 8, took a state-level review meeting for the successful implementation of Abhiyan-2021 with administration towns. It will commence from October 2, in the boardroom of the divisional headquarters.

In the meeting, Arora directed the disposal of the pending cases related to the Mandal on priority.

The commissioner informed that during the Abhiyan-2021 with administration cities, a total of 20 cases related to housing boards will be disposed off on priority. These include cases of building maps, cases of transfer of names, reorganization of subdivision of plots, registration by revalidation of unregistered patas, extension of building construction period, allotment letter, refund to allottees/applicants, no dues certificate on deposit of full amount, one-time lease. Letter, transfer sale mutual/nomination/death case, change in income group, demand for balance balance/other amount, information about change of address, earnest money refund, registration of contractors, housing registration, approval of building maps and cases like return of security deposit, issue of possession letter and regularisation will be disposed off

immediately. The commissioner directed that all pending cases during the campaign should be reduced to zero. Negligence of any kind will not be tolerated. Along with this, services like allotment letter, lease discharge certificate will be provided to the applicant on the spot immediately. Arora informed that for the successful implementation of Abhiyan-2021 with administration towns, a nodal officer will be appointed at the state level for effective monitoring of problems on a regular basis.

He informed that Rajasthan housing board will conduct a survey to bring new housing schemes in 200 small towns of the state. For this, a mobile app named RHB Awas will be launched. In this app, people's opinions regarding the size of the house, income group, and so on, will be recorded. After obtaining permission from the state government, the housing board will launch the housing scheme by taking acquisition action in view of the availability of land.

In the meeting, the chief engineers K C Meena, G S Baghela, financial advisor Sanjay Sharma, additional chief engineer Nathuram, K S Chaudhary, Sanjay Punia, residential engineers and senior officers of the board were present.

Third NATA 2021 examination conducted successfully

The Council of Architecture (CA) successfully conducted the third test of NATA (National Aptitude Test in Architecture) on September 3, 2021. The first test of NATA was held on April 10 while the second was conducted on July 11 this year.

The third test has been conducted with candidate attendance of over 92 per cent at 181 centres, at 150 cities in India and at six international cities.

The results for the NATA test will be declared on or before September 8, 2021, on the NATA portal at www.nata.in

For candidates who have

appeared in two tests, the best marks secured in the two attempts shall be taken as the valid score for admission to B Arch course.

NATA is an aptitude test and thus, shall evaluate the aptitude of a candidate to study architecture. NATA has been designed to assess the aptitude of candidates using different testing formats and techniques. They help CA identify the candidates who have real aptitude to study architecture.

Architects play a major role in the development of a nation. CA wishes success to the future architects of our country.

Nominations open for ICSI national awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) has opened nominations for ICSI national awards for 'Excellence in Corporate Governance' for the year 2021.

This year the institute is adding a new category, the 'Best PCS Firm Award' in addition to the following existing awards: 21st edition of the ICSI national awards for 'Excellence in Corporate Governance', the sixth ICSI CSR Excellence Awards, the third ICSI 'Best

Secretarial Audit Report' award.

Since its inception, the ICSI national awards have been acknowledging and rewarding the efforts of both individuals and corporates in implementing innovative practises towards promoting good governance.

Being one of the most prestigious awards of the country, the ICSI national awards foster the spirit of good governance and honour those who practise such professional excellence.

GM OF NORTHERN RAILWAYS HOLDS A SAFETY REVIEW MEETING



Ashutosh Gangal, the general manager (GM) of Northern Railways, held a safety review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railways and with DRM's through video-call from Baroda house, NR headquarter office in New Delhi. Amongst many issues, emphasis was laid on safety on tracks, enhancement of speed, freight, punctuality, and train operations. He instructed that works of passenger amenities like provision of escalators, lifts, washable aprons, improve-

ment in station building, circulating areas, and so on, should be given priority and must be completed in a stipulated time-frame.

Gangal also released a booklet on the system map of Northern Railways. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasised on punctuality of trains and freight earnings.

Safety is the prime focus over railways. The GM emphasised on improving the maintenance standards of tracks, level

crossings and construction of boundary wall along the track in high speed sections. He took serious note of the trespassing on line and advised the divisions and the security department to check the trespassing and book offenders under different railway acts and penalise them including jail-term, if need be. He also suggested making efforts to clear encroachment near the railway tracks, in order to ensure safety. On improving the infrastructure, the GM laid greater focus on the level crossings (LC), which should be revamped and road surfaces improved. Moreover, the road users should be sensitised not to cross the lines when the LC gates are closed.

Gangal said that monsoon rains have been very heavy in many spots across Northern Railways. Sometimes, this poses great difficulty in train operations over stretches where water has collected over the tracks. Northern Railways continuously monitored the water logging and put in efforts in clearing the tracks. This was implemented by pressing additional pumps for water evacuation. Moreover, the local rain overflowed rivers and drains, resulting in floods, in the embankments of the rail lines compounding the problem of train movement.

Northern Railways is committed to providing safe, smooth and efficient services to its customers.



Review meeting presided by the GM of Metro Railways, Kolkata

Manoj Joshi, the general manager (GM) of Metro Railway of Kolkata, has stressed on timely completion of all on-going metro projects in the city. During a high level review meeting held yesterday, Joshi took stock of the progress of all on-going projects and instructed concerned officials to expedite all pending works so that metro projects can be completed within the deadline.

The GM also reviewed the progress of works from Phoolbagan to Sealdah metro station of the East-West metro corridor.

The issues related to imparting training and manpower planning for opening of Sealdah metro station were also discussed. Joshi also emphasized on further improving Metro Railway colonies and rolling stocks maintenance practices.

SRM BAGS THREE EXCELLENCE AWARDS FROM AICTE

SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, has received the first place in AICTE National Level Clean and Smart Campus Award 2020 (A Campus first step towards Sustainability) under the 'University/Deemed to be University' category for their outstanding clean and smart campus.

The certificate of excellence was presented by Union Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan, and

was received by vice chancellor of SRMIST, Dr C Muthamizhchelvan.

Dr P Supraja, assistant professor from the department of Networking and Communications, School of Computing, SRMIST, has been awarded as 'best teacher' under AICTE- Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Award 2021, in recognition of her teaching excellence in technical education.

This certificate of excellence is aimed to recognize the meritorious faculties on

Teachers' Day annually, at national level. It encourages them to update themselves to the ever-changing needs of higher education at global level and, thereby, becoming an effective contributor towards society.

The third award was received by team Clotech from SRMIST. They were awarded second prize in the category 'Barriers in Accessing Adequate Health Care Service' for presenting a prototype/innovative solution

of 'Niramay', under the theme 'India's Economic Recovery post COVID; Reverse Migration and Rehabilitation Plan to support Atma Nirbhar Bharat'.

Team Clotech includes Sandeep K Lakhera, Gauri Nerpagar, Tanuj Chowdhary Yalamarthy, Praveen Kumar and Dharani Vasani. The founder chancellor of SRMIST, pro chancellors and the entire management of team SRMIST congratulate the awardees and wish them luck ahead.



NTPC felicitates Paralympics medal-winning archer

NTPC Ltd, India's largest integrated energy company, congratulates archer Harvinder Singh for his exemplary performance in the men's Recurve event at the Tokyo Paralympics. Singh, who won bronze at the Tokyo Paralympics, became the first archer to bring home a medal in Paralympics archery.

NTPC has been supporting and promoting archery in India with a partnership with Archery Association of India (AAI).

On this historic occasion, NTPC family congratulates Singh, the AAI, along with the coaches and managers for their commitment towards the sports.

NTPC, in partnership with the federation of AAI, has intended to work towards increasing competitiveness among archers by organising various competitions for improved and continuous training and mentoring.

National Ranking Archery Tournament (NRATs) and National Archery Championships (NACs) are also part of this official agreement. In addition, the Indian archery team of different age groups is also sent to participate in various international tournaments for exposure and match practice.

While energising India's growth story, NTPC is steadily working towards being a sustainable energy company. Apart from lending support to India's growth, NTPC has also been a pillar of support for holistic development for its communities and society at large. NTPC has supported development of sports in India and the step towards supporting the AAI since 2018 is one of the milestones in the long-cherished journey.

Preparation of DPR for Greater Noida-Noida International Airport corridor begin

An MoU was signed by Pramit Kumar Garg, the director of business development, DMRC and Rituraj Vyas, general manager of planning, YEIDA, for preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Greater Noida-Noida International Airport Metro corridor. A feasibility study was also prepared for extending the Delhi Metro Airport Express line beyond New Delhi Railway Station to Greater Noida for connecting terminal three of IGI airport on September 3.

DMRC signs MoU with Yeida



CS NAGENDRA D RAO APPOINTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF CSIA

CS Nagendra D Rao, president of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), has been unanimously elected as the vice-president of the Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA), for the year 2022.

As the global voice of corporate secretaries and governance professionals, CSIA was established in the year 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland, and reconstituted as a company limited by guarantee in Hongkong in 2017. It represents a network of more than 1,00,000 corporate secretaries and governance professionals in more than 100 countries all over the world.

Having created a platform where the best practices, knowledge, and experiences from all



over the world are shared, ICSI has evolved beyond national boundaries. Appointment of Rao, as the vice-president of CSIA, reaffirms the ICSI's role as an inclusive body in the global governance map.

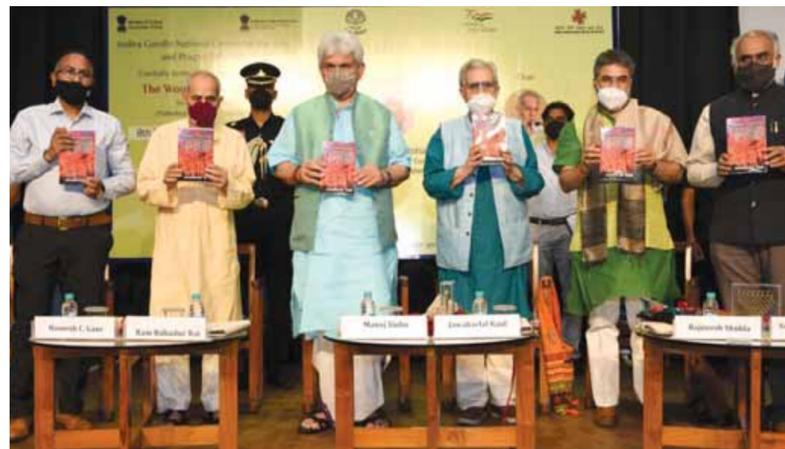
The launch of *Jammu and Kashmir : The Wounded Paradise*

The Kala Nidhi Division of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts organised the launch of the book *Jammu and Kashmir : The Wounded Paradise* by eminent journalist Jawaharlal Kaul yesterday. It is published by Khama Publishers.

Manoj Sinha, honourable lieutenant governor of Jammu and Kashmir graced the occasion as the chief guest and launched the book. Rambahadur Rai, the president of IGNCAT trust presided over the function. Dr Sachchidanand Joshi, member secretary of IGNCAT, and Dr Rajneesh Shukla, the vice-chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, were the other speakers in the programme.

Prof Ramesh C Gaur, the dean and head of Kala Nidhi Division, IGNCAT, introduced the programme and delivered the welcome address.

The author described the book as his personal engagement with Kashmir, and its unknown histories and issues. It also incor-



porates the optimism to rebuild the paradise.

Shukla termed the book as the author's firsthand experience about Kashmir that chronicles the reasons for its changing nature for decades. He pointed out how the author has looked at the journey

of Kashmir from 1940s till 2019 from a very personal point of view while closely touching upon various moments that are otherwise overlooked by writers and general readers. This book aims at finding ways to rebuild *Kashmiriyat*. Dr Joshi underlined the fact that

rather than being a socio-political or geographical account of Kashmir, the book by Kaul is an emotional history of Kashmir. He mentioned that author's dialogues with the younger generation of Kashmir inspired him to pen the book which not only diag-

noses the wounds of the paradise on Earth but also holds hopes and aspirations for rebuilding the place again, and attempts at bringing back its lost glory.

In his speech, Sinha praised the author for writing such a personal historical account of Kashmir, bringing out histories missed out by other scholars. The seeds of this book lie in his love for Kashmir. It speaks about the past, present and future of Kashmir and the way forward for Kashmir to gain its lost glory. He termed Kashmir as the 'spirit of our consciousness'. He assured the author that some of his dreams for Kashmir are being acted upon and highlighted on the various positive measures that the Union Government, under the leadership of the PM, has taken for redeveloping Jammu and Kashmir. Closed doors of various public facilities have been opened. Facilities like electricity, road construction, health, youth employability, health care, development of water bodies, regaining lost lands, industrialization, food processing have been widely extended to

the people and much progress has been achieved towards that direction. Laws have been modified for easy access to resources of the land by the people. He termed the book as a must-read, for the scholars, on Kashmir.

As the concluding remarks as the chairperson of the event, Ram Bahadur Rai shared personal anecdotes about the author while informing the audience about the story behind the book and the zeal of the author to bringing out the book while fighting against Covid at a hospital. He called the book the '*Kathoponishad* on Kashmir' because of the author's close engagement with the book even in the wake of his extremely critical health.

It was attended by about 80 participants at Samvet auditorium of IGNCAT, including the JPM of Aayodhya Lallu Singh, Usha Joshi, Manoj Mishra and others. The programme was also broadcasted live on Facebook and YouTube, and the recording of the programme will soon be available on IGNCAT Youtube channel for those who were unable to attend it.

Sports Minister felicitates triumphant Paralympians

Hopes for better show in 2024

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday felicitated the 17 medal-winners from the Tokyo Paralympics, saying he expects them to shatter more records in the 2024 Paris Games after raising the bar with a stupendous performance this time.

The Indian para-athletes registered their best-ever performance in the Tokyo Games by winning an unprecedented 19 medals, including five gold, eight silver and six bronze.

Shooters Avani Lekhara (gold and bronze) and Singhraj Adana (silver and bronze) were the ones to finish on the podium twice.

“It was my dream to win a medal for my country and I had trained hard for it. Has it sunk in? not yet. I am so happy and grateful,” said the 19-year-old Lekhara, who became the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic gold.

Thakur lauded her and all others who finished on the podium, presenting them with mementos to honour their feats. “I recall in the 2016 Paralympics, the size of the Indian contingent was 19, while this year the country has won as many as 19 medals. You have shown us that the human spirit is the most powerful of all,” Thakur said at the function where the medal-



Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Law Minister Kiren Jijiju and MoS Youth Affairs and Sports Nisith Pramanik with the athletes during the Paralympic medalist felicitations ceremony in New Delhi, on Wednesday

winners were given a standing ovation.

“Our medal tally has increased by about five times. For the first time we have won medals in table tennis and archery, competed for the first time in canoeing and powerlifting. We equalled two world records and we broke even more. India’s para athletes delivered a perfect podium finish,” he added.

He offered government’s full support to the athletes. “The government’s approach in extending support to athletes for international competitions has undergone a transformational change. The government will continue to support India’s paralympians with facilities and funding so that they may continue to excel internationally.

“We’d like to encourage more regional and national tournaments for our paralympians so they can regularly compete and hone their skills,” said Thakur.

The function was also attended by Thakur’s predecessor and current Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju and Minister of State for Sports Nisith Pramanik among others.

Also present on the occasion were Sports Secretary Ravi Mittal, Sports Authority of India Director General Sandip Pradhan, Paralympic Committee of India President Deepa Malik.

Malik thanked the government for constant support. India had sent a 54-strong contingent to the Games, the country’s biggest ever.

SHAMI FIT TO PLAY IN MANCHESTER

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran India speedster Mohammed Shami has recovered from his niggles and is fit to play the final Test against England in Manchester, starting September 10.

Shami and fellow senior pacer Ishant Sharma were rested from the Oval Test that India won by 157 runs to take 2-1 lead in the five-match series as the duo was nursing niggles.

It is learnt that Shami had joined the team’s training session on Wednesday, two days before the commencement of the final Test.

“Shami is fit. And when Shami is fit, he is an automatic choice,” a senior BCCI official privy to the developments, told PTI.

Shami’s fitness status will certainly help captain Virat Kohli and only available coach Vikram Rathour to mull on available options ahead of the fifth game.

As of now among the Indian bowlers, Bumrah is way ahead in terms of quantum of overs with 151 of them sent during the seven innings across four Tests which is effectively more than 21 overs per innings.

Bumrah has 18 wickets to his credit but with a T20 World Cup to play and before that an Indian Premier League where he has commitments towards Mumbai Indians, it

will be interesting to see how his body holds up during the last five days of this long series.

India, who are again eyeing a series win in England after 14 years, would ideally want their best eleven to be on the park but at the same time also needs to be aware of the workload management of the pacers.

In case that Bumrah is rested, keeping in mind the next two months of continuous T20 cricket, then Shami will straightaway replace him.

But if Bumrah plays the last Test which he would want as India need to close in on the series win, then Mohammed Siraj will have to make way as both Umesh Yadav (6 wickets in the game) and Shardul Thakur (two fifties and 3 wickets) can’t be dropped.

According to many experts, Manchester is one of the venues, which despite its pacer-friendly nature could provide some assistance for a second spinner in which case the till-now ignored Ravichandran Ashwin can fit in.

Rohit, Pujara fitness

The medical team is still assessing both the senior players Rohit (knee injury) and Cheteshwar Pujara (ankle) but it couldn’t be ascertained whether they have partially or completely recovered. It’s learnt that Rohit is recovering well and chances of him being available are still bright but a decision would only be taken after medical team gives a go ahead.

If Rohit fails to get fit in time, the choice is between Abhimanyu Easwaran, Mayank Agarwal and Prithvi Shaw. In case of Pujara’s absence, it will be a two horse race between Hanuma Vihari and Suryakumar Yadav.

Dhoni to mentor India’s T20 WC squad

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Iconic former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni was on Wednesday brought in as mentor of India’s 15-member T20 World Cup squad by the BCCI, a move that took everyone by surprise.

“Former India Captain M S Dhoni to mentor the team for the T20 World Cup,” announced BCCI secretary Jay Shah in a press conference to unveil the squad for the event scheduled to start October 17 in the UAE and Oman.

“(I) spoke to him in Dubai. He agreed to be mentor for WT20 only and I discussed with my colleagues and all are on same page. I spoke to captain (Virat Kohli) and vice

captain (Rohit Sharma) and everyone agreed,” he added.

The 40-year-old Dhoni retired from international cricket last year having played his last game in 2019 World Cup semi-final.

It is believed that he has been brought in for his experience in devising white ball strategy and for also knowing how to win crucial ICC tournaments which has not been the case with his successor.

One of the most successful captains in the history of Indian cricket, the enigmatic wicketkeeper-batsman led India to two world titles — the 2007 T20 World Cup in South Africa and the 2011 ODI World Cup in India.

ASHWIN INCLUDED IN SQUAD

New Delhi: Senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin was on Wednesday included in India’s 15-member squad for the T20 World Cup alongside Ishan Kishan, Axar Patel and Varun Chakaravathy.

The 34-year-old Ashwin last played white-ball cricket for India in 2017. Kishan and Chakaravathy have been rewarded for their consistent performance in the IPL and the few opportunities they got with the Indian team. The T20 World Cup starts October 17 in the UAE and Oman.

Squad: Virat Kohli (captain), Rohit Sharma (vc), KL Rahul, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Rahul Chahar, Ravichandran Ashwin, Axar Patel, Varun Chakaravathy, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohammed Shami.



India's Virat Kohli, left, is tagged by a teammate during the nets session at Old Trafford, Manchester, England, on Wednesday ahead of the fifth cricket test against England

Bumrah moves up to 9th in ICC Test rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah has gained a place to be ninth in the latest ICC Test rankings for bowlers following his match-winning spell in the fourth Test against England at The Oval.

Bumrah had bowled Ollie Pope and Jonny Bairstow in a sensational spell of reverse swing that tilted the game decisively in India’s favour and helped the visitors take a 2-1 lead in the five-match series. The last game starts on Friday in Manchester.

Among the batters, Shardul Thakur’s two half-centuries have lifted him 59 places to 79th position.

Thakur has also moved up seven places to 49th in the bowlers’ list after finishing with four wickets in the match.

Australia pacer Pat Cummins leads the bowling standings while premier India spinner R Ashwin remains second despite not being a part of the four Tests against England.

There is no change in the top-10 batsmen with England captain Joe Root leading the pack.

Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are fifth and sixth in the standings. Opener Rohit’s match-winning 127 in the second innings has helped him increase the lead over Kohli from seven to 30 rating points.

Ashwin has dropped a spot to be fifth in the all-rounders’ rankings with Ravindra Jadeja staying on third place.

We’ll get better at Test cricket: Root

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

His team ended up on the losing side but England captain Joe Root believes that the pitch for the Oval Test against India was a “brilliant example” of a good Test track and he would like to see more of these during the home season and the county circuit.

England are having a forgettable summer at home, having lost to New Zealand in June and trailing India 1-2 in the ongoing five-match series.



The wicket at The Oval aided the pacers early on before becoming a batting beauty. On

day five, Indian bowlers still managed to get enough out of it for a famous win.

“Home advantage is always going to be there. In this country at times with the weather, the amount of rain can disrupt how you prepare a pitch. But from my point of view I encourage just really good Test wickets,” he said in an online press conference here.

“If we’re going to be the best team in the world we’re going to have to be play on good wickets which are flat in certain peri-

ods. We’re also going to have to be able to learn to deal with the scoreboard pressure.

“We should also be able to deal with the pressure of spinning wicket towards the back end of the Test match,” he added. Preparing a green top can also be counter-productive for England against a high quality India pace attack. Root has not seen the wicket for the fifth Test yet but he has gained a lot of knowledge on the conditions at Old Trafford by playing thrice last year.

Broadcasters urged to cancel plans to cover Beijing Olympics

AP ■ TOKYO

Some of the world’s largest broadcasters, including American network NBC, are being asked by human rights groups to cancel plans to cover next year’s Winter Olympics in Beijing. The Winter Games are scheduled to open on February 4.

The request comes in an open letter from rights groups

representing minorities in China, including Uyghurs, Tibetans, Hong Kong residents and others.

The letter, obtained by the Associated Press, was sent Tuesday to NBC Universal chief executive officer Jeff Shell and other international broadcast executives.

NBC is paying \$7.75 billion for the rights to the next six Olympics and works closely as



a partner with the Switzerland-based International Olympic Committee.

Those payments are estimated to account for up to 40% of the IOC’s total income. The letter says the broadcasters risk “being complicit” in the “worsening human rights abuses” in China.

The letter comes just days after the delayed Summer Olympics and Paralympics wrapped up in Tokyo, putting the focus on the IOC and its choice of Beijing.

SC East Bengal appoints Real Madrid reserve team manager Manuel Diaz as head coach for ISL season

PITI ■ KOLKATA

SC East Bengal on Wednesday appointed Real Madrid reserve team manager Manuel ‘Manolo’ Diaz as the club’s new head coach for the upcoming Indian Super League 2021-22 season.

Diaz’s appointment came minutes after the

club parted ways with Englishman and Liverpool legend Robbie Fowler, who coached the Kolkata giants to a ninth-place finish in the ISL last season.

“SC East Bengal can confirm that the club has agreed with Robbie Fowler to a mutual termination of the head coach’s contract,” SC East Bengal announced on its official Twitter handle.

Just a few minutes after the first tweet, SC East Bengal made another announcement, this time that of the appointment of Spaniard Diaz.

“SC East Bengal is proud to welcome former Real Madrid Castilla coach Manuel ‘Manolo’ Diaz as the new head coach for the Hero Indian Super League 2021-22 season,” the second tweet read.

India register bright start in Online Chess Olympiad

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Vishwanathan Anand-led Indian team made a positive start on the opening day of the FIDE Online Chess Olympiad on Wednesday, beating Egypt and Sweden but shared honours with France.

Hungary is leading at the end of three rounds with an all-time record and six points followed by India (5 points) and France (4). A team gets two points for a win and one point

for a draw. The top two teams from the group advance to the play-offs.

India had last year finished joint winner in the Online Chess Olympiad with Russia.

After getting off to a flying start in Pool B of the Top Division with a 6-0 thrashing of Egypt, the Indian team, ranked three as per average rating, drew 3-3 against France before rounding off the day with a comfortable 4-2 win over Sweden.

Former world champion

Anand led the way in the opening tie against Egypt with a clinical win against Adly Ahmed. The Indians swept the board, clinching all the six boards riding on Anand’s brilliant start.

There were wins for B Adhiban, Tania Sachdev, Bhakti Kulkarni, R Praggnanandhaa and his sister R Vaishali as India overpowered Egypt.

In the next match against France, Anand had to settle for a draw against their top player Etienne Bacrot as did Vidit

Gujrathi, Koneru Humpy and D Harika. Praggnanandhaa went down to Marc Andria Maurizzi. However, Vaishali came to India’s rescue by downing Florence Rollot.

Vidit Gujrathi came close to a win against Yannick Gozzoli but had to settle for a draw by threefold repetition. The third round fixture against Sweden saw victories for P Harikrishna, playing on the top board, Adhiban and Nihal Sarin which put India on the road to a win.

