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# **ISKP** planning terror attacks in India: Intel

Af-Pak based group to send its fighters to carry out attacks

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Within a week after the Taliban took over Kabul on August 15, the security agencies here have warned that Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) operatives based in Afghanistan-Pakistan region are coordinating with India-based associates to carry out attacks in India through IEDs and vehicle-borne IEDs.

In a worrying trend, the ISKP has also planned to send its fighters to India to carry out

The range of targets includes right-wing leaders, Hindu leaders, security forces, convoys, places of high footfalls and religious congregations. In addition, the group has also planned to hit highways and railways infrastructure

The August 21 advisory has been circulated to stake holders comprising the paramilitary forces and police administration to take preventive and precautionary mea-sures to thwart such illicit

designs of the jehadis.
The genesis of the security alert is the intelligence inputs and disclosures made by the ISIS operatives arrested from Jammu & Kashmir and . Karnataka, who have indicated continued intent on part of the Islamic State terrorists to carry out attacks in India.

As late as July-August 2021, AF-Pak-based operatives planned to carry out terror attacks in India through IEDs/VBIEDs/suicidal attacks/target killings, a senior officer quoted from the alert. Continued on Page 2



Security personnel cordon off the area and search for militants after a grenade attack on the force at Channapora in Srinagar on Friday

# Taliban torture, shoot Af former VP's brother

**AGENCIES** ■ NEW DELHI

Rohullah Saleh, brother of Afghanistan's former vice president and now 'acting' President Amrullah Saleh, has been reportedly killed in clashes with the Taliban in Panjshir. He was identified by the

Taliban in Panjshir during clashes, reports said. According to sources, he



Taliban fighters.

The Taliban have claimed full control over the Panjshir valley in Afghanistan, however, the National Resistance was tortured and executed by

Front (NRF) supporters have rejected this claim, saying that the NRF fighters will continue to occupy strategic positions in the province.

Some reports said that Ahmad Massoud, leader of the resistance movement against the Taliban in Panjshir, and Amrullah Saleh had fled to Tajikistan after the Taliban

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# PM chairs high-level meeting as Covid 3rd wave fear grows

## 10% positivity rate in 35 dists. 10-5% in 30 dists raise concerns

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Amid the fear of the onset of a third wave, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the Covid-19 related situation and the vaccination drive in the country. Modi was briefed by offi-

cials about the current vaccination, procurement and distribution of vaccines in comming months and targets of vaccination. He also monitored the situation in the Covid cases in Kerala and other States and aspects of international certification status of Indian vaccines.

The meeting comes a day after Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said India is still going through the second wave of Covid-19 and it is not over yet. He had said 35 districts are still reporting a weekly Covid positivity rate of over 10 per cent, while it is between five and 10 per cent in 30 districts. More than half of India's adult population has received at least one dose of anti-coronavirus vaccine while 18 per cent have got both the shots, the Union



People, flouting Covid-appropriate behaviour, visit a crowded market on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Solapur on Friday

Government had said on Thursday as the total number of jabs administered in the country crossed 72 crore.

"India's cumulative Covid-19 vaccination coverage exceeds 72.37 crore, recovery rate currently at 97.49 per cent. 34,973 new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours. India's active caseload (3,90,646) is 1.18 per cent of total cases. Weekly positivity rate (2.31%) has been less than 3% for last 77 days," said Union Health Ministry in state-

"More than 71.94 crore vaccine doses have been provided

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Not vaccinated, go

CM tells Govt staff

on leave, Punjab

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TOTAL CASES: 3,32,00,787

DEATHS: 4,42,347 (+307)

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administered," said Ministry

# Lowest August rainfall in 19 yrs hits kharif sowing

# 2 major spells of weak monsoon prevailed over country: IMD

PNS NEW DELHI

With 24 per cent deficiency, rainfall in August was lowest in 19 years, impacting kharif sowing, which is reported at 1096.70 lakh hectares as against the 1106.57 lakh hectares last year.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Friday that two major spells of weak monsoon prevailed over the country — from August 9-16 and August 23-27 — when the northwest, central and adjoining peninsular and west coast of India had subdued rainfall activities. The southwest monsoon in Delhi has been erratic, but it has given the highest rainfall to the national Capital in 11 years — 1,005.3 mm so far.

This is the first time since 2010 that monsoon rainfall in



School students walk along a street after heavy rain in Amritsar on Friday

Delhi breached the 1,000 mm

According to data released by the Agriculture Ministry, about 409.55 lakh hectares paddy sowing has been reported by States as compared to 384.64 lakh hectares last year. Madhya Pradesh reported 11.07 lakh hectares, Telangana 9.01 lakh hectares, Jharkhand 1.57 lakh hectares, Tamil Nadu 1.02 lakh hectares, and Karnataka 0.79 lakh hectares of rice plantation so far. The sowing has been less in Odisha,

Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Gujarat, Goa and Assam.

The sowing of pulses has been reported at 139. 63 lakh hectares as against 136.65 lakh hectares last year. Higher areas of plantation has been reported from Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Jammu & Kashmir, while Madhya Pradesh, Bengal, Gujarat, Telangana, Punjab and Mizoram are among those States which have reported less

areas under pulses cultivation. Continued on Page 2

# **BSP** won't field bahubali in **UP polls, says Mayawati**

Party not to give ticket to Mukhtar, sitting MLA from Mau

PREETAM SRVASTAVA LUCKNOW

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati has taken a strong decision not to field any candidate with criminal background in the 2022 Assembly polls and decided not to field Mukhtar Ansari, a top

criminal facing jail term.

In a couple of tweets on Friday, Mayawati said, "In the upcoming UP Assembly general election, it will be BSP's effort to not give any babubali effort to not give any bahubali and mafia party tickets.

She announced that "in view of this decision, the name of Bhim Rajbhar, BSP State president of UP, has been finalised from Mau Assembly seat from where mafia don Mukhtar Ansari is the sitting member of the Legislative Assembly from BSP.

Mayawati said, "As a result of this decision, efforts are on



to meet the expectations of the people. There is an appeal to the party in-charge to take special care while selecting the party candidates so that if the BSP Government is formed in the State then, strict action could be taken against such ele-

Mayawati further said the BSP has resolved to change the picture of UP by adopting 'rule of law" so that not only the State and the country, but every child should say that if there is a BSP Government, of 'Sarvajan Hitay and Sarvajan

Sukhay" then they are safe.

Besides, the BSP should also show by doing things what it says, and it should be the true identity of the party, she added. Recently Sigbatullah Ansari, elder brother of jailed mafia Mukhtar Ansari, had joined the

Samajwadi Party and it was reported that Mukhtar's son and other family members too could ioin hands with Akhilesh

Mukhtar, BSP MLA from Mau Assembly seat, is present-Afzal Ansari, one of

Mukhtar's other brothers, is a BSP lawmaker, who represents the Ghazipur seat in Parliament. He defeated the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP's) Manoj Sinha, who is now the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Ansari family is already facing trouble since the coming of the BJP Government and not just stern action has been taken against them and their aides but the administration had also demol ished property worth several crores which the Ansari family allegedly procured through

muscle" or "gun" power. Meanwhile BSP national spokesperson Sudhindra Bhadoria on Friday said due to the Centre's economic policies there is an unemployment crisis among youth in Uttar

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Punjab Government employ-ees failing to take even the first dose of Covid vaccine for any reason other than medical will be compulsorily sent on leave after September 15.

The strong measure was announced on Friday by Chief

to States/UTs so far through

Govt of India (free of cost chan-

nel) and through direct State

procurement category. Further,

more than 7 lakh doses are in the

Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to protect the people of the State from the disease, and to ensure that those who are vaccinated do not have to pay he price for continue hesitancy of those who are

At a high-level virtual Covid review meeting, the Chief Minister said that vaccine effectiveness is evident from the data being analysed. "Special efforts are being taken to reach out to Government employees, and those who continue to avoid getting vaccinated will now be asked to go on leave till they get the first dose," said the Chief Minister.

Capt Amarinder also allowed teaching and non-teaching school staff, who had taken at least one dose of vaccine more than four weeks ago, to resume duties, subject to submission of weekly RT-PCR negative test reports.

However, all those with comorbidities shall only be allowed once they are fully vaccinated, he added.

School Education Secretary Krishan Kumar earlier pointed

Vaccinated don't have to pay price for vax hesitancy of others: Captain



out that currently only fully vaccinated staff members are allowed to come to schools.

Health Minister Balbir Sidhu suggested the gap for the second dose be reduced for the school staff to 28 days, but Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan informed the meeting that the Centre had rejected the State's request to allow them to be treated as essential services.

The Chief Minister noted with satisfaction that with aggressive testing, the situation in schools has remained under control.

After as many as 3,21,969 school students along with 33,854 teaching and non-teaching staff across a total of 5,799 schools were tested in the month of August, a total of 158 cases have tested positive so far, which accounts for a positivity rate of only 0.05 per cent, he

# **CAPSULE**

INDUSTRY OUTPUT GROWS 11.5% IN JULY New Delhi: Industrial

production surged 11.5 per cent in July mainly due to a low-base effect and good performance by manufacturing, mining and power sectors but the output remained slightly below the prepandemic level. The manufacturing sector grew 10.5 per cent in July, according to the data released by the NSO on

#### RAJNATH HOLDS TALKS WITH OZ COUNTERPART New Delhi: Partnership between

India and Australia is based on our shared vision of free, open inclusive and rule-based Indo-Pacific region, Defence Minister Rainath Singh said after holding wide-ranging talks with his Australian counterpart Peter **Dutton.** Describing discussions as "fruitful". Singh said bilateral defence cooperation as well as

regional issues figured in the

deliberations

# Covid-anxious India fail to field team for 5th Test

### No clarity on series result amid talk of rescheduling of match against England

**PTI** ■ MANCHESTER

A Covid-19 outbreak that triggered "anxiety" among Indian players forced the cancellation of their fifth and final Test against England in a chaotic and unprecedented turn of events on Friday, leaving the status of the series unclear after the host board claimed a forfeiture by the tourists only to withdraw the statement.

The England and Wales Cricket Board's statement on the match went from India "unable to field a team and will instead forfeit the match" to India "regrettably unable to field a team" after skipper Virat Kohli led a steadfast refusal by the visiting players to take the

Friday's development came after the tourists were left on tenterhooks following physio Yogesh Parmar's positive Covid-19 test that led to concerns that the infection could spread during the match. As for the series, its status

was not clear. India are 2-1 ahead and

have not been officially declared winners. The BCCI has claimed that both boards will work towards rescheduling the match but ECB CEO Tom Harrison said the game would be a one-off instead of being a decider for the series

"In lieu of the strong relationship between BCCI and ECB, the BCCI has offered to ECB a rescheduling of the cancelled Test match. Both the



between England and India was canceled in Manchester, England, on Friday

Boards will work towards finding a window to reschedule this Test match," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said.

"No, I think it's a standalone situation. We have been offered a few other options, probably need to take a look (at those)," Harrison responded when specifically asked on Sky Sports whether the rescheduled match would be a stand-alone game or the series-decider.

The only plausible window for such an arrangement seems to be July next year when the India team visits England for a six-match white-ball series.

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly will be in the UK from September 22 on a personal visit and he might meet ECB officials at that time to discuss a variety of issues, including the rescheduling of this match.

Earlier, after hectic consultations, the match was can-

celled a couple of hours before The initial statement issued

by the ECB categorically mentioned the word "forfeit" but that was later omitted from a revised media release. "Due to fears of a further

increase in the number of Covid cases inside the camp, India are regrettably unable to field a team," read the revised communication. Harrison later said that

every effort was made to convince the players, who refused to budge. "It's a really sad day, my heart goes out to fans. We are absolutely gutted. Internationally, this game gets astronomical audience. It became clear yesterday around lunch time that there was a problem in terms of the anxiety level in the Indian team," he

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8 charged under POCSO

girls naked in MP village

Act for parading minor

# **Mizoram braces for second** refugee wave from Myanmar

### Clashes break out between military and civilians

for a second wave of refugees from Myanmar as supporters of the Burmese Government-in-National Unity Government, which called for a nationwide uprising earlier this week, clashed with the military junta's forces.

Álready over 150 more people have moved across the border in the wake of the military crackdown after the uprising call on Tuesday, September

Sounds of a fierce gunfight between the supporters of NUG and Myanmar army, which took place at a Myanmar village, was heard from Thingsai, the nearest border village in Mizoram's Hnahthial district, on Friday morning, officials said.

The Myanmarese NUG has been formed by elected legislators who were ousted by the

Hnahthial district deputy commissioner H. Dolianbuaia said that about 60 Myanmar nationals entered the district since Thursday fleeing armed struggle between civilians and the Myanmar military.
"Our district has already

hosted about 700 refugees from

**BSP** won't field

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Maynmar. More people are likely to enter following the nationwide uprising in the neighbouring country," he told PTI over phone.

Mizoram, which shares a Mizoram, which shares a 510 km long international border with Myanmar, is already home to thousands of Myanmar nationals, who fled their country after the Myanmar Army (Tatmadaw) seized power from a democratically elected Government on February first this year.

Maria CT Zuali, the deputy commissioner of Champhai district, which borders Myanmar, also told PTI that at least 35 people from the neighbouring country sneaked into the district on Wednesday following the national wide upris-

Officials in Lawngtlai, the southernmost district of the State bordering Myanmar, also said that around 60 people from the neighbouring country crossed over some two

Majority of Myanmar nationals were given temporary shelter and food by local organisations and individuals on humanitarian ground while others are living with their

Most Myanmar nationals live in temporary shelters set up by NGOs, he said. The district administration could not help them formally as they are yet to be granted refugee status by the government or international agencies, he added.

Earlier\_in March, Chief Minister Zoramthanga had urged the Centre to officially provide asylum to Myanmar nationals.

Minister Home Lalchamlian has recently informed the state assembly that a total of 10,229 people from Myanmar have entered Mizoram since the military coup as per the official records maintained by the State Government till August 28.

"These Myanmar nationals have taken shelter in different districts. Some of them were living with their relatives while others were living in temporary shelters set up by the local people inside their villages, alchamliana said in a written

Highly placed sources said that more than 20 lawmakers are among the Myanmar nationals, who took shelter in



A view of the blue sky covered with clouds at a village in Hamirpur on Friday

### persons, including six women, in connection with an incident in a village in Madhya Pradesh's Damoh district where minor girls were paraded naked as part

gris were paraded naked as part of a ritual to appease the rain god and bring showers in the area, police said on Friday.

The eight accused allegedly paraded six minor girls naked and also filmed the act on Sunday in Baniya village under the Jabera police station area, about 50km from the Damoh district headquarters, on Sunday, they said. They were

Damoh (MP): A criminal case

has been filed against eight

charged under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and also relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Juvenile Justice Act on late Thursday night, Damoh Superintendent of Police (SP) DR Teniwar told

Damoh Additional Superintendent of Police Shiv Kumar Singh said efforts were on to arrest the accused. Baniya village and surrounding areas are facing a drought-like situation and locals believe the ritual will please the rain god and bring showers, the police said. *PTI* 

# Illegal wildlife trade posing ecological threat to Northeast, says Activist

Guwahati: Illegal wildlife trade, lack of water security and haphazard promotion of monoculture are posing ecological threats to Northeast, a researchbased environmental conservation organisation has said.

It alleged that illegal wildlife trade also poses a threat to national security as recent investigations by law enforcement agencies have shown that there is a nexus between rhino horn trade and anti-national

However, the rhino poaching rate has declined considerably due to concerted efforts of the Assam government, but strict vigil must continue, Aranyak secretary-general Bibha Talukdar said on Thursday.

Water security is also a priority area as some parts of Northeast face floods, while other areas witness droughts, he

# UAE lifts travel restrictions from Sept 12 for fully vaccinated

Set to host mega events includ-ing IPL 2021 from September 19, Dubai Expo 2020 from October 1 and ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 from October 17, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Friday announced lifting restrictions from September 12 on entry for residents who have been fully vaccinated with a shot approved by the World Health Organization (WHO). The UAE said that residents from India can fly into the UAE from September 12. The move is set to boost the tourism sector in the country.

As per the National Emergency and Crisis Management Authority (NCEMA), countries from which residents can fly into the UAE from 12 September are: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Namibia, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, South

Africa, Nigeria and Afghanistan. "Those who are fully vaccinated with any WHO-approved vaccines and who have been staying in one of the countries in the suspended list for more than six months since suspension decision was issued for each

country, can come to the coun-November 14, the India-

try under a new entry permit, and rectify their status after entry," said the NCEMA on

The passengers will have to undertake a Rapid PCR test before boarding and another PCR test on the fourth and eight day of arrival while complying with all precautionary measures in place. Children under 16 years old are exempt from these

This comes as a host of mega events are being organised including IPL 2021 in the UAE from September 19, and ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 from October 17 have led to a sharp rise in travel there. While the T20 final is in Dubai on

Pakistan fixture at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on October 24 is bound to sizzle the desert. Besides, Dubai, one of the

UAE's seven emirates, is preparing to open the Expo 2020 world fair on October 1after a year-long delay due to the pandemic. The nation which is a regional business and tourism hub is relying on Expo 2020 World Fair to give its economy

According to travel agents, the UAE is witnessing a surge in demand for travel from India after reopening its borders for fully vaccinated travellers (Covishield in India's case) since

### From Page 1 While speaking to a news agency, he slammed the BJP

over unemployment in the State and said, "Uttar Pradesh is facing an unemployment crisis among youth due to Centre's economic policies. From the time of demonetisation, the economy has been fac-

'The youth are in search of an option and only the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) can eradicate unemployment in the State," he added. The BSP leader supported farmers' demand for the repeal of three Central farm laws. Speaking over the issue, he said, "The Government should listen to the farmer's demands and repeal the three central farm

He assured that the BSP, under the leadership of Mayawati, would focus on establishing a democratic and secular society. "BSP follows the Constitution and I believe that we will win upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, he added.

elections are scheduled to take place early next year. In the 2017 Assembly elections, the BJP won a landslide victory winning 312 Assembly seats. The party secured a 39.67 per cent vote share in the elections for 403-member Assembly. Samajwadi Party (SP) bagged 47 seats, the BSP won 19 while the Congress could manage to win only seven seats.

# C'garh: CM Baghel's father gets bail in case over remarks against community

**Raipur:** A Raipur court on Friday granted bail to Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's father Nand Kumar Baghel who was arrested earlier this week for allegedly making objectionable remarks against the Brahmin

The 86-year-old Baghel senior was arrested on Tuesday. He did not seek bail then, and the court remanded him in judicial custody for 15 days. Later his lawyer Gajendra Sonkar moved a bail application and sought urgent hearing. "After hearing argu-

**ISKP** planning terror...

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The inputs further indicate that

the Islamic State operatives based in

Af-Pak region are coordinating

with their cohorts based here for

furthering their nefarious anti-India

assured their Indian associates to

Kalshnikov assault rifles, small

arms, making of IEDs and prepa-

rations for attacks as part of Islamist

Hind' network of the ISIS in Jammu

& Kashmir and Karnataka also

indicates that the Pakistan-based

remnants of Indian Mujahideen

may have been in contact with IS

operatives in India and Af-Pak

Recent busting of 'Voice of

terror agenda.

The ISKP operatives have

ments, Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Janak Kumar Hidko granted him bail today," Sonkar said. After spending three days in jail, Nand Kumar Baghel walked out of prison in the

The case was lodged on September 4 at the DD Nagar police station here on a complaint filed by the 'Sarv Brahmin Samaj'. Chief Minister Baghel had strongly disapproved of the remarks allegedly made by his father, and said nobody is above

While the alert has not pin-

pointed the specific targets and

locations, intelligence assessments

suggest that the Indian Mujahideen

operatives based in Pakistan may be

a part of the IS network planning for

attacks in India with active con-

nivance and backing from the

carry out attacks at locations that

will attract immense public atten-

tion, including Hindu temples, reli-

gious gatherings, western interests,

security forces, public places, reli-

gious gatherings and events likely to

witness high footfalls, especially

Wilayah Hind (ISHP), an offshoot

of ISIS, has in its propaganda mag-

azine 'Voice of Hind' underscored

Meanwhile, the Islamic State

those thronged by foreigners.

Intelligence (ISI).

Pakistan Army and Inter-Services

# 22 wards of Mathura-Vrindavan Nagar Nigam declared as holy pilgrimage sites in UP

According to the inputs, ISIS wolf attack or in batches after

The Uttar Pradesh Government on Lineau, wards of the Mathura-Vrindavan Nagar Nigam area as The Uttar Pradesh Government on Friday declared 22

Mathura and Vrindavan are the birth place and 'krira sthal' of Lord Krishna. Considering Mathura and Vrindavan as holy places, lakhs of devotees from all over the country and abroad come for paying obeisance, Additional Chief Secretary Avanish Awasthi said in an official order.

These pilgrimage sites have mythological importance and are very important from the point of view of tourism, Apart from the 22 Mathura-Vrindavan municipal cor-

poration wards now declared as holy sites, nine wards have been given the same status previously, according to local authorities. Altogether, this area has 70 wards.

that the terrorists cadres should find

out the vulnerabilities of the road

and railway networks. The terror

propaganda magazine also outlined

in detail the possibility of attacks on

The magazine further advised

the Indian road and railways net-

the Ansar of Khilafah (terrorists) to

either perpetrate the attacks as lone

tering, pursuing and ambushing the

viduals of worth, pilgrims or any-

thing which caters to jihadist agen-

da. To hit the rail network, it has

suggested blowing up tracks on the

weakest point of the network

moments before their scheduled

arrival at a railway station besides

hitting luxury/business trains com-

It has also advised to target indi-

### Lowest August rain...

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Coarse cereals have been cultivated at 173 79 lakh hectare as against 178.63 lakh hectare last year. According to the IMD, during

August 2021, rainfall over the country as a whole was below Long Period Average (LPA) by minus 24 per cent. It is also lowest August rain-

The Southwest monsoon season officially commences from June 1 and lasts till September 30. June recorded 10 per cent more rainfall, but both July and August clocked deficiency of seven and 24 per cent respectively, according to the IMD data.

The country received 24 per cent less than normal rainfall in August. Of the four meteorological divisions of the IMD, the central India division received 39 per cent swathe of area from Maharashtra, Guiarat, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

less. The division consists of a large

The deficiency in the northwest India division, which comprises northern Indian States, was 30 per cent. The deficiency was 10 per cent in the south peninsula whereas the east and northeast division received two percent more rainfall than the

The IMD had predicted that the rainfall activity was expected to be normal during August. It has now predicted above-normal precipitation in September.

The weather forecasting agency said intra-seasonal variation in terms of week by week rainfall variation over India shows that monsoon rainfall activities were largely subdued consecutively for three weeks -- for

the week ending on August 11,

August 18 and August 25 -- when all India weekly cumulative rainfall for the country as a whole was 35 per cent, 36 per cent and 21 per cent, respectively, below its Long Period Average (LPA).

The formation of less number of low-pressure systems (PLS) and their lesser number of days compared to the climatology and absence of their longer westward movements during tributed to the large deficient rainfall in central India as well as all India, the IMD said.

It said negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) over the tropical Indian Ocean, unfavourable for Indian monsoon prevailed throughout August, which also contributed to deficient rainfall over India in the month. A negative IOD is associated with the heating of waters of the Indian

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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The above Notice is being given pursuant to RBI Circular DNBR, (PD) CC No.065/03.10.001/2015-16 dated July, 09, 2015 and other relevant Regulations.

Any clarification / Objection in this regard may be addressed to 6, RBI Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001 Department of Non-Banking Supervision, Reserve Bank of India, Delhi, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice stating therein the nature of interest and grounds of objection. This public Notice is being issued by the Company on behalf of new management.

### **Details of Directors/Management**

New Directors/ Management					
S.No.	Name of Director	Date of Appointment			
1.	Anil Kumar Kyal	Appointed on 11/09/2009			
2.	Vikas Kapoor	Appointed on 10/11/2009			
3.	Sunil Kedia	Appointed on 01/07/2013			

### **Reasons for Transaction**

The previous directors want to exit the business of NBFC due to their personal reasons and resigned from the Company. Any clarification in respect of the transaction can be addressed to the Company at its registered office within 30 days from the date of this notice, with a copy marked to the Management at crediblenivesh@hotmail.com, Address: Flat No. 207-208, 2nd Floor, 4/1, D.B. Gupta Road, Paharganj Delhi-110055

Place: Delhi Date: 11.09.2021

## Covid-anxious...

muting the elites.

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"It wasn't an outbreak of Covid, it was a perception of what might happen post the physio testing positive. Over the course of the day, we tried to give as many different assurances that we could to give comfort to the players," he revealed.

It is learnt that, Kohli, who voiced his apprehension most strongly, and the players, late on Thursday, got into a huddle and couldn't be convinced by either the BCCI or the ECB brass to play the game.

They also feared that a COVIDrelated quarantine at this stage would have meant missing out on IPL matches, starting September 19. The BCCI too did not want the league's schedule to be disrupted.

Ever since the Indian players refused to play despite testing negative on Thursday, there were continuous back-channel talks between the two boards.

"The BCCI and ECB held several rounds of discussion to find a way to play the Test Match, however, the outbreak of COVID-19 in the Indian team contingent forced the decision of calling off the Old Trafford Test Match," Shah said.

Ultimately the apprehension expressed by Kohli and Co. Took precedence.

"The BCCI has always maintained that the safety and well-being of the players is of paramount importance and there will be no compromise on that aspect," Shah said.

He thanked the English board for its understanding of the trying circumstances.

'The BCCI would like to thank the ECB for their co-operation and understanding in these trying times. We would like to apologise to the fans for not being able to complete an enthralling series."

It is understood that the COVID-19 rules for the World Test Championship matches do not include forfeiture and that's where Kohli and his men were able to get their

Under the competition terms of the WTC, COVID-19 is identified as "acceptable non-compliance should there be a significant impact of it on the team being able to play." This is because the match can

remain cancelled from the competition and with ICC using percentage points system based on points won in matches played, a cancelled match is of no value to any team. According to BCCI sources, the

Indian players feared that with the 96hour incubation period factored in for the virus, they were at risk to test positive during the match and end up in 10-day quarantine. There were many questions that

cropped up for BCCI president Sourav factors being taken into account.

Ganguly and Shah with a number of The chances of the IPL's schedule,

starting September 19, going haywire

were also taken into account as broadcasters and franchises wouldn't have taken the delay lightly.

Also, deferring the Test by a day

or two would have caused logistical issues as the Indian and English players were supposed to fly together to the UAE in a charter flight. There is no guarantee that post

Ravi Shastri's book release function which the team attended, there won't be more cases. So players were wary and more so about being in isolation for 10 days," a source said. book release function has caused uneasiness within the Board with an official saying that no permissions were sought despite clear message from Shah to avoid gatherings.

"No permission was sought either from president (Sourav Ganguly) or from the secretary (Jay Shah). Perhaps they might have thought that since health safety rules have been relaxed in the UK, they didn't need permission," the senior official, privy to the developments, told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

However, it is unlikely that either the coach or the captain will face any action for the event and the former's tenure ends in six weeks and the latter would not be called into question just before a T20 World Cup next month.

...The point here is that why didn't they apply common sense when they agreed to attend Shastri's book launch where outsiders were allowed?" asked the source.

# Taliban torture, shoot

Af former... From Page 1

However, the ousted Afghan government's ambassador to Tajikistan has refuted the reports, saying they have not fled the Ahmad Shah Massoud and former

Afghan Vice President Amrullah Saleh have not fled Afghanistan and their resistance forces are still fighting the Taliban, the ambassador to Tajikistan said on Wednesday. Zahir Aghbar, envoy to Dushanbe

under the government of ousted Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, told a news conference in Tajikistan's capital that he was in regular contact with Saleh and that the resistance leaders were out of general communication for security reasons.

"Ahmad Massoud and Amrullah Saleh have not fled to Tajikistan. The news that Ahmad Massoud has left Panjshir is not true; he is inside Afghanistan," Ághbar said.

"I am in constant contact with Amrullah Saleh, who is currently in Panjshir and running the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's government," he said.

The Taliban swept to power last month and the militant group has said they have captured the Panishir valley, a last holdout province, though the resistance has not conceded defeat.

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# **AAP alleges ₹100 cr** 'Ad scam' by MCDs

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Friday alleged an 'Advertisement Scam' of Rs 100 crore in the municipal corporations, saying that the BJP ruled corporation allowed a private company to earn more than Rs 100 crore through gantry and flyover panel advertisements.

Bhardwaj said that this Rs 100 crore should have come to the MCD but this money was given to a private company. He said that the Supreme Court had banned gantry and flyover panel advertisements because they can distract the drivers and accidents on the DND have increased due to illegal

"Over the last few years, the BJP-ruled MCD has repeatedly claimed that its biggest problem is the lack of revenue and depleting funds. The AAP Government gives the MCD almost double the funds compared with that of the Congress Government. Even when the Centre was directly ruling Delhi through the Lieutenant-Governor then also they were paying only half as much as we



do. Despite all of this, the BJPruled MCD has no money," he

"Doctors and teachers are not being paid. We have tried to investigate and inquire about this issue but the BJP-ruled MCD does not let anyone investigate their work. The AAP has on multiple occasions, unveiled how the sources through which MCD earned revenue have been made

The MCD is not making money from 90 per cent of the advertisement sites because the BJP has put up their own

advertisements for free," he

Bhardwaj further showed gantries which have been put up with the advertisements of Hyundai and County 107, ATS, among others.

The photos were taken between September 3 and August 1. They show that the SBI, County, GL Bajaj and even the Delhi Government have put up their gantries. The money has been taken even from the Delhi Government. Such is their audacity. But there's no account for it," he

# Delhi gets first-of-its-kind | Fake call centre Urban Micro Grid System

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Power Minister Satyendar Jain on Friday inaugurated a first-of-its-kind Urban Micro Grid System (Solar+ Battery) at the LV distribution network in the national Capital.

With the growing integra-tion of renewable energy into conventional energy sources, micro grids will play a critical role in enabling the transition and increasing the reliability of the power supply, a senior BSES official said.

The project's set-up cost is estimated at around Rs 5.5

The micro-grid is a gridconnected system consisting of 100 KWp Solar PV and 466 kWh Lithium Ion Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

"It has several unique ben-efits, including reliable clean power-back for up to two hours, production of about 1.5 lakh units of clean energy per annum, offset of CO2 emissions of about 115 tonnes and avoidance of about 30 metric tonnes of coal; as well as smart use of space. The PV solar modules were installed on an elevated carport structure along with an electric vehicle charging station below," he said.



The project has been implemented under the umbrella of the Indo-German Solar Partnership Project (IGSEP), commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) that is contributing towards India's renewable ener-

On behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, has signed an agreement with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India. It has now partnered with Reliance Infrastructure

led BSES Rajdhani Power Limited to set-up a first-of-itskind Urban Microgrid System at the LV distribution network in Delhi.

Commenting on the inauguration of Delhi's first LV micro-grid, a spokesperson of the Reliance Infrastructureled BSES stated: "BSES is committed to energy efficiency, adoption of green and new technology and smart procurement initiatives that will result in optimised solutions for consumers. Commissioning of this microgrid is a major development that has the potential to be a

game-changer in the power distribution sector."

busted; 13 held

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of 13 people, the Delhi Police on Friday busted a fake call centre in South Delhi that was allegedly involved in duping at least 300 unemployed men and women on the pretext of

finding them a job.

According to Atul Kumar
Thakur, the Deputy
Commissioner of Police
(DCP), South district, the police team received specific inputs about a fake call being operated at Raju Park on Devli Road following which the police team conducted a raid on Thursday from where 13 employees including the manager was arrested for duping people on the assurance of getting them jobs.

"Preliminary investigation has revealed the accused used to call their targets through the numbers taken from websites to confirm if they still needed

The accused would then inform them about various fake vacancies in banks, air-Public Sector lines, Undertakings and other sectors, and offer them jobs by inviting applications," said the

DCP.
"They would ask for processing charges of Rs 2,000 per



candidate. When they agreed to pay the amount, they would send them bank account details via SMS and never respond to them later once the money was transferred into their account," said the DCP.

The police have recovered 19 mobile phones, 14 registers and copies containing the details of applicants and their payments and further investigation is underway.

The call centre in Neb Sarai's Devli area had been operating for the past three months, police said, adding that among those arrested are its manager and some female employees.Police said the accused scouted various job portals to collect details of their prospective targets, and approached them by claiming to be from different placement

# PICTALK Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer photo

Afghan refugees during a protest against the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, in New Delhi on Friday

# Delhiites celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi via live telecast

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government organised a grand pooja celebration on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi on Friday. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced that two crore Delhiites joined the programme through live telecast.

Popular singers Suresh Wadekar and Shankar Mahadevan also performed the Aarti at the event.

Addressing the media, Kejriwal said kids need to be educated about the deep historical significance of Ganesh Chaturthi and parents must tell them about its role in the freedom movement; so that they develop the spirit of spirituality and patriotism.

He said that Ganesh Chaturthi has taught our country the strength of unity and Covid-19 too can only be defeated with unity. The Chief Minister appealed to all the people of the country to join the celebration remotely. The program was telecast live from along with the entire Delhi

Kejriwal began his address with the holy mantra of 'Om Gan Ganapataye Namah' and ents. Please do tell your chil-



said, "Today marks the 'Chaturthi' of 'Shukla Paksha' in the 'Bhadrapad Maas'; it is the day when Lord Ganesha arrives in our homes, when we bring his idol home and pray to him with jubilation and galore. Lord Ganesha is the 'Pratham Devta', he is the 'Vighnaharta'.

This is why we pray to his divinity before the commencement of any task. People out the country in many different forms and in many different ways. Today, I want to make a request to all the pardren about the significance of Ganesh Chaturthi in India's history. Discuss with them the valour with which it was celebrated."

"In the British era, people were not able to celebrate any cultural programme or festival together as a community or by gathering at one place. That's why people used to worship at home. Our revered freedom Gangadhar Tilak celebrated Ganeshotsav publicly for the first time in Pune. Later on, his efforts became instrumental in starting a movement. This

Ganeshotsav played an important role in uniting the people in the freedom movement," the CM said, outlining the deep historical significance that the festival holds in India's freedom movement.

"Ganesh Chaturthi became a way to gather the people of the country, and inculcate patriotism among them. They came together and worshipped Lord Ganesha and fought together for the freedom of our country. We all must educate our children about this special blend of spirituality and patriotism. We all must develop this spirit of spirituality and patriotism in our children," he

"The country is currently fighting the biggest battle this century may have seen. This battle against Covid-19, can only be defeated with unity. Because of Covid-19, public programmes at 'Pandals' have not been allowed this time. This has been done so that any instance of crowding can be avoided. This is why we are derful Ganesh Puja programme. It will make all the people immerse themselves in the divine powers of Ganesha while being at home," he added.

# **Delhi Police files case** in Gurdwara directorate elections ruckus

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has regis-I tered an First Information Report (FIR) in connection with the ruckus created at the Directorate of Gurdwara Elections in ITO area in the National Capital. Police said that after receiv-

ing a complaint from the Directorate of Gurdwara Elections, a FIR has been registered at IP Estate police station under sections 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) 506 (pun-



ishment for criminal intimidation), 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) and 34 (common intension)

However, police said that no arrest has been made so far. On Thursday, a video surfaced on social media showing some people shouting slogans at the Directorate of Gurdwara Elections in the ITO area of the

# AAP to provide world-class training to all participants representing India in Shanghai World Skills

**NEW DELHI:** The Aam Aadmi Party Government will provide world-class training to all the participants representing India in the Shanghai World Skills - 2022.

Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisoida said the Delhi Government will provide all facilities for training. Sisodia said, "These participants will win in Shanghai and will bring laurels to the country and Delhi. For the first time in the State Skill Competition held in Delhi for the World Skills Competition, 55 winners in 30 different skill categories were awarded with prizes. More than 1000 participants took part in these competitions."

"We want to see India win

is to provide facilities to the

people and it should be our

in Shanghai. That is why we will stand with the selected participants from across the country. When you dream, we are with you. This time, 55 have been selected out of 1000 participants. Next time, this number will increase. But we stand together. We are ready for the work you are doing to increase the honour of the country," he added. Vice-Chancellor Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University Prof. (Dr.) Neharika Vohra said, "I am glad that the youth understand the importance of skills and endeavour to develop them to make a bright future ahead. We plan to host an even bigger festival of skills next year and will be expanding on the categories for com-

# MCG employees' strike postponed

should not face any kind of

inconvenience. He sought the

favour of the representatives of

of the Municipal Corporation Gurugram Commissioner Mukesh Kumar Ahuja, the strike of the MCG's employees has been postponed. The Municipal Commissioner has assured the protesting employees that their demands will be resolved by Wednesday evening. On Friday, there were three

**Gurugram:** After the assurance

rounds of talks between the Municipal Commissioner and the representatives of the employee's unions and after the assurance of the corporation commissioner, the employees decided to postpone the



Earlier in the three rounds of talks, Ahuja said that the

the associations.

The Commissioner said that he has issued orders on Thursday itself that following the provisions of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, members should participate in the meetings of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram. Along with this, the officers and employees have also been asked to maintain decorum in the offices and give full respect to the public rep

# E-waste disposal gets easy as Delhi corporation launches web application



**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) has launched a web application to facilitate collection, transportation, processing and disposal of e-waste management

portal http://northmcd.com/ewaste will provide a platform for the citizens and vendors for management of e-waste. Now any citizen can direct-

ly dispose of various old, unserviceable, obsolete IT equipment, electronic items, etc online through the e-waste management web application of North DMC. Commissioner of North

DMC Sanjay Goel said that the application has various features like selection of vendors, price specifications for various items, scheduling inspection by the vendor, payment for the ewaste to the citizens who are willing to sell/dispose the

Goel said that e-waste con-

tains complex combinations of highly toxic substances that pose a danger to health and the environment. "The complex composition and improper handling of e-waste adversely affect human health and the environment. Many of the products also contain recoverable precious materials, making it a different kind of waste compared with traditional municipal waste," he said.

Goel said "The newly launched e-waste management application of the Corporation is a new hope for mitigation of health hazards linked to such waste through better e-waste management in a citizen friendly and remunerative way. The three empanelled firms will collect the e-waste from the house of residents of North DMC, wherever required."



# Country moving from virtual to real world: PC Joshi



**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi University Vice Chancellor Prof P C Joshi on Friday said that with covid pandemic subsiding hence the country is now getting prepared to return to the physical world from the virtual world. Talking about the back to normalcy particularly the education system which suffered a lot during the lat one and half year due to corona, Joshi emphasised the need and the very significance of covid vaccine in the present scenario and that expected that people don't lower the guard.

Joshi was speaking at the 27th Annual Day Function of the Maharaja Agrasen College affiliated to University of Delhi and is considered to the be most important college within the East Campus. On the occasion he inaugurated smart classrooms as well as the video conferencing facilities of the Conference Room.

The initiative of smart classrooms is being taken in order to promote a real-time

# **Delhi records** 0 deaths, 36 new cases of Covid-19

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 36 fresh cases reported in Delhi the positivity rate stands at 0.05 per cent, according to data shared by the city health department s many as 36 fresh cases on Friday.

According to official fig-ures, no death due to Covid-19 was recorded in Delhi in a day while only one fatality due to Covid has been reported in this month so far, on September 7. The death toll due to the coronavirus infection in Delhi stood

A total of 76,883 tests, including 52,042 RT-PCR and 24,841 rapid antigen tests, were conducted a day ago, according to the latest bulletin. On Thursday, 36 cases were recorded while the previous day, 41 fresh cases were registered. On both days, the positivity rate was 0.05 per cent. On March 2, the national capital had reported zero deaths due to the virus. On that day, the number of single-day infections stood at 217 and the positivity rate was 0.33 per cent.



# Plight of Af women, kids under Taliban concerns India, Oz

With China asserting itself in the Indo-Pacific, India and Australia on Friday stressed the importance of free, open and inclusive, and rulebased order, including economic growth, in the region. The two countries also expressed concern over the plight of women and children and violation of human rights in Afghanistan after the Taliban

took control. These crucial points emerged from the bilateral talks between visiting Australian Defence Minister Peter Dutton and his Indian counterpart Rajnath Singh here. The two leaders will take part in the first 2+2 dialogue on Saturday along with the foreign ministers of their respective countries. S Jaishankar will represent India while Marise Payne will lead the Australian delegation.
The two Defence Ministers

in the Indo-Pacific against the backdrop of China flexing its maritime muscle there. The two leaders also held wideranging discussions on bilateral defence cooperation.

With uncertainty prevailing in Afghanistan and reported human rights violations, the two leaders urged the international community to make efforts to implement UN resolution 2593, sources said.

The resolution passed last month by the United Nations Security Council(UNSC)under the presidentship of India said the Afghan territory should not be used to threaten or attack any country or to shelter and train terrorists and plan or finance terrorist attacks.

India has all along also called for protecting the minorities including the Sikhs and Hindus in Afghanistan. Also, it has expressed concern over the presence of the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba(LeT) and Jaish-e-



The Minister for Defence of Australia, Peter Dutton inspecting the Tri-Service Guard of Honour, in New Delhi on Friday

Mohammad(JeM) there.

Summing up the gist of his interaction with Dutton, Rajnath said both the countries are keen to work jointly to realise the full potential of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
""This partnership is based

on our shared vision of free, open, inclusive and rule-based Indo-Pacific region. Both, Australia and India have tremendous stakes in peace, development and free flow of trade, rules-based order and economic growth in the region,""he said.

The discussion on Friday focused on bilateral defence cooperation and expanding military engagements across Services, enhancing defence information sharing, cooperation in emerging defence technologies and mutual logistics

happiness that Australia joined the Malabar Exercise in 2020. In this context we also expressed satisfaction in the continued participation of Australia in Malabar Exercise this year,""he said. Australia joined the Quad

navies in the Malabar series of exercise last year off the Indian Coast and in the Western Pacific last month. At present, the navies of India and Australia are engaged in a bilateral naval drill of the Quad group includes India, US, Japan and Australia. China

took exception of the Malabar series exercises last year and claimed these drills will lead to the militarisation of the Indo-Pacific region. Meanwhile, Rajnath also

said he invited Áustralian industry to take advantage of India's liberalised foreign direct investment policies in the defence sector. ""We both

nities of bilateral collaboration for co-development and coproduction,""he said.

Rajnath also said underlined that India is committed to building a robust partnership with Australia for security and growth of the entire region.

In his remarks, the Australian defence minister said India's leadership is essential to Australia's Indo-pacific strategy. ""We share one of the world's important oceans. We both want a stable, resilient, secure and strategic neighbourhood,""he said.

As regards the 2+2 dialogue on Saturday, this framework was instituted as part of an overall goal to expand strategic cooperation between the two countries. India has such dialogues with the US and Japan.

India and Australia last year signed a landmark deal for reciprocal access to military bases for logistics support during an online summit between and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison.

Ministry of external affairs(MEA)said here on Thursday, the parleys on September 11 will cover a

range of bilateral, regional and

global issues of mutual interest. People familiar with the preparations for the dialogue said the two sides are expect-ed to focus extensively on further ramping up the overall defence and security ties and boost strategic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

"The inaugural 2+2 ministerial dialogue is being held pursuant to the elevation of India-Australia bilateral relations to comprehensive strategic partnership during the India-Australia leaders' virtual summit on June 4, 2020," the MEA said in a statement. "The agenda for the Dialogue will cover a range of bilateral, regional and global issues of

# MS Dhoni among 1,800 Amrapali homebuyers told to clear dues within 15 days

Former Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni is among over 1,800 homebuyers of Amrapali housing projects in Noida who have been asked by a Supreme Court-appointed receiver to start making payments of their outstanding dues within 15 days.

The allotment of flats booked by these homebuyers will be "automatically cancelled" if the flat owners fail to register their name in Customer Data maintained by the court receiver and also do not start making payment within 15 days from the public notice issued on Thursday.

Dhoni could not be reached immediately for comments. In April 2016, Dhoni had resigned as brand ambassador of Amrapali, which is now defunct.

Amrapali Stalled Projects Investment Reconstruction Establishment (ASPIRE), which has been formed to complete the stalled projects in Noida and Greater Noida, published the notice through an advertisement in a leading newspaper.

State-owned NBCC has been asked to complete construction of more than 20 housing projects with an estimated crore under the monitoring of a court-appointed committee.

After the takeover of Amrapali projects by the Supreme Court, all homebuyers were asked to register their details and make balance payments. In the advertisement, the

As per the notice, Dhoni has booked two flats, C-P5 and C-P6, in Sapphire Phase-I, in Sector 45 Noida, while Arun Pandey, Chairman of Rhiti Sports Management that represents Dhoni, also has a flat,

A message sent to Pandey

The apex court receiver has issued notice to homebuyers in Noida projects and a separate notice will be published for buyers of Greater Noida projects

Homebuyers named in the list have not filled in their data online through Office of Receiver's website receiveramrapali.in and have also not paid any amount of their outstanding dues into UCO Bank (up to August 17) as reported

"Consequently, they are to be treated as defaulters and their units are liable to be can-

The court receiver said the notice has been issued to homebuyers to give them one final opportunity to affirm their intertake possession on completion, to register in the Customer Data maintained by the Office of Receiver for the purpose and to start making immediate pay-

Supreme Court-appointed receiver said the notice is meant for those homebuyers who have taken no steps after the apex court judgement in July 2019.

C-P4 in the same project.

also remained unanswered.

to the court.

celled," the notice said.

ments of the balance due as per the payment schedule.

# Probenecid can fight Covid, deadly respiratory viruses: Report

Probenecid, an FDA-approved medication having broad antiviral properties that's primarily used to treat gout, can help combat not only SARS-CoV-2 infection but also other common and deadly respiratory viruses like RSV and flu, a study published in Nature's Scientific Reports has

The research from the University of Georgia is expected to offer hope for a viable therapeutic to combat the disease that has claimed more than 4 million lives world-

widely available in the U.S. The drug has been on the market for over 40 years and has minimal side effects. "There's really nothing out

there to safely fight these viruses," said Ralph Tripp, lead author of the study and GRA Eminent Scholar of Vaccine and Therapeutic Studies in UGA's College of Veterinary Medicine. "This antiviral works for all RNA respiratory viruses we tested, including SARS-CoV-2. RSV, coronavirus and flu all circulate in the same season. Bottom line is you can potentially reduce infection and disease using this one oral drug."
Viruses work by co opting

a person's own cells to replicate and produce more of the virus. Probenecid blocks that replication process, keeping the virus from infecting the individual's cells.

Although the drug would primarily be used after a person is positive for the virus, the prophylactic findings mean people with known exposures could also potentially take the drug to prevent getting sick.

The current go-to treatments for seriously ill COVID-19 patients, remdesivir and monoclonal antibodies, can only be given through an IV. their local drugstore.

patient needs them, it's often

These treatments have seen some effectiveness against SARS-CoV-2, but they're very expensive and very hard to come by," Tripp said. "In reality, there are only a handful of options that can actually be used because of the cost. restricted IV usage, and lack of access. That's not very useful to the world."

Probenecid, on the other hand, is widely available. Primary care physicians could prescribe a pill to patients, and they could pick it up at Repurposing drugs that are already approved to work against one problem is common. For example, remdesivir was originally intended to fight the Ebola virus, but when it showed some promise in fighting the coronavirus, it was enlisted to battle COVID-19.

In addition to preventing illness before it starts, probenecid may also potentially increase the efficacy of other treatments. Probenecid is already used to up the potency of some antibiotics, so it's possible the medication could work in conjunction with other COVID-19 treatments as

### PM to launch Sansad TV, formed by merging LS, RS TV

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is slated to launch Sansad TV, a new channel formed by merging the Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV, on September 15. When Parliament is in session, Sansad TV will have two channels so that the proceedings of both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha can be aired simultaneously.

The channel will be formally launched by Prime Minister Modi along with Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at a function in the Parliament building, said officials.

Veteran Congress leader Karan Singh, economist Bibek Debroy, NITI Aayog CEO Amitaḃh Kant, and advocate Hemant Batra will host different shows on this new channel. "Sansad TV is being positioned as a cerebral channel which will provide high-quality content to the national and international audience on subjects related to democratic ethos and institutions of the country," said an official.

Gracing the channel, Karan Singh will host a show on different religions, Bibek Debroy on history and Amitabh Kant on Transformation of India'. Batra, the vice-president of SAAR-CLAW, will host a show on legal matters. Principal economic advisor to the Finance Ministry Sanjeev Sanyal will host a show endocrinologist Dr Ambrish Mithai will moderate a show on

health issues, sources said.

# German firm to seek nod for Covid jab for kids by mid-Oct

erman company BioNTech, which developed the Pfizer vaccine, expects to seek approval from regulators for Covid jabs suited for younger children as early as mid-October and preparations for a launch are on track, the biotech firm founder said on

'Already over the next few weeks we will file the results of our trial in five to 11 year olds with regulators across the world and will request approval of the vaccine in this age group, also here in Europe," Chief Medical Officer Oezlem Tuereci told the the German news magazine Der Spiegel.

lead that BioNTech, which collaborates with Pfizer, holds in the race to win broad approval to vaccinate children below the age of 12 in Western countries.

BioNTech has said it expected to file its regulatory dossier on the five to 11 year olds in September. It has also laid out plans to seek approval in children aged 6 months to 2 years later this year.

Tuereci also said that final production steps were being adjusted to bottle a lower-dose pediatric version of its established Comirnaty vaccine. It is currently approved for adults and voungsters at least 12 years of age.

The raw trial data was now being prepared for a regulatory filing and "things are looking good, everything is going according to plan," Chief Executive Ugur Sahin said.

Runner-up Moderna said on Thursday a trial testing its shot in children between six and 11 years was now fully enrolled and that it was working on the best dosage in another study involving infants as young as six months.

China has been ahead in lowering the age limit of its immunisation campaign. The emergency use of Sinovac's vaccine in children as young as three years.

Chile, which has relied heavily on Sinovac's shot, this month approved use of the vaccine in children over 6 years of age.

Israel's health ministry said in July that children as young as five can get the Pfizer-BioNTech shot if they suffer from conditions that make them particularly vulnerable to

# After 2 days, India sees fall in Covid cases on Fri

PNS NEW DELHI

After witnessing a spike in new Covid cases for the last two days, India saw a slight decline on Friday with 34,973 fresh Covid cases reported in the last 24 hours. However, the Government is keeping its fingers crossed as a string of festivals kicks off in Northern India with Ganesh Chaturathi celebrations beginning from

India had reported 43,263 Covid infections on Thursday while on Wednesday, the number stood at 37,875 cases. At the same many as 260 deaths, pushing the total Covid related deaths to 4,42,009. The fatality rate was reported at 1.33 per cent.

In the last 24 hours, a total of 37,681 Covid-infected patients recovered, pushing the country's total recovery numbers to 3,23,42,299. As per the data, the Covid recovery rate stood at 97.49 per cent. The weekly positivity rate was reported at 2.31 per cent, which is

less than 3 per cent for the last 77 days, while the daily positivity rate at the same period was reported at 1.96 per cent, which is less than 3 per cent for the last 11 The total active cases rose to 3,90,646, which is 1.18 per cent of the total Covid cases reported in

the country. Kerala has been the most Covid affected state in the country for the last many weeks, and on Thursday it registered 26,200 fresh cases. also said that a total of 53,86,04,854 samples for Covid-19 have been

tested in the country, of which 17,87,611 were tested in the last 24 India has so far administered over 72.3 crore (72,37,84,586) doses of Covid vaccines, out of which 67,58,491 doses were admin-

istered in the last 24 hours.

Retired IAS officer and former Textile Ministry Secretary Ravi Capoor is CEO of the channel while the Joint Secretary in Lok Sabha Secretariat Manoj Arora is the OSD of the newly formed Sansad TV.

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details of tender documents can be seen The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system · For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. · No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable Notice/NIT/11/2021-22/W-3 Dated: 10.09.2021.

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Principal CMM, Metro Railway/Kolkata

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Haryana , have disowned and debarred their
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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAGISTRATE/MARRIAGE OFFICER GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR
No. 2284/ST-CM (Marriage Registration)/20/1
Date : 7 September, 2021

A notice of intended marriage has been received from Mr. Mehul Sharma S/o Mr. P.S. Sharma R/o R-1/703, Gardenia Glamour, Sector-3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad-201012 (U.P.) and Ms. Kanika Joshi D/o . Vishwa Bandhu Joshi R/o House No. 885, Sector 29, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar-201301 (U.P.) in the office of the undersigned, any person interested therein, may file objections to it on any day upto therein, may file objections to it is in the office of the undersigned.

Marriage Office.

Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)

It is publically notified that Flat No.1766, Sector-37, Arun Vihar, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. area 300 Sq. Ft. has been allotted in the name of Mr. R Varidha through GPA holder Mr. Ishwar Singh Pathania S/o Late Sh. Paras Ram, and Mr. Ishwar Singh Pathania proposed to sell the flat to Mr. Devender Singh Pathania S/o Sh. Ishwar Singh Pathania. So with the help of the notice it is informed the transfer of the above flat is going to be done in the help of the notice it is informed the transfer of the above flat is going to be done in the favour of Mr. Devender Singh Pathania S/o Sh. Ishwar Singh Pathania R/o Flat no. 1766, Sector-37, Arun Vihar, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P., if anyone has any objection he/she may submit his /her objection to Noida Commercial Department of Noida Authority along with sufficient proofs within 30 days of the publication of this Notice. (Ishwar Singh Pathania)

# SC: Magistrate will not be competent to decide extension of time to probe UAPA cases

New Delhi: A Magistrate would not be the competent authority for extension of time to complete investigation in cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the Supreme Court has said. A Bench headed by Justice

U U Lalit said the only competent authority to consider such a request would be the Special Courts set up under National Investigation Agency

"So far as all offences under the UAPA are concerned, the Magistrate's jurisdiction to extend time under the first proviso in Section 43-D (2)(b) is nonexistent. "Consequently, in so far as

Extension of time to complete investigation" is concerned, the Magistrate would not be competent to consider the request and the only competent authority to consider such request would be 'the Court' as specified in the proviso in Section 43-D (2)(b) of the UAPA," the bench also comprising Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Bela M Trivedi The order, passed on

September 7, came on an

appeal filed by Sadique and

others challenging the judg-

ment passed by the High Court

of Madhya Pradesh.

They were arrested in connection with crime lodged with STF/ATS Police Station, District Bhopal for offences punishable under Arms Act and various provisions of UAPA. While dealing with an application moved on behalf of

the UAPA, the extension was granted by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhopal. On completion of 90 days of their actual custody, applications on behalf of appellants were moved seeking bail on the ground that no charge-sheet was filed by the Investigating Agency within 90 days, which

was rejected by Court of CJM, Bhopal.
When the matter reached the high court, it said that since the CJM, Bhopal had passed an appropriate order, the period available for the Investigating Machinery to complete the investigation stood extended to 180 days and the accused were not

The lawyer appearing for the accused referred to previous decisions of the top court and said the extension granted in the instant case by CJM, Bhopal was beyond jurisdic-

entitled to bail.

Modi to perform Lokarpan of Sardardham Bhavan online



PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will perform the 'Lokarpan' of <sup>†</sup>Sardardham Bhavan' and 'Bhoomi Pujan' of Sardardham Phase - II girls hostel in Ahmedabad on Saturday via video conferenc-'Sardardham' has been

working towards educational & social transformation, upliftment of weaker sections of society and providing employment opportunities to the youth. Set up in Ahmedabad, the

Sardardham Bhavan includes state-of-the-art facilities for students, with modern amenities. The Kanya Chhatralaya will be a hostel facility for 2000 girls irrespective of economic criteria. The Chief Minister and

Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat will also be present on the occasion, according to a PMO statement

# Centre discusses rising edible oil prices with State Govts' officials

Tn a move to check hoarding **⊥** of edible oils and oilseeds, the Centre on Friday held a meeting with State Governments officials to take stock of the rising prices of edible oils despite lowering the import duty. The Government has recently asked State Governments for disclosures of stocks of edible oils by traders, millers, refiners and stockists and monitoring the situation. Stockists, and sellers would also need to display the prices of edible oil at the

In a statement, Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey said that the production of oilseeds is expected to increase in the coming Rabi season. This is also expected to bring down the prices of edible oils.

In an interaction, the Secretary said that the production and availability of Soya seeds will improve from the Kharif season beginning October and other oilseeds as well by the coming Rabi season. This would also bring the prices of edible oils down. Stockists and Millers would also need to display the prices of edible oil at the premises," an official statement added.

In a bid to check hoarding as well as contain edible oil

prices, the Centre on Thursday

asked state governments to gather details about stocks of edible oils and oilseeds from traders, millers, refiners and other stockists. The Union Consumer Affairs Ministry has asked the state governments to issue a directive in this regard the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. "Recently, despite sudden reduction in the import duty

in prices of edible oils/oilseeds has been observed which mav be due to alleged hoarding of it by the stockholders," the ministry said in a letter to the The average retail prices of six edible oils — palm oil,

(of edible oils), a sudden spurt

sunflower, soya oil, groundnut, mustard and vanaspati — have increased in the range of 20 to 50 per cent in the last one year, according to official data. India meets 60 per cent of its edible oil demand through imports.

**UP ASSEMBLY POLLS** 

# Congress to take out AIMIM offers yatra across State

Lucknow: The Congress under the leadership of its national general secretary Privanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday decided to take out a 12,000 km-long yatra through villages and towns of Uttar Pradesh ahead of the Assembly polls next

The decision to take out the "Congress Pratigya Yatra:Hum Vachan Nibhayenge" was taken at a meeting Gandhi held with the party advisory and strategy committee members here, the party said in a statement.

"The yatra will cover 12,000 km and will pass through villages and towns of the state. The details of the yatra are being finalised," it said.

During the yatra, Congress leaders will assure people that they would fulfil promises made by the party in the run up to the polls.

Gandhi is taking feedback and suggestion

of committee members on routes and issues that will be taken up during the yatra. She will later in the day hold a meeting with

members of the party's election committee. Congress Legislature party leader in the assembly Aradhna Mishra Mona, state unit pres-

ident Ajay Kumar Lallu and senior party leader Promod Tiwari attended the meeting among Gandhi, who is leading the Congress cam-

paign in the politically crucial State of Uttar

Pradesh, arrived here on Thursday to review the

party's poll preparedness. Congress was reduced

to seven seats in the 2017 assembly election in

The BJP had clinched 312 seats in the 403member legislative assembly to form the Government for the second consecutive party ticket to Mukhtar Ansari

Friday offered to field gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Anasri in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, hours after the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) denied ticket to him.

Earlier in the day, BSP supremo Mayawati said her party will make efforts to not field 'bahubali' (strongmen) or mafia candidates in the upcoming polls and announced that Ansari, who is lodged in a jail in Banda, will not be given a ticket from Mau again.

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen's (AIMIM) national spokesperson Syed Asim Waqar said the party's doors are open for

"If Ansari wants to contest the election, the doors of AIMIM are open for him. We will give him a ticket and ensure his victory also," he told PTI. Waqar asked other Muslims

also not to "purchase tickets" from any other political party as they will ensure their defeat even after taking money from

"Votes of their communities (other parties) do not transfer to Muslims. I ask Muslims who want to contest elections to come and join AIMIM. The party will give them tickets," he said. Mayawati announced the name of BSP state president Bhim Rajbhar from the Mau seat, currently represented by

# Owaisi booked for vitiating communal harmony, insulting national flag

has been booked for allegedly vitiating communal harmony, making objectionable remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and disrespecting the national flag, police said on Friday.

Two FIRs were registered against the All India Majlise-Itthehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief at Barabanki city police station on Thursday night after his party's public meeting in Katara Chandana Baradari.

The first FIR against Owaisi and public meeting organisers was registered under IPC sections 153A (promoting enmity on ground of religion, race, etc.), 188 (disregarding order of a public servant), 269 (negligent act likely to spread disease dangerous to life), 270 (malignant act likely to spread infection of disease) and the Epidemic Act was slapped against them, Barabanki Superintendent of Police Yamuna Prasad said. Later in the night, another FIR was lodged against them for insulting the national flag during the public meeting, Kotwali in-charge Amar Singh said.

They have been accused of wrapping the tricolour on a pole at the dias during the meeting instead of unfurling Regarding the other sections imposed on Owaisi, the Barabanki SP said the Hyderabad MP violated Covid guidelines —on masks and social distancing —by arranging huge crowds at the public meeting. **PTI** 

UP Govt bans sale of liquor, meat 10 sq km around Krishna Janmasthal

Lucknow: Declaring 10 square kilometre area around Krishna Janmasthal in Mathura as a pilgrimage area, the Uttar Pradesh Government has banned the sale of liquor and meat there with immediate effect.

The total area consists of 22 wards of Mathura Municipal Corporation. "The demand to declare Mathura as

a religious area was constantly being raised. Keeping this in mind, the Yogi Adityanath government has declared an area of 10 square kilometers as a pilgrimage site, keeping Shree Krishna's birth place at the center in Mathura-Vrindavan," clarified a senior Government official in Lucknow on Friday. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who visited Mathura on Krishna Janmashtami on August 30, had announced a ban on the sale of meat and liquor in Mathura as per the wishes of the saints and had said that officers concerned had been directed to make plans for implementation of the ban as well as for the engagement of people involved

# Didi files nomination from Bhawanipore

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

 $B_{\text{Mamata Banerjee on Friday}}^{\text{engal}} \text{ Chief Minister}$  filed her nomination for the Bhawanipore Assembly seat even as the main challenger BJP called upon the people of the South Kolkata constituency to "think twice" before voting a "deserter who had fled her home turf in fear of defeat" to fight the April-May Assembly elections from far away Nandigram in East Midnapore.

Banerjee who filed her nomination at Survey Building at Alipore was accompanied by her chief election agent Baishyanar Chattopadhyay and wife of State Minister Firhad Hakim, also a local resident.

Sounding confident about her victory Hakim later said that the "question is not whether Didi will win or not ... the question is by how many votes she will win and whether she will win the seat by a record margin

Banerjee who is also a resident of Bhawanipore-Kalighat locality won the seat for the first time in 2011 when she trounced the three-decade-old Left rule to win power in Bengal. She had also been a six-time MP from South Kolkata seat of which Bhawanipore is an Assembly

Hakim also said that the people of Bhawanipore were eagerly "waiting to avenge the conspiracy that was hatched to defeat Mamata didi at Nandigram, adding "we are confident that the voters of this constituency will rewrite history by ensuring our Chief Minister's victory by a record

The Election Commission earlier announced a by-election for the Bhawanipore Assembly

seat which was won left by local MLA and minister Sobhandev Chattopadhyay in support of Banerjee as she requires to win an Assembly seat by November 6 to continue as the Chief Minister.

She was defeated by Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari by a small margin of about 1,900 votes in the April-May Assembly elections following which the TMC supremo had challenged the result demanding a recounting of votes. A law suit is being contested in this regard in the High Court.

Even as the TMC supporters shouted "Khela Hobey" (the game will be played) and "Bhawanipore Nijer Ghorer Meyekei chai" (Bhawanipore wants her own daughter) Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said "the people of Bhawanipore are prudent enough to take a deci-

sion on which party they want to vote because this is the same Chief Minister who having won the seat twice had left her home seat for Nandigram out of fear that the local people had left her ... the people will not forget this

Bhawanipore she proved to the people that she is an unreliable He further said that the BJP which had defeated her in Nandigram would defeat her

mistrust ... by deciding to quit

again in Bhawanipore." The BJP has fielded advocate Priyanka Tibrewal against the Chief Minister and is heavily banking on the 21 percent non-Bengali votes in the constituency. However Chief Minister a "gharer meye (local girl)" hopes to win the seat by a big margin. More so because, the Muslims too have a good percentage in the constituency. While the Congress has

decided not to field a candidate against the Chief Minister in Bhawanipore the CPI(M) has nominated another advocate Srijib Das for the seat. This affords Bhawanipore the distinctness of hosting three contestants coming from the same profession. The Chief Minister too is a qualified advocate.

Meanwhile, TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee has decided to hold a rally in Agartala on Wednesday. The Trinamool's decision comes within a week of the BJP and CPI(M) engaging each other in a violent clash in Tripura with alleged saffron workers torching several Left party offices and attacking many of their leaders.

Banerjee's decision is seen as his party's desperation to find a toeĥold in the north-eastern state by dislodging the Left from the main opposition's

# RSS, BJP trying to break J&K's composite culture: Rahul Gandhi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Putting up a 'united front' in the strong bastion of Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) in Jammu, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused the ruling party in power at the Centre and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) of trying to break the composite culture of Jammu & Kashmir and ruining the love and brotherhood that exists amongst the

Addressing an impressive sammelan of officer bearers of the Congress party, a day after visiting the Cave Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi, Rahul said, "the feeling of love, brotherhood that exists amongst you all is being ruined by the people of BJP and RSS. Your composite culture was attacked, your brotherhood was attacked and they weakened you before snatching your statehood. You can yourself see that the union territory's economy tourism, and business is badly

Attempting to strike an emotional chord with the people of Jammu, Rahul, sporting a saffron turban said, Whenever I come to Jammu and Kashmir I feel that I have come home. Yesterday I went to and I felt at home"

He also asked the party cadre to strengthen Congress saying, "The day party workers feel that they are being heard in the party, Congress will come back with not 100, 200, 300, but

Speaking of his meeting



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi being garlanded by party leaders during an office bearers sammelan in Jammu on Friday

with a delegation of Kashmiri Pandits on Friday morning, he said, "During the meeting, I realised that I am part of this delegation. My family is also a Kashmiri Pandit family and I am a Kashmiri Pandit. Therefore, I want to say here that I don't lie and I want to tell my Kashmiri Pandit brethren that I will help you".

The two day long visit of

the former Congress president has boosted the morale of the party workers in Jammu. Leaders belonging to different factions of the party including former Rajya Sabha leader Ghulam Nabi Azad also attended the impressive show of strength after a long gap in

In February this year, Azad had presided over a function, attended by dissident leaders of the party where they had demanded strong Congress leadership at the centre to take on the Narendra Modi led government at the centre. Azad was present in Srinagar last month during Rahul's visit. The organisers of the event too had worked hard to the central impress leadership.

Speaking on the occasion, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee Chief Ghulam Ahmed Mir urged Rahul Gandhi to regularly devote time from his busy schedule to strengthen the party ahead of the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir. Mir said, "On behalf of the party workers I promise you the day is not too far away when we can form a full fledged government of the Congress party here in J&k. Victory here in Jammu and party in the whole country and

establish your leadership". Earlier, in his speech Rahul had also targeted the central government for installing people from the RSS background in the educational institutions and pushing farm laws, demonetisation, GST etc.

# Spy racket busted by Army Intelligence, Rajasthan Police

Army intelligence and police in Rajasthan have busted a "unique" spy racket by arresting a multi-tasking staff worker of the railways postal service for passing information by clicking pho-The worker, identified as Bharat Godara, was

under surveillance of the Army's intelligence agency for some time after technical inputs suggested that some pictures were being passed to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agents across the border, they said. According to the officials, Godara, a multi-tasking staff (MTS) worker who was posted in the sorting hub of the Railway Postal Service, used to open all letters that had the address of the Army Postal Office (APO). This is for the first time that this kind of a

spy racket has been unravelled where postal letters meant for Army personnel, both official as well as personal, were being passed on to the ISI,

they said.
On Facebook messenger, he had come in contact with a woman, who claimed to be a nursing assistant posted at Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Island, and in the last seven months, Godara, who worked only night shifts, opened letters marked with APO address, clicked pictures and sent it to her, the officials said.

The "bond" between the two had grown stronger and they were talking on video calls through WhatsApp, they said, adding that the accused had helped her in activating the WhatsApp account with an Indian number, which she used for spying.

### BRO developing six foot tracks in Arunachal Pradesh

**Itanagar:** The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is developing six-foot tracks in Arunachal Pradesh in order to improve connectivity to

the remote areas in the state.

Project Arunank of the BRO has attached priority on development of menced work in full swing to achieve the desired goals within three years, BRO sources said here on

The tracks include Huri-Tapa (20.44-km), Tap-Goying (18.6-km), Tapa-Karu (43.18 km), Sarli-Semai (54.87-km), Sarli-Phulle (34.38-km) and Nacho-Bangte (41.6-km) in Kurung Kumey and Upper Subansiri districts bordering China, the sources informed.

"BRO in #ArunachalPradesh commenced construction of foot track Huri-Tapa. The endeavour is part of the larger aim of holistically addressing the challenge of improved connectivity to the remote areas in Arunachal and spur socio-eco development in the state," the BRO tweeted. BRO Director General Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhary with his committed officers down the line has been constantly monitoring the work progress, the sources said, adding Project Arunank has been entrusted with the responsibility of critical infrastructure development in the

# Gujarat HC seeks reply from Govt on FIR quashing plea

Court has asked the State Government if it has any objection to quashing of an FIR against the husband, in-laws of a woman and others filed under an amended anti-conversion law when the wife of the main accused has said forcible interfaith marriage allegations levelled in the FIR were not true.

Justice Ilesh J Vora on Wednesday asked the government to file an affidavit if it seeks to oppose the quashing of the FIR in the case, the first under the law, even after the wife of the accused has said a petty domestic dispute in the family, which led her to file a complaint against her husband and in-laws, has been amicably resolved.

The petitioner wife has sought that the the FIR be quashed as the angle of forcible conversion by marriage was added to the FIR filed by her against her husband and in-laws by "certain religio-political groups" looking to "communalise" the issue. She said her complaint before the Gotri police in Vadodara was nothing more than the issue of "petty and

The court granted time to the Government to verify the claims related to the settlement of matter between the complainant and the accused, and kept the matter for further hearing on September 20.

The wife of the accused had approached the HC along with her husband, in-laws and the priest who solemnised the marriage, all (numbering 8) seeking quashing of the first FIR lodged in Vadodara under the Gujarat Freedom of Religion Act 2021, two days later it was amended and notified on June 15. Apart from various sections of the amended - the accused were also charged under various sections of the IPC and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act after their

The Act lays down stringent punishment for forcible conversion through marriage. The wife of the accused, on whose complaint the FIR was lodged, told the HC in her affidavit that the FIR against her

The state reported six

# Kerala logs 25,010 new corona cases

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Though Kerala diagnosed 25,010 new Covid-19 patients on Friday out of the 1.51 lakh samples tested, the situation in the State was under control, according to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Addressing the reporters at Thiruvananthapuram. The Chief Minister said that the State has successfully managed the second wave of the pandemic attack and was on its way to full recovery. "Only one per cent of the

patients admitted to the hospitals required ICU treatment and 95 per cent of the patients who succumbed to the pandemic were those who did not get vaccinated," said Vijayan.

He said the Government was working out the modalities for the re-opening of schools and colleges in the State. "We are on our way to normalcy and we are learning to co-exist with the Covid-19," a visibly relaxed chief minister told the media

All persons above the age of 18 and above would be deaths. The number of active administered vaccines before September 30. The chief minister said Kerala was the only State in the country which Godavari 213 fresh cases of the effectively handled and managed the pandemic though it registered between 100 and was more vulnerable due to the 170 new cases each while five high density of population and others added less than 100 the thin line of rural-urban

# Minor girl gangraped by her cousin, accomplice in Ballia

Ballia (UP): A 12-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped by two men, including her cousin, in a village in Sukhpura area here, police said on Friday.

The incident took place on Thursday night when the victim's cousin took her to a secluded place where he and his friend gang-raped her, a senior officer said.

Superintendent of Police Ram Karan Naiyar, who visited the spot on Friday, said an FIR has been registered in this regard against the two accused under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act based on a complaint lodged by

the girl's uncle. The accused have been detained and the girl has been sent for a medical examination, the SP said.

## Teenager found dead in field in Aligarh, family alleges rape

Aligarh (UP): An 18-year-old woman was found dead in a field in a village in Akrabad area, 30 kilometres from here, police said on Friday.

According to the victim's family, the teenager had gone to an agricultural field to relieve herself on Wednesday evening but did not return home.

The same evening, a villager spotted her body in the field about 500 metres from her home. Signs of struggle on her body led her family to suspect that she was sexually

# AP: Hunt on for culprits in gangrape case **Amaravati:** The Guntur police

in Andhra Pradesh are hunting

for at least four suspects in a case of alleged gangrape that happened around midnight on Wednesday. At least four miscreants were said to be involved in the incident in which a 26year-old homemaker's modesty was outraged. They beat her husband and tied him up to a tree before raping her, police said. "This is a case of unidentified suspects but we are narrowing down on them," Guntur Urban Superintendent of Police K Arif Ĥafeez told PTI over phone on Friday.



A Lord Ganesha idol depicted as the slayer of coronavirus at a community puja pandal on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Kolkata on Friday

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# **Prudent step**

The Govt is on guard against terror acts in I&K in the wake of the Taliban takeover

he Union Government is reviewing the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in light of the Taliban's ascent to power in Afghanistan. The Indian concern relates to the fact that the Taliban have not assured the world community that they are severing their links with terrorist groups like the al-Qaeda and will not give shelter to Pakistan-based terror groups inimical to India like the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad. The rise of the Taliban to power could embolden these groups to think of sending their fighters into Kashmir for carrying out violent acts. The fear is genuine. The Home Minister is at present involved in tightening the security grid in the region. How come the terrorists can enter India directly from Afghanistan? There are many who may not be aware that India, theoretically, does share a border with that country. India shares a land border with seven neighbours and that includes a 106-km-long 'border'



with Afghanistan. The 'border' abuts the Wakhan Corridor in Afghanistan's Badakshan province. It separates Afghanistan from Gilgit Baltistan in Pakistanoccupied Kashmir. India has always asserted its right over PoK. Indian maps show that region as part of India. That is how India shares a border with Afghanistan. This shows how strategically placed Gilgit Baltistan is from the Indian security perspective. If India gets access to it, a trade route can be opened with Afghanistan, bypassing Pakistan. It may also be mentioned that Afghanistan's bor-

der with China is also in this region. It is a 91-km-

long stretch at the end of the Wakhan Corridor, beginning at Gilgit Baltistan and ending at the tri-point where Afghanistan, China and Tajikistan meet. No less a person than Home Minister Amit Shah told the Lok Sabha in his 2019 address during the debate on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, that India shares a border with Afghanistan. With terrorists or their sponsors, nothing is far-fetched and, in this context, the Kashmir security review is necessary. It is not that mercenaries belonging to the Taliban will try to enter Kashmir. It is that Pakistan may take advantage of the situation in Afghanistan and the absence of the United States troops to encourage the terror groups patronised by it to try to enter Kashmir through Afghan territory. It could also give a fillip to terrorist groups operating from Pakistan to make fresh bids to infiltrate into Kashmir. The security review, thus, is a strategic way of telling Pakistan that India has a grip over the situation on its side of the border. The fact remains that after the Taliban takeover, the Kashmir issue has found new resonance. The Taliban have said they have a right to raise their voice for Kashmiri Muslims. The al-Qaeda has also issued a call for the liberation of Kashmir. These are not friendly overtures by any stretch of imagination and India must not allow any of these groups or Pakistan to pursue an aggressive strategy on Kashmir even if encouraged by the Afghan situation.



Farmers clear rainwater from a flooded paddy field, on the outskirts of Amritsa

# **Woes persist**

The series of setbacks after the US troop withdrawal has made Joe Biden uneasy

he problems didn't end for the US after Major General Chris Donahue, the last American soldier on Afghan soil, took off in a C-17 Globemaster from the Kabul Airport on August 30. Conforming to the deadline set by the Taliban, President Joe Biden's hastened troops' withdrawal put an end to the unresolved two decadeold war. The Taliban has since then imposed the Sharia, formed an interim Government



which has at least 14 UNSC designated terrorists and not even a single woman, banned sports for women and beaten women who protested for their rights and also the journalists who reported on them. The Taliban lashed out at the US for its criticism against the interim Government members, and said the US violated the Doha Agreement by not recognising the interim Government. All this has happened under the nose of the world leaders as they appear to be nothing more than mute spectators. And now, as the final and perhaps the biggest insult, the interim Government is likely to take oath on September 11,

which marks the 20th anniversary of the horrific 9/11 attacks that killed more than 2900 people. And as if that wasn't bad enough, the Taliban have rolled out invitations to various countries, including the US, for their oath-taking ceremony.

President Biden still maintains that the withdrawal was the best decision for the United States and now bigger challenges like China's growing influence can be looked at but, ironically, its exit from Afghanistan has given China an opening to establish itself there. Beijing welcomed the Taliban's announcement of the formation of an interim Government as "a necessary step" and "an end to the anarchy" in Afghanistan. It further announced to donate \$31 million worth of aid, including food and vaccines, to Afghanistan. This is exactly what the Taliban crave the most at the moment international recognition and monetary support, while it may be overlooking China's strategic interests in the region. Russian President Vladimir Putin, at the 13th BRICS Summit, called the exit as "experiments" with democracy, leaving chaos and destabilisation in their wake. He added that it's still unclear how it will affect regional and global security. This turn of events has so far derided Joe Biden's and the US's prominence and made it look worn out.

# Hindutva has no global agenda



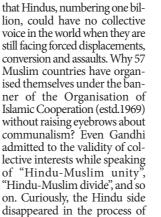
The idea of a conference on the theme 'Dismantling Global Hindutva' is preposterous, simply because Hindutva is largely Indo-centric

y the time you get to read this, the international virtual conference on "Dismantling Global Hindutva" might be underway or cancelled. The theme generated a high degree of controversy, which warrants an examination. The three-day conference (September 10-12, 2021) straddles both sides of the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Were the dates consciously chosen to create a smokescreen for Islamic Jihad's most spectacular act of dismantling since the Conquest of Mecca in 630 AD, as a result of which the pagan temple at Kaaba was converted into Islam's foremost mosque? September 11 is also the anniversary when Swami Vivekananda addressed the Parliament of Religion at Chicago (1893) as "Sisters and brothers of America". It is also the anniversary of MK Gandhi (1906) starting the 'very Hindu" method "Satyagraha" in Johannesburg, South África, to fight the unjust policies of the colonial Government.

Does Hindutva have a global ngenda? As Bernard Lewis states Christendom and Islam are, in chronological sequence, the second and third attempts to create a world religion (Islam and the West, P5). The first one, which he identifies, is Buddhism. Since the sixth century BC, Buddhist missionaries from India carried their faith to South, Southeast and East Asia. Among two other ancient peoples, adds Lewis, Jews and Persians developed Universalist notions, but neither group made any sustained attempt to teach those notions to others.

The concerns of Hindutva or Hindu nationalism generally revolve around only India. The sacred geography, history and mythology of Hindus are associated with India — or, at any rate, South Asia. Today, more than 90 per cent of the world's Hindus are concentrated in India. Thus, Hindutva is largely Indo-centric due to its history and applicability. While yoga is gaining global popularity, it does not come in the domain of Hindutva. Still, it is pertinent to ask why Hindus introduced yoga and meditation in the West, whereas the Muslims gave them Jihad.

Is Hindutva an unnatural outgrowth? It is fallacious to assume



formation of the Republic. The Constitution speaks of linguistic and religious minorities — and extends them community rights in the field of education etc — under Articles 29 and 30. However, the Constitution nowhere identifies the majority. It is presumed to be Hindus, who have no community rights but only fundamental rights available to every citizen. The numerical majority

status of Hindus in India is often presumed as a shield against religion-inspired assaults. This is baseless both in terms of contemporary experience and history. Geotheologically, India survives as the only major bloc of non-Muslim population between Mauritania and Indonesia.

Naturally, this is an eyesore to many. Barrister Chaudhury



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**GAINING GLOBAL** POPULARITY, IT DOES NOT COME IN THE DOMAIN OF HINDUTVA. STILL. IT IS PERTINENT TO **ASK WHY HINDUS** INTRODUCED YOGA AND MEDITATION IN THE WEST, WHEREAS THE MUSLIMS GAVE THEM JIHAD

Rahmat Ali, who coined the term "Pakistan", had an ambitious plan to Balkanise India. He termed India as the "Continent of DINIA". "The Muslims demand only two States of the country of India," says Rahmat Ali, "Pakistan and Bangistan when, in fact, they demand, and are entitled to, at least eight States in the Continent of Dinia, viz Pakistan, Bangistan, Osmanistan, Siddiquistan, Faruqistan, Haidaristan, Muninistan and Maplistan" (Pakistan: The Fatherland of Pak Nation, P341). Kashmir he demands separately.

Though Pakistan was achieved in 1947, the mission of achieving the "Continent of DINIA" through Balkanisation continues by proxy. No wonder those who are organising the "Dismantling Global Hindutva" are completely silent on Global Islam from 9/11 to the rise of Boko Haram in Nigeria to re-Talibanisation of Afghanistan. Clinically, the organisers have eschewed Hindutva's approach to the minority question, as not to allow critics any handle. They wish to focus only on intra-Hindu issues like caste, gender, science, digital economy and even, strangely, Hindutva and White Supremacy.

The Hindu society has no equivalent of an organised Church or Ulama to set down any theological prescription. The Darul-uloom, Deoband, issues fatwa from banning photography to banking/education loan based on interest. Interestingly, these fatwas are issued in response to queries, often put forth by reasonably well-educated Muslims. The Hindu organisations, on the other hand, have demonstrated progressive or neutral attitude when dealing with issues of gender or caste.

Why is it that no Hindu has been found involved in the acts of terrorism in the West? Why is it that no Hindutva group is gun-wielding, whereas such groups are commonplace in the Muslim world? Why are Hindutva groups heard advocating "Uniform Civil Code" whereas Islamists the world over want "Sharia"? There are many facets, if one seriously wishes to debate Hindutva visà-vis other ideologies in a global perspective. It is this debate that the organisers actually wish to avoid. Unfortunately, those perceived as the custodians of Hindutva, viz RSS, also want to shelve this discourse. Where ambiguities like pro-Caliphate Gandhi being a "Hindu patriot" or "Hindus and Muslims have the same DNA" can work, who needs clarity?

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **SHIFTING FOCUS FROM THE PANDEMIC?**

Sir — In the aftermath of the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, where reports of their violent success have alarmed the civilised world, global attention has thankfully shifted from the pandemic. The extensive coverage of the territorial gains the Taliban has been making in the land of Pashtuns and the political implications of such a dominance, that is yet to transform from an insurgency to a sensible rule, has the world media in a state of speculation. Of late, these 'wild theories' about the 'Talibanisation' of Afghanistan have been keeping channels busy which, in turn, has temporarily put a lid on the incessant reports of COVID-19 and its day-today devastations.

With the affairs in Afghanistan keeping the media busy, there is a hiatus on COVID tidings in the country. Even otherwise, there has been a contradiction galore when it comes to reporting the SOPs put in place in various States to counter the threats of the virus infection. Especially the tests mandated for entry into their territories. Contrary to news reports which state that there are strict checks and tests done by authorities at the borders of various States, people traveling to-and-fro refute such claims.

Pachu Menon | Goa

### TN SALES PERSONNEL TOO GET RELIEF

Sir — The Tamil Nadu Government, following the Government of Kerala, has tabled a Bill seeking to amend the Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Act, 1947, as per which seating arrangements are to be provided mandatorily to sales personnel during business hours in commercial establishments. This is a welcome move as salespersons are made to stay on their feet the entire day in their workplace whether there is a customer or not. This age-old practice is inhumane and hurts the employees. Sales personnel who keep standing for long hours suffer from problems like varicoceles and arthritis.

This has somehow escaped the eyes of human rights activists and Governments. It is necessary for the salespersons to stand

# **Outreach programme in the Valley**



he public outreach in Jammu and Kashmir kicked off by the Modi Government with as many as 70 Union Ministers touring all 20 districts and launching development programmes is welcome. But we cannot say for certain that it will set everything right, given the multidimensional nature and complexity of the Kashmir issue. It cannot make up for the lack of participation of the leaders of the NC, PDP and other parties constituting the Gupkar Alliance in the democratic process. The claim that the situation on the ground in

Jammu and Kashmir has improved in consequence of the reading down of Article 370 does

not reflect the ground reality in the Valley. The Government seeks to justify the abrogation of the Article 370 by saying that it was needed 'to integrate' Kashmir with the rest of the country. But Kashmiris fear that it may destroy their distinct culture and identity. 'Integration' has to happen organically and out of free will and with a sense of belonging for it to last long. The people of Kashmir must be assured that there is space for everyone in our pluralist democracy. Apologists for the Modi Government's Kashmir policy should know that it is in contradistinction to Atal Bihari Vajpayee's doctrine of *Insaniyat*, *Jamhuriyat*, and Kashmiriyat — humanity, democracy and identity of Kashmiris. The hearts and minds of Kashmiris must be won to invalidate the charges of occupation, repression and human rights violations

**G David Milton** | *Maruthancodem* 

only while attending to a customer and take rests whenever required. This practice should be imbibed in all commercial establishments where salespersons are involved. All State Governments should ing to the Defence Ministry. inculcate this civilised policy and it should be made into a right. Another category of workers who suffer similarly are the delivery boys who are vital for retailing. They have to be on the roads throughout the day, exposing themselves to all risks associated with travelling, pandemic etc.

tected properly by legislation. M Kaghuraman | Mumbai

**56 NEW 'BIRDS' IN INDIA'S ARSENAL** Sir — In a major decision, the Cabinet Committee on Security approved the procurement of 56 C-295 medium transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force to replace its ageing Avro planes which were first inducted more than 60 years ago. First 16 aircraft will be delivered in a fly-

away condition by the Airbus Defence

and Space within 48 months of signing

It is high time all such employees are pro-

the contract while the remaining 40 planes will be manufactured in India by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd within 10 years of signing of the contract, accord-

The cost of procurement is expected to be in the range of ₹18,000 crore to ₹20,000 crore. The deal is expected to create an ecosystem of manufacturing transport aircraft and shall enable India to become self-reliant in the transport aircraft domain. The Avro plane belongs to the 1960s and is far behind in terms of technology. Also, it was infamous because of issues arising out of its safety features.

In March 1991, in a horrific Avro plane crash, 28 Indian Air Force personnel were killed. The talks to replace them began soon after the crash and the procurement deal has finally been approved. The deal should add significant value to the Indian Air Force.

CKR Nathan | Ghaziabad

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Former Madhya Pradesh CM — Kamal Nath

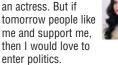


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It's the BJP's idea to blunt farmers' movement in poll-bound UP



PRADEEP SAXENA

n September 5, the Kisan Mahapanchayat held in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, has raised the spirits of the opposition. The leaders of the United Kisan Morcha have called for giving a tough fight to the BJP in the forthcoming UP assembly elections. However, the BJP has its own plans to counter the Morcha. Farmers' leaders have also reminded that they had launched a mass movement against the BJP even before the West Bengal assembly elections and took credit for damaging the BJP's electoral prospects in that State. There is a discussion in political circles in UP that the program to be held on September 14 in Aligarh is the BJP's answer to the Kisan Mahapanchayat, in which the BJP wants to send a positive message among the Jat community by laying the foundation stone of a university in the name of prominent Jat leader Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh. It is a strategy to blunt the sharp edge of the farmers' movement as well. The Iglas and Khair area of Aligarh



is known as Mini Chhaprauli. It is the workplace of former Prime Minister and Jat leader, the late Chaudhary Charan Singh. Gayatri Devi, the wife of the Chaudhary, and his daughter have been legislators from Islas and Khair, respectively. That is why, to woo the Jat population, BJP has played what it calls its trump card — auniversity named after Jat leader Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh. The Raja was the king of Mursan State of Hathras. He was a freedom fighter who fought against the British and was exiled by the British as a punishment. Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh formed the government of India in Afghanistan. After Independence he came back to India. It is important to mention that in 1957, he defeated Atal Bihari Vajpayee, then representing the BharatiyaJana Sangh, from Mathura Lok Sabha constituency. Vajpayee lost his deposit as the Raja won by a huge margin as an Independent.

A section of the BJP is not happy with the party glorifying the Jat leader who defeated Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Also, the Brahmin lobby is feeling humiliated by this action of BJP. However, the BJP has its reasons for focusing on the Raja. His great grandson Charat Pratap Singh was in the news some time ago for having sent a legal notice to the Aligarh Muslim University over lease expiration of the land donated for the setting up of the university. The Raja donated the land for the university but his name was never engraved on the walls. The political implications of a new university in the Raja's name thus become clear. BJP leaders and workers from the Aligarh-Agra division are being motivated to mobilize crowds in the programme to be attended by Prime MinisterNarendra Modi. Preparations are being made to collect over two lakh people from the nearly 10 to 12 districts. For this, responsibility is being given to MPs, MLAs and party office-bearers. A sizeable crowd is expected to attend without any prompting if only to watch Modi speak. The BJP has plans to make this program bigger than the Kisan Mahapanchayat. Even without the farmers' issue, the programme would be significant because it will be the BJP's first massive public-contact exercise in the runup to the 2022 assembly elections with Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in attendance. Police barricading and tight security are already in place at the entrance of the venue. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath personally inspected the rally preparations and security arrangements. Five helipads are being readied at the venue, three for the Prime Minister and two for the chief minister and the gov-

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# Gender gap, inequity in healthcare access



Only four States show a fair sex ratio in COVID vaccination. On the health and survival front, India already is one of the five worst performers in South Asia

s the world fights the COVID-19 virus, the giant toy company Mattel's designing of a Barbie doll in the likeness of Sara Gilbert, the co-creator of the Oxford/AstraZeneca jab, is indeed a thumbs up to women scientists. A number of women of science like Sumathy (Covaxin), Hanneke Schuitemaker (Janssen), Elen Smolyarchuk (Sputnik V) and Katalin Kariko (BioNTech), are also in league with her in such pioneering works.

Yet, the pandemic response strategies remained "largely exclusionary and maledominated in the decision-making platforms", observed a study in the Lancet. A UN Development Program's review panel found only 24 per cent of women in national COVID-19 task forces.

The low gender diversity in policy planning fora for vaccine procurement, distribution, and treatment, has indeed "exacerbated the existing gender-based unequal access to healthcare", rued the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). The Global Health (GH) 50/50's 2021 report, a research initiative towards gender health equality, categorically stated that "the fight against the virus starkly revealed that 'gender is the major driver of health, like who gets sick and who lives or dies, etc."

The Lancet study inferred that "since gender equity remained largely unrecognised, it created a wider blind spot, going beyond vaccine roll outs and uptake, and influenced the process of collecting and reporting data". The GH 50/50's June, 2021, Sex-Disaggregated Data Tracker, reported that only 34 of about 180 countries reported sex-disaggregated data between mid-April and mid-May, 2021, which registered "a decline by 30 per cent"

Moreover, the Sex, Gender and COVID-19 Health Policy Portal, which reviewed over 450 policies from 76 countries across all the WHO regions and World Bank income groups, confirmed that in assessing people's health outcomes, "factors of sex and gender haven't been taken into consideration".

Looking at India, Dr Suneela Garg, advisor Indian Council of Medical Research, and member, Lancet Commission COVID-19 Task Force, confirmed that "there is already a vaccination gap of about three and a half crores till August 31, 21, which is likely to grow more in rural areas, where women are heavily dependent on men for resources". While, Dr Sivakami, Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences(TISS), commented:" Even if vaccines are available, it doesn't imply that women will get them automatically, as the prevalent gender non-binary prevent them from availing the shots. Besides, the power structure in families, prioritise men as breadwinners, and discourage women for jabs, anticipating post-vacci-nation health disorders and thereby disruptions in the household work."



OFFICIAL DATA **CLAIM THAT** MORE THAN HALF OF INDIA'S ELIGIBLE POPULATION HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE COVID VACCINE. THEY ALSO REVEAL A VACCINATION GENDER GAP OF ABOUT SIX PER CENT. THE NCW TOOK IT UP WITH ratio in that particular age group.
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In India, only four states, namely, Kerala, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh, maintained a fair sex ratio in vaccination, while in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, the two highprevalencestates, a difference of over 10 per cent was found. A study, extrapolating Co-Win Portal's age-segregated data till June 4, made out the case of a clear gender bias, as only 36.5 per cent of women in the age group (45-year and above) received shots, despite, women having a favourable sex

Community Health' at SNDT University said that "vaccination gap is reflective of the gender health gap persisting in India". Global Gender Gap report, 2021, places India at 140 among the 156 countries benchmarked, slipping 28 places below from last year when the gap widened further by 62.5 per cent.

On the health and survival front, india is one of the five worst performers in South Asia. In 2016, a joint study by experts from India and Harvard University, noticed serious health-based gender discrimination, with only 37 per cent of women getting access to health care, as compared to 67 per cent of men. Moreover, "there is a close relationship between the gender and average health care expenditure (HCE), which is abysmally low for women, and even lesser, if, HCE has to be paid by any source of distressed financing, regardless of the type of disease a woman suf-fers", observed a joint study by Indian researchers and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria. Nonetheless, many researchers

consider socio-cultural factors like women's lack of decisionmaking power. As per NFHS (2015-16) data, only 40 per cent of women are allowed to go out alone, which includes visit to a health facility, poor access to a smartphone, with less than 20 percent of women in India own such devices, or internet, only three in 10 women in rural areas have access to it, as compared to half the men (NFHS-2019-20) and vaccine hesitancy, stemming from misinformation, rumours, etc., are contributing to low rate of vaccina-

Dr Sivakami added that women might not have all the information about vaccines, as they suffer from denial of access to digital facilities within the family".Dr Garg feels that "the vaccine hesitancy should be addressed with the help of community health workers like ASHA through doorto-door campaign, sensitising both men and women"

Now, the official data claim that more than half of India's eligible population has received at least one dose of the Covid vaccine. They also reveal a vaccination gender gap of about six per cent. The NCW took it up with the states and UTs and urged for

mounting public health awareness drives to counter the notion that "women's health is not a priority".Dr Harshita Sehgal, regrets that "India's ongoing vaccination drive is another instance of a lost opportunity for gender main-streaming and inclusive planning for equal access". However, some states have gone for establishing "all-women pink booths" to facilitate immunisation for women, ensuring their safety and comforts.

At the 65th UN Commission on the Status of Women, 2021, the senior advisor, WHO, called upon the nations to "put gender equality at the forefront in planning and rollout of vaccines, and address all gender-related Furthermore, in a jointly authored article in the Lancet by the six UN global heads, underscored the imperative need for gender-disaggregated data for an "effective pandemic recovery plans", and it feared that the "absence of such data, or keeping them undercover, will only pre-empt devising any concrete gender-responsive action

Now, this pandemic, hasnot been a portal for gender equity. It has, thus, necessitated a genderfocused containment and recovery efforts, by reinforcing the institutional capacities, committing to disseminate sex-based data, which provide visibility to gender disparity, and also in due course, restoring balance in structural determinants of gender bias.

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# It didn't change the world forever

# 9/11 was a deliberate provocation and the US fell for it hook, line and sinker, but it still didn't produce the changes the perpetrators wanted

hanged the world forever' is the most hack-✓ neyed phrase in journalism, and if you can get through this week (the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks) without hearing it half a dozen times you'll be very lucky.

It's a nonsense phrase because various aspects of the world are changing constantly (technology, politics, fashion, and now climate too), while others change not at all (human nature, for example). But it does give us a handy tool for evaluating the real impact of those

attacks on the world. With the benefit of hindsight, how much has the world changed as a result of 9/11? There was virtually no lasting impact on Latin America, sub Saharan Africa, or East and South-East Asia, where even



to most people. In Europe, no year had

gone by since the 1970s without terror attacks by extreme left-wing groups like the Red Brigades and the Baader-Meinhof Gang or Palestinian operations like the Munich Olympics massacre, although Islamist activity pre-2001 was restricted to a few overflows from the Algerian civil war. No panic there.

the phrase '9/11' is meaningless

Which leaves the 'Greater Middle East' (from the Arab world to Pakistan), the United States itself, and a few US hangers-on like the United Kingdom and Australia.

Most Arab regimes were (and still are) absolute monarchies or military dictatorships, and although they doubtless felt a little frisson of delight at see-



ing Americans on the receiving end for a change, their main concern was for themselves. Would this threaten their own

survival? The main domestic opposition in all of them was (mostly illegal) Islamic parties. Would

Osama bin Laden's spectacular dead Iraqis and their wrecked ment was superficial. attack radicalise those groups into full-blown Islamists with enough popular support to drive the existing regimes from power? That's what bin Laden was hoping for, but it turned out that the support for Islamism was still too thin.

The only Arab leader to fall because of the attacks was the unfortunate Saddam Hussein of Iraq, who got invaded and killed by the Bush administration essentially because the invasion of Afghanistan had not slaked the American public's thirst for revenge on somebody or other.

Saddam had nothing to do with the terrorists (and he didn't have any weapons of mass destruction either), but he was a murderous dictator and Iraq paid the price. Pity about all the

country, but they were just in the wrong place at the wrong

So, there were really no big changes in the Arab world as a result of 9/11, and that goes for the rest of the Middle East too. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is still the Supreme Leader of Iran, the army still really runs Pakistan (behind a civilian facade), and as of last month the Taliban are

running Afghanistan again. What's left? Well, America's NATO allies sent contingents of troops to Afghanistan for a while, and some to Iraq as well, mostly out of a sense that any failure to support the United States militarily now would be remembered in Washington if they ever needed American help in the future. Casualties were low and the commit-

The only countries that did it with any enthusiasm, however, were the United Kingdom and Australia - in the former case because Prime Minister Tony Blair made it his personal mission, and in the latter case because the US alliance is the sum and substance of Australian defence policy. If the United States invaded Mars, Australia would send a battalion along.

Even in the United States itself, the damage was relatively modest: almost 3,000 civilian dead on the day, and another 6,800 military deaths in subsequent twenty years while a generation of American soldiers hunted down Iraqis and Afghans the vast majority of whom never posed any threat to the American homeland.

Any other costs? Well, around 900,000 people killed and eight trillion dollars wasted, according to a new report from the 'Costs of War' project at Brown University. But most of those deaths were just 'collateral damage', and the US would have found other excuses for that scale of spending if

9/11 hadn't happened.
Did the world change forever? No, it barely budged. 9/11 was a deliberate provocation and the United States fell for it hook, line and sinker, but it still didn't produce any of the changes the perpetrators wanted - or any other big changes either.

The only lesson we can earn from it is that spectacular, terrible events are not necessarily the same as real changes. Indeed, they usually aren't.

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

# **No BRICS recognition** for Taliban Govt: SA FM

The BRICS countries have The BRICS countries are agreed not to recognise the Taliban Government in Afghanistan until they receive assurances that it will comply with the prescripts of international law, South African Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor said on Friay.
Prime Minister Narendra

Modi on Thursday chaired a virtual summit of the fivenation grouping. The 13th BRICS summit was also attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro.

"We had a BRICS Summit (on Thursday) in which our President spoke, and we've adopted a statement, that is a



articulating the view that we want to see the restoration of democracy and enjoyment of

Minister of International Relations Pandor told the radio

The BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) brings together five of the largest developing countries of the world, representing 41 per cent of the global popula-tion, 24 per cent of the global GDP and 16 per cent of the global trade.

"Until we are assured that the Government, once it's in place, intends to observe the prescripts of international law, we wouldn't proceed with any form of recognition," Pandor

Minister also explained why South Africa refused to accept Afghan refugees as an interim stop while their immigration permits to the US were processed.

Taliban takeover may be 'morale boost' for terrorists: UK spy chief

of Afghanistan is likely to have "emboldened" terrorists and means that the threat of a 9/11 style terrorist attack remains alive, warned Britain's spy chief on Friday.

MI5 Director General Ken McCallum told the BBC that there was greater need to be vigilant as there could be a "morale boost" for extremists as a result of developments in Afghanistan as the US-led NATO troops withdrew last month. He also revealed that the UK's police and intelligence services had foiled 31 "late-stage" terror attack plots against the country in the past four years.

"The big concern flowing from Afghanistan, alongside the immediate inspirational effect, is the risk that terrorists reconstitute and once again pose us more in the way of well

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developed, sophisticated plots of the sort that we faced in 9/11 and the years thereafter," said McCallum.

"Overnight you can have a psychological boost or morale boost to extremists already here, or in other countries. So, we need to be vigilant - both for the increase in inspired terrorism, which has become a real trend for us to deal with over the last five to 10 years, alongside the potential regrowth of Al Qaeda style directed plots, that we saw more commonly some years

### **Isolating Afghanistan** will have 'serious consequences' for region, says Pak FM

Islamabad: Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Friday urged the international community to adopt a "new positive approach" towards Afghanistan, warning that isolating the country will have "serious consequences" for the Afghan people, the region and the world at large.

ments during a joint press conference along with Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares, who arrived in Islamabad on Friday to discuss the latest Afghan situation. The two leaders held dele-

Qureshi made the com-

gation-level talks in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ahead of their media interaction.

"Isolating Afghanistan will have serious consequences and will not be helpful for the Afghan people, the region and the world at large," said

# Interim Taliban Govt does not reflect what international community hoped to see: US

The Taliban-led interim The landan I. Government Afghanistan does not reflect what the international community and the US hoped to see, the Biden administration has said, as it expressed con-cern over the lack of inclusivity and the track records and the backgrounds of some of the individuals involved in governing the country.

The Taliban insurgents seized control of Afghanistan in mid-August, ousting the previous elected leadership which was backed by the West.

The Taliban on Tuesday announced a caretaker Cabinet led by Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund, with key roles being shared by high-profile members of the hardline Islamist group, including a rorist of the dreaded Haggani Network as the Interior Minister.

"We have spoken about our reaction to the initial caretaker government. You have heard us say that the lack of inclusivity, the track records, the backgrounds of some of the individuals involved, are a cause for concern. It certainly does not reflect what the international community and what, as a part of that, the United States hoped to see," Department Spokesperson Ned Price told reporters at a Press conference

on Thursday. Taliban's hardline interim overnment includes specially designated global terrorist and Haqqani network leader Sirajuddin Haqqani as the act-

ing interior minister.

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For further details you can visit online website https://eproc.raiasthan.gov.in or from rocurement cell RISL, YojanaBhawan ,Tilak Marg, C- Scheme, Jaipur-302005 and contact or Foll Free number No. 1800-3070-2232 (Help Desk be contacted directly in the following mobil nos. 91-7878007972 and 91-7878007973 10.00 AM to 06.00 PM on all working days).and

mail-eproc@rajasthan.gov.in
UBN No RTC2122GLOB00169,RTC2122GLOB00172

### PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Superintending Engineer, PWRD, Nagaon & Hojai Road Circle, Nagaon on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bid from Assam PWD registered contractors for 1 (One) no. of work under (PR)SDRF for the year 2020-21 under Jumunamukh LAC in Hojai District amounting to Rs. 68.78 Lakhs (approx). Details may be seen at website http://assamtenders.gov.in and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Superintending Engineer, PWD Nagaon & Hojai Road Circle, Nagaon Janasanyog No. CF/1276/21



### **UJVN LIMITED**

**TENDER NOTICE** The office of Executive Engineer (E&M), Pashulok Barrage

Rishikesh invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-Tender No.05/EE(E&M)/PB/2021-22 :(1) Annual Routine sweeping

& cleaning at Virbhadra Barrage, Pashulok, Rishikesh.

Tender No.06/EE(E&M)/PB/2021-22 : (2) Annual Routine Trash Rack cleaning at Virbhadra Barrage, Pashulok, Rishikesh.

Estimated cost : (1) ₹ 5.48.788/-+GST Extra: (2) ₹ 9.89.555/-+GST Extra Date of availability of bid document on website: 10/09/2021 from 17:00 Hrs. ast date for submission of tender: 01/10/2021 Up to 15 00 Hrs

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.uivnl.com" Executive Engineer (E&M)

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AXIS BANK

Retail Assets Centre, Indore : Axis Bank Ltd Loan
Centre, 3rd Floor, Dhan Trident, PU-4, Block-B-3, Scheme no.-54, Opposite Satya Sai School, Near Metro Tow

Corporate Office: Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhakar Marg, Worli Mumbai-400 025, Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors mentioned hereunder had availed th financial assistance from Axis Bank Ltd. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, th borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and princips borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and princi, amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respect dates mentioned hereunder in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India equent to the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under Securitization and Reconstruction Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred un Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Not on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon th following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together w further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expensi cost, charges etc until 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 a 1. NPA Date

	of The Borrower / Address/ Co- wer And Guarantor Name
Appar Vihar, 20110 Meeru	ul Singh S/O Rambeer Singh C.7, Ground Floor, Number 02, Ganga Sadullabad, Ghaziabad, (U.P) 2 Also At: H.No.168, Kabari Bazar, , (U.P) 250001 Mamta Singh W/O Rahul Singh

Ganga Vihar, Sadullabad, Ghaziabad (U.P) 201102 Also At-: H No 168 Kabari Bazar, Meen (U.P) 250001 Both At; Flat No 401 Fourth Floor, Block9, Opel-Orris, Behind Aakrit

Ecocity Gram Misrod Bhopal Mr. Ramavtar Singh S/O Mr. Premchan R/O. A-26, Laxmi Enclave, S.F.1 3rd Floor, Ganga Vihar, Sabbapur Choki Loni, (U.P) 201102 Also At : Flat No 402, Fourth Floor, Block No.9, Opel. Orris, E-8, Extension, Behind Aakriti Eco City, Gram Misrod, Bhopa Ms. Manju Singh W/O Mr. Ramavt Singh R/O. A-26, Laxmi Enclave, S.F. 3rd Floor, Ganga Vihar, Sabbapur Chok

Interest Act. 2002 and the applicable rules thereunder

Loni, Ghaziabad, (U.P) 201102

2. Date of Demand (Rs.) As On Date (Rs.) 09-OCT-20 27-APR-21

AS ON DATE 25-4. Rs.24,72,726 /-10-DEC-20

South- Corridor Immovable Asset: All. That Piece And Parcel. of The 3. RS. 25,95,522/ Property In The Name of Mr Ramvatar Singh S/C Premchand At Flat No 402 AS ON DATE 25-(94.95Sgmt)

Fourth Floor, Block No. 9 Opel Orris, E-8, Extension Behind Aakriti Eco City, Gran Misrod, Bhopal, 1022 Sq. F East-Flat No. 401

Property Address of Secured Assets

movable Asset: All- That

Piece And Parcel, of The

Property In The Name of Mr. Rahul Singh and Ms. Mamta Singh At Flat No 401Fourth

Misrod Bhopal 800Sq. F

(74.34 Sq. Mt)

East- Flat No. 408 West- Flat No. 402

Block-9, Opel-Orris

Aakriti Ecocity Gran

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 will uture interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice fallin which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secure assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securi

rited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where und you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expens incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by publi auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the utstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is no tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by invitin quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sal

Date: 11-09-2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Name of work and its ward no. 2, 3, 6, 17, 18 and double cabin no. 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 2nd floor and pathology lab etc. in Approx cost of the works in Rs. 44.62 lacs Address of the office Rs. 00.00 04.10.2021, 12.00 Hrs. Date & time of submission Opening of tender 04.10.2021, 12.00 Hrs Website & notice board www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

THE BIRLA COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS LIMITED Regd Office: 9th Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110 001; CIN: L65100DL1920PLC099621, Phone:011-66561206 Email: secretarial.ht@rediffmail.com, website: www.birlacotton.com NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the 125th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the member

of the Company will be held on Thursday 30th September, 2021 at 11:30 A.M. at the Registered Office of the Company at Hindustan Times House, 9th Floor, 18-20, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001 to transact the business set out in the notice convening the AGM. In compliance with Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure

Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and pursuant to provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Tuesday the 21st September, 2021 to Wednesday, 29sh September, 2021 (both days inclusive) in connection with the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Registered Office of the Company on 30th September, 2021. Notice is further given that in compliance with the Regulation 44 of the SEBI

(Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2014, the Company is pleased to provide its members the facility to exercise their right to vote at the AGM on the resoluti mentioned in the AGM notice by electronic means. The facility of casting votes using an electronic voting system from a place other than the venue of the AGM ("remot -voting") is being provided to the members by Central Depository Services Limited CDSL). The notice of the meeting and instruction for remote e-voting have been sent to all members at their registered addresses.

The members are further informed that (a) The e-voting instructions forms an integral art of the Notice of the Annual General Meeting which is also displayed at the Company's website <u>www.birlacotton.com</u>; (b) A person whose name appear in the register of members as on the cut-off date i.e; 30th August, 2021, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or ballot papers at the meeting; (c) The remote e-voting shall remain open from 9:00 A.M. on 27th September, 2021 to 5:00 P.M. on September, 2021 and no e-voting shall be allowed beyond the said date & time; (d) The facility for voting through ballot papers shall be made available at the Annual eneral Meeting (AGM) and the members attending AGM who have not cast the vote by remote E-voting shall be able to vote at the AGM however those members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting may attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again (e) In case of any queries/grievances pertaining to voting by electronic means, the members may contact Ms. Silky Gupta, Company Secretary a secretarial.ht@rediffmail.com or 011- 66561206.

2nd Floor, I-14, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301, Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025, Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law

POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

inancial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferre

nder section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued deman titice upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) mentioned below, to repay the nount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) and the public in genera that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers

nferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the belo

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) attention is invited.

1.Mr. Jitender Singh Dhaka S/O Sh. Raj Entire Third Floor (With Roof

visions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secur

**Description of Property** 

earing No. 64, Built On Land

(Rs.)

.07-09-2021

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Four Only)

07-09-2021

Rs.21,69,977

One Lakh Sixty

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Seventy Seven

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East: Road 30 Ft. Wide

All That Piece And Parcel of

Pocket-II (Gr-iv), Sector-21

Freehold DDA LIG Flat No-73.

South: Plot No. 63

Built Up Area Measu

Rohini, Delhi-110086

West: As Per Deed

North: As Per Deed

The above-mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) are hereby given a 3 days' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days' from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interes [Enforcement] Rules 2002.

rsigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction

For The Birla Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills Limited

Place: New Delhi

lame of Borrower / Co-borrower

ngh Dhaka H. No-64, 3rd Floor, Vaishali nclave, Pitam Pura, New Delhi-110034

Also At: Jobline Consultants India Pvt. Ltd.

2. Mrs. Shalini Vishwakarma W/O Sh

tender Singh Dhaka H.No-64, 3rd Floor aishali Enclave, Pitam Pura, New Delhi

110034 Also At: Job line Consultants India

Pvt. Ltd. GP/ 2. Basement, Pitam Pura, New

.Mr. Kulkant Upadhyay S/O C.P. Upadhyay

H.No-28-Bc, Ground Floor Block-K-2

Khasra No.-73/9 Krishna Vihar, Sultanpur Block-C Nort West Delhi-110086

Also At: Mr.Kulkant Upadhyay S/O C.P.

Upadhyay G-30B, Krishna Vihar Sultanpuri Block-C North West Delihi-110086 Also At: Mr.Kulkant Upadhyay S/O C.P. Upadhyay

Sr. Executive Swagatam Pvt. Ltd 203 Swagatam Chamber, 23-A Shivaji Marg Najafgarh Road Moti Nahar, New Delhi-

C.P. Upadhyay Flat No. 73, G.F., Pocket-11 Sector-21, Rohini, Delhi

2. Mrs. Munni Devi, W/O Mr. C.P. Upadhya

H.No-28-BC, Ground Floor Block-K-2, Khasra No.-73/9 Krishna Vihar, Sultanpuri Block-C Nort West Delhi-110086 Also At:

Mrs. Munni Devi W/O C.P. Upadh

Date: 11-09-2021

110015 Also At: Mr. Kulkant Upadhy

Basement, Pitam Pura, New Delhi-

Retail Asset Centre: UG Floor, Himalaya House, 23 K.G MARG, Delhi, Axis House, Tower Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301 Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower T-2,

DIN-00046895

**PUBLIC NOTICE** It is to inform the public at large that Mrs. Bharti Tiwari who is the owner of the Shop bearing No. LGF-35-6, having super area measuring 24.71 sq. mtrs. (266 sq. FL), situated in the commercial complex known as "Sushant Shopping Arcade" situated at Sushant Lok, Phase I, Gurgaon, Telsia B. District Gurgaon, (Haryana) vide of Sale Deed dated 30.12.2016 executed by Mr. Nagander Kurnar and Mr. Ragnyer. inde of Sale Deed dated 30.12.2016 executed by Mr. Narender Kumar, Mr. Naresh Kumar and Mr. Ranveer, vide Document No. 25418, in Book No.1, Volume No.13142/4835, on Pages 1169-10, at Sub-Registrar, Gurgaon, registered on dated 30.12.2016 and same to be financed by Aditya Birta Housing Finance Limited. That, Original Transfer Deed (in Blood Relation) date 20.03.2015 executed by Mrs. Ramwadi in favour of Mr. Narender Kumar, Mr. Naresh Kumar and Mr. Ranveer in respect of said property and other property, vide Document No. 29966, in Book No.1, Volume No.13109/179, on Pages 101/165-77, registered on dated 26.03.2015 was lost / misplaced and an FIR for the same was lodged. If any Person having any type of claimfight / title / interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below within a week, about his objections, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all types of Encumbrances, lienetic. Lucem Legal LLP 269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Iday Park, Encumbrances, lien etc.

Lucem Legal LL!

269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Parl
South Ext. II, New Delhi-110049 Contact # 011 - 4004631

Notice is Hereby given to the public that the property more particularly described in schedule hereunder written, Mr. Vinod Kumar Jain S/o Mr. Biswas Chand Jain is died on 06.05.2021. The owner Vinoc Kumar Jain mortgaged the subject property on 15.03.2021 against the credit facilities o his proprietorship firm M/s Jayco Metal Industries availed from DBS Bank India Limited, New Delhi. The Owner Mr. Vinod Kumar Jain is Survived by his son Mr. Sameer Jain through surviving member certificate 90660000084987 dated 13.07.2021.

All Person having any claim in respect thereof by way of sale, exchange, Gift, Mortgage, Charge, Trust, inheritance, Possession, Lease, Lien, or otherwise howsoever are requested to inform the same in writing to the undersigned having their office at C-10. Basement, Nizamuddin (West), New Delhi within 15 days from date of hereof failing which the claims if any of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and succession shall be completed in the nam

Delhi-110006.

BRIJESH KUMAR TAMBER Adv Record. Supreme Court of India. Code No. 2254 Insolvency Professional, (IBBI No. 1881/1PA-002/IP-N0 0523/ 2017-2018/11595 C-10 Basement, Nizamuddin (West) New Delhi-110013 Mob No.: 9891125411

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform public in genera

that Kotak Mahindra bank Itd has

organized an auction in below

mention respect of Vehicles.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

TT LPS4923- REG. NO.

T1518FBGD REG. NO.

3) T1518FBGD REG. NO.

4) T1518FBGD REG. NO.

5) T3118FBGD REG. NO.

6) T3118COGD REG. NO.

7) TATA MOTOR LPT 407

YOM -2017

UP86T7555-YOM -2019

UP85BT0724-YOM -2017

UP86T7556-YOM -2019

UP42AT9033-YOM-2016

UP78DT2379-YOM-2017

REG. NO. DL1LY3318

8) MARUTI ECHO REG. NO

9) AL4019CBTT REG. NO.

HR55T3194-YOM -2014

10) ALEC1212FB REG. NO.

11)CB SML SAMRAT REG.

NO.HR69C2849-YOM-2017

UNDER HYPOTHECATION WITH

M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK

IS UNDER SALE IN ITS

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3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO 7, SECTOR

**CONTACT: DEEPAK KUMAR** 

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.

CONTACT: 09839215099

125, NOIDA-201313 OR

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK

**GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS** 

UP42BT2468-YOM-2017

UP14GT4716-YOM -2017

RJ05GB4341-YOM-2017

Schedule Above Referred to

Property bearing No. 375, area measuring approx. 149 sq yds situated at Kucha Bulak Begum, Dariba Kalan, Ward/ Illaga No. 4,

officebrijeshktamber@gmail.com

# Lebanon's new PM pledges to stabilise economic meltdown country, said he recognised

Beirut: Lebanon's new Prime Minister Najib Mikati pledged on Friday to gain control of one of the world's worst economic meltdowns, saying lifting subsidies would be critical for the small country's Government formed after a year of political stalemate.

Holding back tears, Mikati, one of the richest men in the

the pain of Lebanese mothers who cannot feed their children or find aspirin to ease their ailments, as well as to students whose parents can no longer afford to send them to school. "The situation is difficult but

not impossible to deal with if we cooperate," Mikati told reporters

at the presidential palace, where the new Government line-up was announced.

Lebanon has been without a fully empowered government since the catastrophic August 4, then Prime Minister Hassan Diab's Government.

# Mass booster doses not needed, says vax creator

widespread booster shots Acampaign as planned by the UK Government is not required for everyone as immunity against Covid-19 among fully vaccinated people is "lasting well", the creator of the Oxford University vaccine said on Friday.

Professor Dame Sarah Gilbert, a leading scientist who led the development of the

vaccine — being administered in India as Covidshield — said the elderly and people with weakened immune systems may well require the boosters but other doses should be prioritised for countries with low vaccination rates. "As the virus spreads

Oxford University/AstraZeneca

between people, it mutates and adapts and evolves, like the Delta variant," she told 'The Daily Telegraph'.

# Sunil Perera, outspoken Sri Lankan singer, dies at age 68

Colombo: Singer and musician Sunil Perera entertained generations of Sri Lankans with captivating songs, but won outspoken comments against social injustice, corruption, racism and suppression of

Perera, a versatile singer, musician, composer and entertainer, died of apparent complications from Covid-19. He

Sunil tested positive for the coronavirus last month and was treated at a hospital in Colombo, the capital

2020 explosion at Beirut port, which forced the resignation of

### BIDEN CALLS XI AMID GROWING TENSIONS Washington: President Joe Biden spoke with China's Xi

Jinping on Thursday amid growing frustration on the American side that high-level engagement between the two leaders' top advisers has beer largely unfruitful in the early going of the Biden presidency

SEVEN WOUNDED IN ILLINOIS SHOOTING East St. Louis (US): Three people suspected in a shooting that wounded seven people in southern Illinois were arrested early on Friday, hours after a wild incident that included a

getaway car crashing into a commuter train, police said JAPAN VACCINE MIN **SEEKS TO BE NEXT PM** 

**Tokvo:** Japan's outspoken vaccinations Minister, Taro Kono, become head of the governing party, who usually is chosen Prime Minister, and pledged to be reform-minded.

### RAIL KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJNA

Notice for the Application of 'Kaushal Vikas Training Program' in Fitter and Welding Trade for Year 2021-22 (1st and 2nd Batch)

A short term (3 Weeks) Kaushal Vikas Training Program (skill development) is being organized by Carriage & Wagon care center/ Bhoor Bharat Nagar Ghaziabad for the Youths under 'RAIL KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJNA'. Each Trade will have 12 Males/Females in this Training Program and this program is free of cost.

Eligibility-1. Matriculation (10<sup>th</sup> Standard pass) 2. Age-18-35 Years (as on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021). Interested candidates may obtain form from Technical Training Centre; Carriage & Wagon, Training Center, Ghaziabad or download from the Website http://nr.indianrailways.gov.in--> News & Recruitment Info → Rail Kaushal Vikas Yoiana Please do mention full name, Father's name, Address, Educational qualification and Mobile no./E-mail in the application form.

Self-attested photocopy of the following documents are required along with application, Mark-sheet of Matriculation (if date of Birth DOB not mentioned on mark sheet & Certificate also) then for proof of Identity - any one document out of Aadhar Card, Voter ID Card, Driving License or Ration Card. Application will not be accepted if the above required documents are not submitted along-with the Application form. All documents are must be readable Candidates will be selected on the basis of the Marks obtained in the matriculation subject to availability of slot.

Application duly filled can be submitted at Carriage & Wagon, Training center / Bhoor Bharat Nagar, Ghaziabad till 23.09.2021 (5:00 PM except Sunday or National Holiday) Or Scanned copy be Emailed on Email id:citccnw@gmail.com

For Assistance :- May contact to Shri Sunil Dutt (Chief Instructor), Carriage and wagon Training center, Ghaziabad on Mobile No. 9717631473 (on working days/Hrs) List of selected candidates for the Training Program will be displayed on the Notice Board/Main Gate of Carriage & wagon, Training center, Ghaziabad on 30.09.2021 and on the website http://nr.indianrailways.gov.in --> News & Recruitment Info

→ Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana Training of 1st Batch for each trade will be conducted from 06.10.2021 to 28.10.2021 and for 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch from 08.11.2021 to 29.11.2021 on Monday to Friday 9:30 AM to 17:00 PM & on Saturday from 9:30 AM to 13:30 PM.

Detailed information is available on above mentioned Website.

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Co-ordination Northern Railway/New Delhi

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# **Industry output grows 11.5** in July on low-base effect

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 $I_{11.5}$  per cent in July mainly due to a low-base effect and good performance by manufacturing, mining and power sectors but the output remained slightly below the pre-pandemic level.

The manufacturing sector, which constitutes 77.63 per cent of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), grew 10.5 per cent in July, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on

The mining sector output rose 19.5 per cent in July while power generation increased 11.1 per cent. In July 2021, the IIP stood at 131.4 points compared to 117.9 points in the same month last year. The index was at 131.8 points in July 2019, as per the NSO data. The data showed that industrial production recov-

**Govt enhances** 

scope of TMA

scheme for

agri exports

The Government on Friday

I enhanced the scope of

Transport and Marketing

Assistance (TMA) scheme for

specified agriculture products

by including dairy products

under its purview and increas-

extended till March 31, 2022,

the revised scheme is expected

to help Indian exporters of agri-

cultural products to meet ris-

ing freight and logistics costs,

the statement said. In 2019, the

Government announced the

scheme for providing financial

assistance for transport and

marketing of agricultural prod-

ucts to boost exports of such

commodities to certain coun-

tries in Europe and North

reimburses a certain portion of

freight charges and provides

assistance for marketing of

agricultural produce.

Under the TMA plan, it

America.

according to an official state-

The scheme has been

Enhanced assistance under

ing the rates of assistance.

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ered but was still slightly below the pre-pandemic level of July

The IIP had contracted by 10.5 per cent in July 2020.

Industrial production plunged 18.7 per cent in March last year following the COVID outbreak and remained in the negative zone till August 2020.BWith the resumption of economic activities, factory output rose 1 per cent in September 2020 and grew 4.5 complete IIP data.

Automobile wholesales in India declined 11 per cent

year-on-year in August, as the

semiconductor shortage hit

production processes across

the industry, SIAM said on

categories, excluding commer-

cial vehicles, declined to

15,86,873 units last month,

compared to 17,90,115 units in

data by the Society of Indian

Automobile Manufacturers

(SIAM), two-wheeler dis-

patches from OEMs to dealers

declined last month while pas-

senger vehicle and three-wheel-

er wholesales witnessed an

from the OEMs to dealerships

declined by 15 per cent to 13,31,436 units in August,

compared to 15,59,665 units in

8,25,849 units last month as

against 10,32,476 units in

August 2020, down 20 per

Motorcycle sales were at

Similarly, scooter dis- trol unit.

the year-ago period.

Two-wheeler dispatches

increase over August 2020.

According to the latest

The total wholesales across

**Semiconductor shortage hits** 

in Aug; dispatches dip 11 pc

domestic automobile wholesales



November 2020, the factory output fell 1.6 per cent and then entered the positive territory with a 2.2 per cent growth in December 2020.

The IIP had recorded a contraction of 0.6 per cent in January and 3.2 per cent in February this year. In March, it grew 24.2 per cent.

For the month of April, the NSO held back the release of

patches declined 1 per cent to 4,51,967 units last month from

sales -- including dispatches of

cars, utility vehicles and vans -

increased by 7 per cent to

2,32,224 units in August com-

pared to 2,15,916 units in the

same month last year. Three-

wheeler wholesales increased

60 per cent to 23,210 units last

month as against 14,534 units

a year ago. Commenting on the

August sales, SIAM Director

General Rajesh Menon said the

Indian automobile industry is

reeling under pressure due to

tor shortage continues and

now it is having an acute

impact on output across the auto industry," he added. The usage of semiconductors in

the auto industry has gone up globally in recent times, with

technological advancements

and new models coming with

more and more electronic fea-

tures such as Bluetooth con-

nectivity and driver-assist, nav-

igation and hybrid-electric sys-

tems, besides the engine con-

The global semiconduc-

supply chain challenges.

from OEMs to dealerships

The total passenger vehicle

4,56,848 units a year ago.

Office of the Executive Engineer (C&M) MB-II Joshiyara, Uttarkashi invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tende

Tender No.: 12/EE(C&M)/MB-II/Joshiyara/2021-22 Name of work: Renovation of Barrage Control Room at MB-II Joshiyara

Estimated cost : Rs. 22,99,995.00 (excluding GST) Date of availability of bid document on website: 13-09-2021 Last Date for submission of Tender: 08-10-2021 upto 11:00 AM

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The Tender document can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com" Executive Engineer (C&M)

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD.

**DATE EXTENSION OF e-TENDER NOTICE-I** 

In reference to this office e-tender specification no. 11/SE(MM)/2021 22 for sale of Steel Scrap (Meltable Iron/Empty T/f tank/Plate etc.) available at Dehradun/Roorkee/Haridwar/ Rishikesh /Kotdwar/Haldwani/Kashipur/Tanakpur/Almora/Pithoragarh Store under Electricity Stores Division Dehradun/Haldwani. Due to unavoidable circumstances the tender will be opened on dated 22.09.2021 at 16:00 hrs. Last Date & time of online request for purchase of tender document & submission of tender in online and offline mode will be on dated 21.09.2021 upto 17:00 hrs.

All other terms and conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, please visit website www.uktender.gov.in.

No: 359/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2

Superintending Engineer (MM)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.H.E.D CIRCLE TONK Online tenders through e-procurement system are hereby invited, on behalf of the Governor of vajaM Ian rom enlisted contractors with the department in appropriate class under the Government of Rajasthan and enlisted contractors with CPVVD/ Postal, Telecom, Railwest, VIES, other stare Govt./Central Govt, undertaking / organization equivalent to \*AA\* Class of

details may be seen on tie DIPR web site and tenders can be downloaded from websit Bidder who wash to participate in online bidding will have to procure digital certificate as pe

Raiasthan provided they meet out prescribed eligibility criteria for the following works. His

	<ul> <li>Offers which are not digitally signed will not be aeoc ctronic format on above mentioned website.</li> </ul>		
Work detail of NIT	Nit No 20/2021-22		
NIB No	PHE2122A3183		
UBN NO	PHE2122WSOB06977		
Available/Submission of tender document at website	8.9.2021 TO 18:00 Hrs up to 29.9.2021 up to 18:Hrs		
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on beh

resident of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/NIT 07-W-IV/21-22 Date: 09.09.2021

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

New Delhi, on 04.09.2021

In this regard a DD No. 29A, dated 04.09.2021 has been

lodged at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.

RO No.:- DIPR/C/9082/2021

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2. Approx. cost of work

submission of tend

Website particulars

location etc. complete details of tender can be

seen and website where the tender form can be

come to light so far.

DP/828/SW/2021

opening of tender

3. Earnest money

Date and Time of

PHED Circle Tonk

1. Crossing of 600mm dia Carrier Pipeline through

1000mm and 1200mm dia casing pipelines for

sewerage across Railway Track at KM 10/2-3

between PPDE and Siwana stations on JHI-PN

section under ADEN/JHI. (NIT 07-W-IV-21-22

Bidding Start date Up to 15:00 hrs. on 21.09.2021

pening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 05.10.2021.

Above tender available on IREPS site i.e

General public is hereby informed that this

person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown,

R/o: Unknown, Age: 33 Years, Sex: Male,

Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: Unknown

was found Dead at Safdarjung Hospital,

### signal booster by e-commerce firms, writes to Customs dept outlook

DoT flags unauthorised sale of mobile

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Department of Telecom **▲** (DoT) on Friday wrote to the Customs department flagging unauthorised sales of mobile signal boosters by some e-commerce firms and sought strict implementation of import rules to curb such practices.

The telecom department in a letter to the Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) chairman said that it has come to its notice and has also been reported by the Intelligence Bureau about certain models of walkie-talkie sets are available for sale on some e-commerce platforms without any compliance to the regulatory requirement of the depart-

The mobile signal booster and walkie-talkie sets fall under the category of transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus which are not permitted to be imported without a licence.

"Whilst, the department is continuing to take appropriate action in this regard in cases of violation, but to restrict the inflow of such unauthorised wireless equipment including mobile signal booster/repeater in the country, it is requested to strictly enforce the provisions enshrined in the import policy of DGFT in this regard," the letter said.

# Investors turn positive for Gold ETFs in Aug on positive global

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $A {\it fter witnessing net outflow in July, gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) attracted }$ ₹24 crore in August on a positive global outlook, reflecting an improving sentiment towards the yellow metal.

The total inflow has reached ₹3,070 crore in the asset class during the first eight months of the current year (January-August), data with the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) showed.

The inflow helped in pushing the number of folios in the category to 21.46 lakh in August from 19.13 lakh in the preceding month.

# Office of the Superintending Engineer strong Circle, Public Works Department, Almora

etter No. : 7287/ Nivida-01/2021

Phone/Fax: 05962-230295 Email: sepwdalm@rediffmail.com Dated: 09/09/2021

### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering) **E-TENDER NOTICE**

The superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, Public Works Department, Almora invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 13/09/2021 & onwards on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in

SI. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Rupee in lakh)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration for tendering
1	Construction of 60 m span steel girder motor bridge over Kosi River in Km. 02 of Almora-Senar-Chan Motor Road in Almora Constituency District Almora under C.M. Announcement No. 748/2012.	Rs. 5000.00 + 18% GST	6.60 Lakh	60 Days	15 Months	Category "A" & above Bridge Works
2	Improvement & Damarikran work in Simalgaon- Surikhet Motor Road in constituency Dwarahat Under State Sector Distt Almora Km 0 to 5	Rs. 5000.00 + 18% GST	4.05 Lakh	60 Days	15 Months	Class "A" & above in Road work

# Forex reserves rise by \$8.895 bn to record high of \$642.453 billion

**PTI** MUMBAI

The country's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 8.895 billion to reach a record high of USD 642.453 billion in the week ended September 3, RBI data

In the previous week ended August 27, the reserves had surged USD 16.663 billion to USD 633.558 billion, mainly due to a rise in Special Drawing Rights (SDR) holdings. International Monetary Fund (IMF) had made an allocation of SDR 12.57 billion to India.

For the week ended September 3, the increase was on account of a rise in foreign currency assets (FCAs), a major component of the overall reserves, Reserve Bank of



India's (RBI) weekly data released on Friday showed. FCA rose by USD 8.213

billion to USD 579.813 billion in the reporting week, according to the data. Expressed in dollar terms,

the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves were up by

USD 642 million to ÛSD 38.083 billion in the reporting week, as per the data.

Release of pending export incentive dues to help ease liquidity, boost shipments: Exporters

**PTI** ■ NEW DELHI

The Government's decision to release the pending export incentive dues worth ₹ 56,027 crore will help the sector in increasing competitiveness and easing liquidity crunch, according to exporters.

The Plastics Export

Promotion Council of India (Plexconcil) Chairman Arvind Goenka said the release of MEIS (merchandise export from India scheme) incentives of the past two years will be a "great help and support to exporters"

It is estimated that more than ₹2,000 crore will be released to plastic processors, Goenka said, expressing hope that FIBC (flexible intermediate bulk container) bags too would be covered under the announcement as its exports are on a downward trend since MEIS was removed.

The government on Thursday said it will release ₹56,027 crore to exporters India's merchandise exports to touch \$98 billion during Q2 of FY 21-22

Chennai:Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank) on Friday said it forecasts India's total merchandise exports to \$98.45 billion for the second quarter of FY22. According to India Exim Bank, India's merchandise exports during the second quarter of FY22 is expected to be \$98.45 billion and non-oil exports to be \$85.63 billion as against \$74.02 billion and \$66.73 billion respectively logged during the previous year corresponding period.

against pending tax refunds under different incentive schemes for outbound ship-

▲ AXIS BANK LIMITED

### FPIs net investment of ₹7,575 cr in September so far

**New Delhi:**Foreign portfolio investors (FPI) have so far made a total net investment of ₹ 7,575 crore in India so far in September, as per NSDL

The net investment in the equities segment stood at ₹4,385 crore, while that in the debt segment stood at ₹3,220 crore, including those debt investments made through

However, hybrid securities, consisting of the investments in REITs and InvITs, have witnessed a net outflow of ₹30 crore.

ments. The amount will be disbursed to more than 45,000 exporters.

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1.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	URMILA	920060001911050	532230	22-Jun-21	135
2.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	URMILA	920060049644693	426015	22-Jun-21	32.3
3.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	SHERE ALAM	920060052703204	313570	15-Mar-21	109.6
4.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	LAVA KUMAR AGRAWAL	920060051187139	249965	22-Jun-21	42.3
5.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RAGHAVENDRA CHAUBEY	919060060899427	28400	25-Mar-21	10.2
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6.	DARYAGANJ, DELHI [DL]	MEESAM RAZA	919060047899404	55799	19-Jul-21	41.5
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	DARYAGANJ, DELHI [DL]	ANIL KUMAR	920060051243941	81897	21	29
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12.	KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]	DIMPLE SINGH	919060054903275	157077	27-May-21 27-Oct-20	65.8
13.	KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]	MD NAZ	920060049733573	59674	25-Mar-21	21.9
14.	KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]	ABAIS ALAM	919060074767253	42622	27-Oct-20	13.9
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16.	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	VIJAY SINGH	920060016337913	179570	19-Jul-21	96.3
17.	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	SHIVNATH SINGH	920060037121601	517956	20-May-21	187.2
18.	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	DEV VRAT	920060012376758	87516	30-Apr-21	40.3
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19.	NOIDA [UP]	USHA .	920060048530432	1084856	15-Mar-21	394.8
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22.	NOIDA [UP]	RAJ KUMAR	920060049929017	657000	22-Jun-21	73.3
23.	NOIDA [UP]	RAJ KUMAR	920060049929082	387746	22-Jun-21	107.9
24.	NOIDA [UP]	RAM PRAKASH KUMAR	919060082773765	36898	27-Oct-20	7.4
25.	NOIDA [UP]	KULDEEP SINGH	918060004036551	60814	25-Feb-20	5.5
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26.	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	ABHISHEK	920060014819392	58005	19-Jul-21	59.5
27.	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	SANDEEP KUMAR	920060050994134	260734	7-Aug-21	81.4
28.	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	LAVA KUMAR AGRAWAL	920060050561624	170780	20-May-21	58.6
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29.	SECTOR 10A,GURGAON [HR]	BRANCH: SECTOR 14,	920060050085382	27739	25-Mar-21	2.87
30.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	JAGBIR	920060049802653	228783	22-Jun-21	68.3
31.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	MAYANK DIXIT	919060085136992	65102	30-Apr-21	29.1
32.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	NAMRATA MATTOO	919060065882699	895948	27-Oct-20	395.9
33.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	NARENDER KUMAR	920060006731480	352862	22-Jun-21	65.2
34.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	HARISH KUMAR	921060049757262	261586	20-May-21	83
35.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	ARUN KUMAR TARAI	920060050212597	224554	26-Dec-20	79.4
36.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	AMIT BERA	921060049667994	119679	22-Jun-21	19.4
37.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	ARUN SO OMPARKASH	919060005715588	175479	25-Feb-20	69.2
38.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	BHOLA PASWAN	919060070597467	117933	18-Jan-21	51.4
39.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	KUMAR AKASH	919060075031072	115370	25-Mar-21 27-Oct-20	59.3
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43.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	VIJAY SINGH	920060049597296	68453	22-Sep-20	21.9
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44.	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	POONAM SINGH	920060050430753	690379	22-Jun-21	27.2
45.	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	SHIV KUMAR	920060017781825	332810	19-Jul-21	113
46.	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	SHIV KUMAR	921060051343446	238038	19-Jul-21	94.6
47.	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	NITIN JINDAL	920060050791618	173036	18-Jan-21	61.1
48.					Recall Linked NPA-27-Jul-	
	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	JITU KUMAR SINGH	920060050081377	129000	21	46
49.	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	ANIL KAPOOR	919060044569775	107564	25-Feb-20	30.2
50.	SECTOR 16, FARIDABAD [HR]	VISHAL MEENA	919060044613050	61115	27-Oct-20	25.2
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55.	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	KANHAIYA KUMAR	921060053576435	397271	18-Jul-21	75
56.	SWASTHYA VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	KANHAIYA KUMAR	921060053329936	351909	22-Jun-21	57.6
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BRANCH: VAISHALI,



**ARJUN KAPOOR** 

'The film's (Sardar Ka Grandson) concept is a fresh perspective on an amazing bond. Neenaji is a very fine performer and a giving co-actor which contributed to our chemistry in the film. I have immense love and respect for her and look forward to collaborating

with her again, soon.



#### **GAUTAM RODE**

'It (Devon Ke Dev Ganesha) was mesmerising and amazing to shoot for this song. After so long, one felt touched to see the pandal and the stage. The voice of Javed Ali makes this a total entertainer for this festive season. I hope the audience enjoys the same.

### SHORTCIRCUITS



**SUPRIYA PATHAK** 

https://www.dailypioneer.com/vivacity/

'I have played the character of a mom many times. but portraying Sargun opened different avenues for me as an actor and I got to explore the many shades of the character in Tabbar. I enjoyed working with director Aiit Pal Singh and other co-stars.'



#### **VIVANA SINGH**

'I have a very cute bond with Ganpati Bappa, I usually tie a rakhi to him each vear and call him 'Gannu bhaiyya' because I actually feel like Bappa is my brother. We pray, celebrate, eat without thinking of our diet and connect with people. A very happy Ganesh Chaturthi to one and all.

#### **PENELOPE CRUZ**

'I practised meditation as a teenager, then took the transcendental meditation courses. I chose to dedicate myself to iit. I have a trait that I inherited from my mother, who was equally demanding with herselff. She used to very busy. Now, she tells me that I have to relax, rest and find time for myself."



# FYE OF THE STORM

# International award-winning writer, independent filmmaker JENNIFER ALPHONSE went to Afghanistan to shoot her film and returned to tell the tale. By SAIMI SATTAR

woman. A filmmaker. In Afghanistan. While separately, the Afgnanistan. While separately, the three words are nothing out of the ordinary, the confluence can be explosive, figuratively...and literally. Jennifer Alphonse, the Hyderabad-based international awardwinning writer, independent filmmaker and producer has been there, done that. While her work encompasses a wide range of subjects, styles and techniques in documentaries, short films, commercials, music videos and more, it is *Habeeb*, a video that she put out on August 15 — the day that Taliban captured Kabul — that grabbed eyeballs. Gleaned from snippets of her shoot in the troubled country in 2017, for a film that is yet to be completed, the wistful montage against the background score in Pushto

Even earlier the filmmaker has delved into topics that weren't approached by others. Her debut documentary, Kachra, which traced two rag pickers, won three Golden Nandi State Awards. Her second, Strangersss, inspired by an Indian cab driver who saved a foreigner, was selected at the Cannes Short Film Corner and won more than 14 international awards. Alphonse's first full-length documentary, The Take Over, featured conversations with Indian filmmakers and technicians and won the Royal Reel Award at Canada International Film Festival, 2016, and featured at the Cannes Festival in short film corner segment and won 12 interna-

tional awards. She documented ancient traditions, customs and artistic heritage of tribes from Telangana in *Nagoba Jathar* that won three prestigious awards at Quetzalcoatl Indigenous International Film Festival, Mexico. Another documentary, Gussadi, allowed Alphonse to capture hundreds of photographs, that are now part of the book, Gussadi - The Celebration of Being God.

turmoil, it seems, forever. But what are your impressions behind the head-

Excerpts from an interview:

I feel about the country because I've been there. I know how warm the people are and the way they are projected in the media. There is heartache and I feel

 $K^{\text{inshuk Vaidya did some}}_{\text{major roles as a child artist}}$ 

and then hibernated for a while, focussing on his academics and personal life, only to

return into the scene with a bang. With shows like Ek Rishta Saajhedari Ka, Radha

Krishn, Jaat Na Poocho Prem

enthusiastic Kinshuk con-

light on them. Moreover, we

have mainly targetted the

young audience and have

implemented true stories

around them. These kinds of

shows make people aware of

the events that are taking place in society nowadays," he

explained.

sad about them. Several of my friends have left the country. Once they do, there will be some respite. But I feel sad for all the ones left behind and helpless as I can't

do much except pray.

The day the blast took place at the airport, my friend was actually supposed to board a flight. For some reason, he didn't go... and thank God for that as the entire family was saved.

### \*So, was *Habeeb* released due to the capture of Kabul? What have been the reactions like?

This release of the song was not planned for release now, it got delayed earlier for several reasons. It was a sheer coincidence that it happened now. We did it for several reasons... August 15 is our Independence Day and the song talks about patriotism. Also, my project got greenlit on August 15... so a lot of nings came together.

My producers and I understand that it is not sure when the crew and actors, especially the Afghans, who worked for the film will come together and finish it as each one has migrated to a different country. If the Taliban does not allow cinema, it will become one of the last films shot in Afghanistan. So, Habeeb was a dedication to all the actors and technicians and the people of Afghanistan. At the same time, it is a glimpse to showcase what we have shot there. So, instead of it being in Hindi, the language in which the film was being made, we thought it would be best to have it in

#### ♦ When were you in Afghanistan? How much of it remains to be shot?

We had shot for close to 25 days and had a month left before twin suicide blasts near the Afghan Parliament in January 2017 forced us to come back. We our equipment as the second half of the story was to be shot completely in Afghanistan. Our producer, Habeeb Safi is also an Afghan. But things went haywire. We thought we'll bring them to India but there were visa issues. Now, of course, we aren't going back.



♦ What were the difficulties you faced while shooting and how did you overcome those?

We experienced near-death situations three-four times. A couple of times, we were informed by intelligence that there was a sniper aiming at us. The suicide bombers, which forced us to return, had actually we were shooting on land mines and had to evacuate. At one point people thought we were Pakistanis and arrested us. There was a big scene and my producer had to come running with permission and clearance papers to prove that we were legitimate filmmakers from India who could actually be googled! It was only then that they believed and let us shoot... There is so much that I am planning to write a book about what we went through.

But we were ready for it as we knew we weren't going to Switzerland (laughs). Even when we were in Delhi people were questioning us as to why we were going to shoot a film", they replied, "Isn't there any other place to shoot in?" But I don't regret it. It was worth it. With the current situation, I would have regretted it if I would have not gone. It was a lifetime opportunity to see, meet and bring to life my imagination... I feel so lucky and, also, blessed.

#### \*Afghanistan is a very patriarchal country even without the Taliban. Did people have problems following orders given by

My crew, not at all. When it was announced that an Indian crew was coming with me at its helm, more than 200 actors came forward for auditions. Technicians who had worked in Iranian, German, Polish and other international projects signed up for the project.

The 30 actors and the technicians had no problems in taking orders from me or looking up to me as a director. I got my respect. They had no qualms when I wanted retakes. Hanif Humghum, a senior actor, who was in Kabul Express was also

Everyone was very protective. The entire crew was very protective as they knew that, outside the bubble, things were not safe

I only had one problem, the language barrier which was taken care of by Nasir Hashmi, my first AD, who was from Kabul. The cast and crew understood my gestures and when either side spoke, he translated.

Very few women wore a burqa.. maybe only about 10 per cent though they did cover

### ♦So, you were shooting in the interiors as

We were shooting everywhere. other platform... Panjshir (the stronghold of Northern Alliance which fell to the Taliban recently). We even shot in a Pakistani truck...

**♦** And while watching *Habeeb*, I thought that this kind of art is usually seen on

It is the only truck that goes from Rawalpindi to Jalalabad and I was waiting for it as the character travels the route. I wanted it in the film else people would not have believed that we actually shot there. We had fantastic experiences... people did call me mad. And there was a bunch of madcaps that went with me. Today, I am proud of the work we did because these people believed in the film and the story.

People often do not put out work before the film release but this (Habeeb) was needed. Going, shooting and coming back alive were achievements. It's important to cherish those moments as we don't know what the situation would be like in art or cinema.

#### **♦**Not many people make documentaries in India. The adulation of the audience is reserved for feature films.

When I went to Paris and Cannes, I saw the respect, love, adulation that documentary filmmakers get. It is unparalleled even by mainstream filmmakers. Here, people still ask me, "When are you making a film?" Documentaries are not considered 'films'. These two are different platforms.

Stories should be told in different for-

mats. We are in the digital age and have different platforms so why should you put yourself in one box. I love to experiment with all formats. Feature films, documentaries, books, animation... whatever form and platform it takes to tell the story in the most engaging manner.

In feature films, you control the story, the lighting, the actor. In documentaries, that does not happen. Events are live and that maza (enjoyment) is different. There is no manipulation. Of course, you are telling a story so there is a voiceover. You are capturing everything raw and translating it for

an audience to see.

I am kicked about both. And every

### **♦**Future projects?

There are other two documentaries which I have to completed and there is another Telugu feature film which I have finished but is delayed thanks to covid. And then, there are ads... my basic

# Envisaging change

KINSHUK VAIDYA is hopeful to create an impact with his new show Jurm Ka Chehra. By Khushbu Kirti



"The very idea of *Jurm Ka* Chehra is not just presenting a crime show to the viewers, but boy next door. The entire look a very contemporary crime that we developed for this show. Post-covid, there are a show also is very mature, more number of online frauds, hackserious than all that I have ing of accounts, and social done till now. I got the oppormedia crimes that have tunity to do something very occurred. We have picked up different and I accepted it such stories and have thrown

with open arms." "I make sure I know the cases thoroughly. If an anchor wants, he/she could skip this particular step. However, I've always wanted to connect with the stuff I do. I like to lend a personal touch, make my viewers understand in an easier manner. They are extremely interesting stories, too, so that makes my job easier," he added.

On pointing out the fact that the TV actor has inspired Crime is dynamic, it the current generation, making them believe in the power of a evolves with time. On stating magic pencil in his most loved the obvious, the more horrenshow *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*, the actor responded, "That is dous a crime is, the more modern audiences seem to enjoy it, Kinshuk laughed. especially why I am so excited for this show. I have always "Personally I don't know why been perceived by my wellthat is. I have observed that a wishers as a sweet chocolatelot of fathers, after their very

hectic day, come home to watch crime shows while having their meals. They are probably curious about what is happening around them."

Commenting on true crime content, he continued, 'But on a serious note, sometimes, I am shocked at the level of atrocities committed. I asked the director once if it really had happened, something about a lover chopping the other person's body into tiny pieces, and was appalled to hear that it was, in fact, inspired by true affairs. The makers tell us that they are supposed to pitch stories from real life to make it as authentic as possible. The whole motive around the show is

creating awareness." Talking about his role as a host of the show, Kinshuk stated, "Jurm Ka Chehra is a mix of both old shows and new ones, it is a little contemporary than the old shows we have

grown up watching like CID and Crime Patrol. The idea of having a younger host is so that the show reaches the younger audience. A young audience base is always good because it means you're investing in the future. Because it is very difficult to change the mindset of the older generation. It has been set since their childhood. The aim is to impact people and bring about change.

Answering what it felt like returning to his passion after a significant period of time, and whether his childhood accolades helped him, he said, "Yes, it was wonderful coming back to the screen. I returned in 2016 with Ek Rishta Saajhedari Ka, which was an amazing show. I believe Shaka Laka Boom Boom and others will always add to what I do. I've always focussed on doing good work, rather than big work. So, doing movies or web series isn't exactly a set goal. I have never felt pressurised. This is what I love to do. Anything good that comes my way, I tend to embrace it immediately. I don't think twice about it."

"You never know when channel Q becomes huge, in a year or so. They have bigger plans, to come up with more shows, more original content. I think I am privileged to be a part of the first original serial that they have produced," he spoke about the new channel

# From real to reel and back to real?

Amid the promotions of her latest film, *Thalaivii*, KANGANA RANAUT shares that if people support her, she could very well try her hand at politics. By Christy Varghese

Irrespective of one's opinion on Kangana Ranaut, most folks won't deny that the prolific actor is someone who carries herself with poise and elegance. And that delicate charm was on display when she greeted us with folded arms, accompanied by producer Vishnu Vardhan Induri as they were in town for a press conference for

The film, based on the life of Indian actor-turned-politician, J Jayalalithaa, was shot simultaneously in Tamil, Telugu and Hindi and was set to release in theatres earlier this year however, the second wave of the pandemic pushed plans forward. Thalaivii finally released yesterday on single screens and multiplex chains, which would be playing the Tamil and Telugu versions of the film, courting critical acclaim on multiple fronts.

Coming back to the press conference, Ranaut's voice faltered as she takes the mic and said with a sheepish smile, "Don't worry, it's not Covid. I got a test done, and this is just a cold. I think the hectic promotions got to me."

The first question posed was something that was on everyone's mind; how much of the film is based on real elements? And without batting an eyelid, Induri replied, Thalavii, the film, is based on the book Thalaivi by Ajayan Bala, which is based on facts and we haven't deviated from it."

When asked if there was any scope of her mirroring the life of Jayalalithaa, with a foray in politics, especially since she is particularly vocal about matters concerning national interest, Ranaut responded, "I am a nationalist and I speak for the country not because I am a politician but because I consider myself a responsible citizen. As far as entering politics is concerned, I might need a lot of support from the public but right now I am happy to be an actress. But if



tomorrow people like me and support me, then definitely I would love to.'

She went on to share, "As a member of the general populace, we are extremely harsh with politicians. I myself was someone who would regard politicians in a poor light. That those who are in power were simply lucky. However, working in Thalaivii helped me gain a much more nuanced understanding of politics. I realised that they are people just like us, who have a lot going on in their lives, with their share of problems. There are several layers to each person's life and politicians are no different. A politician's life is not as easy as you would expect, they have to deal with some serious challenges."

Moving on, she expressed that Jayalalithaa has grown to become her personal hero. "Thalaivii serves as a reminder that it is not necessary to pull a man down to empower women. It highlights the role of MGR, played by Arvind Swami in the film, who encouraged and helped her. Personally, I started admiring her when I found out how she walked her talk. As we all know, when she was assaulted by members of the state assembly, she went on to famously say that she will come back as the chief minister of the state. And that is what



she precisely did! She served as Tamil Nadu's CM six times," Ranaut observed.

She was also quizzed about whether she felt she had done justice to the role, to which Ranaut replied, "We all know the stature Jayalalithaa had achieved in her lifetime. There are temples dedicated to her. I remember when it was announced that I would be playing her, there was an immense backlash by the masses. It was asked, why is a North-Indian like me playing the role of Jayalalithaa? But today those very peo-

ple are praising me." Induri pitched in, "It was not just her prowess as an actor that made Ranaut a good fit for the role, her dedication to her work is renowned — she puts herself at the disposal of the director — and it was a delight to work with her as a producer. She stood by the team and told us, the producers that we should do whatever it takes to recover the investment we have made. When was the last time you heard of an actor carrying themselves in such a remarkable straightforward manner?"

Well, everyone can agree with that. After the release of the Telugu and Tamil versions in theatres, Thalaivii is set to release in Hindi on Netflix, tentatively two weeks after the theatrical release.





# RAVELBUG



# AMOUTHEU OF SEA

Walking from Coogee to Bondi Beach, AKASH AGRAWAL revels in the breathtaking oceanic views

route," said Niyati, my cousin and tour guide for the day, as we trekked to Bondi Beach. We left from Wolli Creek to undertake one of Sydney's must-take coastal walks, after eating a croissant and orange juice for breakfast. We started our walk from Coogee, where most people end the trail. A sun-flushed hiker grinned at me on his way up as I squeezed past in the opposite direction. Wading through stories, stairs and ocean cliffs, Sydney's architectural marvels — the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge loomed up as my first two panoramic views. I was soon convinced that a 10-km long trek down a coastal hill might be worth all the hassle. If honesty was something to abide by, the idea of walking for six km forward to since I don't particularly enjoy long walks. It was here that Niyati with many scintillating clinched the deal. arguments

A spoiler: I couldn't agree more when she said that the trek offered striking geology, some no-fuss encounters with nature, epic Australian landscapes, dramatic cliff tops and deep oceanic bays. In short, a photographer's paradise! I made sure that my camera batteries were well-charged the night before.

The route that one takes depends upon one's convenience. The one from Bondi to Coogee Beach is more popular even though we did it the other way round.

#### THE JOURNEY TOWARDS THE END

Tucked within Sydney's eastern suburbs, the easiest way to reach Coogee is to take a bus to the nearby stations the Central or the Green Square. We chose the former and boarded bus number 372. One can also book a cab but it weighs a little heavy on the pocket.

We got down the bus and headed towards the trail and walked past a series of cafes before reaching the staircase. The expanse of neon blue lagoon dominates the sight as far as the eyes can see. Naturally, it makes it to all travellers' social media profiles. Although the primary rea-

son for taking the reverse route was a match that we had to catch later at the SCG stadium near Bondi beach, we soon realised that the other trail would have been slightly tougher. Taking the Coogee to Bondi route saved us some slack. The trail is full of boardwalks but some areas are rocky

### AN OASIS OF JOY

A raised boardwalk, a small wetlands area and an

underwater trail us to Gordon's Bay, a secluded oasis near Clovelly's Beach. Since we had just begun the journey, I clicked a few photographs of the stunning blue water and carried on. The Bay can only be accessed via the coastal walkway and I felt grateful to have taken it.

The path towards Clovellv Beach was steeper (and if taken from Bondi to Coogee, this could probably turn out to be the steepest point). There is a concrete platform to stroll along the waterside or plunge into the ocean.

# BOLLYWOOD WAS HERE & (NATURALLY) SO WAS I

Traipsing through a graveyard may not be everyone's idea of fun. People like me



(Clockwise from top left): Steep staircase on the way to Clovelly Beach; Waverly Cemetery; the beachside cafes have a variety of food and drinks; the sea makes for a perfect backdrop for pictures; Bondi Beach and Aamir Khan during the shoot of Tanhayee which has made the spot popular with Indian tourists



assume it to be a place of solemnity and sorrow rather than a venue for recreation or leisure. My view, however, changed drastically as we stopped by the Waverly Cemetery on our way towards Bondi. It occurred to me that burial sites might not always be morbid but may bear witness to history and arts. Waverly is, the most famous and, the only one in Sydney that can be called the 'cemetery with a view'. I added Cemetery Tourism to my repository of wisdom.

Now, the truth of the matter. The place held me captive primarily because I am a Bollywood buff. I recalled the iconic scene from Dil Chahta Hai (2001) that had been shot here. And the destination's 'Bollywood connect' was one of Niyati's main ploy which

striking geology, some no-fuss encounters with nature, epic **Australian** landscapes, dramatic cliff tops and deep oceanic bays. In short, a photographer's paradise

the trek offered

convinced me to make the trek. However, I didn't know the exact scene. Once, we reached the cemetery, the song Tanhayee, starring Aamir Khan as Akash in the film, practically started playing in my head on a loop. This was certainly the highlight of this trek! Coming across something related to Bollywood in a foreign land hits the sweet spot, doesn't it? I now knew why the Waverly Cemetery is a hotspot on the city's tourism map for Indian visitors.

### AROUND THE LAST MILE

Our next stop was Bronte Beach, one of the larger beaches, on this route. It offered a resting park for the passersby

to relax, drink and admire the landscape. It was a bright, sunny afternoon so sunbathing sessions and family picnics seemed to be the order of the day. We then reached Tamarama Beach, the smallest and, one of Sydney's favourites. The beach is famous for Bondi Icebergs, an outdoor swim-

ming pool, alongside the shore. We finally came to the vantage point which revealed the Bondi beach in all its glory. My camera was poised to click a bird's eye view of the coast. But I was unprepared for the large swathe of the ocean with its mix of beauty and biology. It was a perfectly calming moment irrespective of the surging crowd. The phrase, happiness is found in the most unexpected places' holds true for such moments. Finally, exhausted, but thrilled by the walk, we headed straight to grab a bite at the nearby cafés. If I were to list the 'Top 10

things to do in Sydney, this coastal walk would top the chart. If one prefers seaside runs, this route cannot be missed. And if one seeks for the uncertain and the unusual, like me, this should figure in your go-to destination.



# Did Shastri, Kohli pay enough heed to BCCI's health protocols?

he cancellation of the fifth Test between India and England at Old Trafford on Friday due to a Covid-19 outbreak in the visitors' camp has led to questions being raised over head coach Ravi Shastri's book release function in London where health safety protocols went for

It was after that book release event at a five-star facility ahead of the fourth Test that Shastri along with bowling coach Bharat Arun, fielding coach R Sridhar and physio Nitin Patel tested positive. All of them were fully vaccinated.

However, things took a turn for the worst when assistant physio Yogesh Parmar was found positive and apprehensive Indian team decided against taking the field in the match which was called off two hours before toss.

Indian captain Virat Kohli and his teammates were present at the function where outside guests were also allowed and most of them were unmasked owing to relaxation of rules across the United Kingdom.

It is learnt that neither Shastri nor Kohli took any written permission from the BCCI on attending the function at the team hotel.

"No permission was sought either from president (Sourav Ganguly) or from the secretary (Jay Shah). Perhaps they might have thought that since health safety rules have been relaxed in the UK, they didn't need permission," senior BCCI official said.

This brings into focus, the role of team's administrative manager Girish Dongre, whose job is to ensure that all paper work and necessary protocols are in place for



'There is very little chance

that Shastri and Kohli will be penalised for this act of theirs with the T20 World Cup around the corner (in October). Also Shastri is leaving for good after that.

"Kohli is the captain. May be a rap on the knuckles at best. May be it's good time to ask Dongre that what's his domain of work as an administrative manager," the official said.

It is now an open secret that skipper Virat Kohli led the players in their demand for cancellation of the match and they were successful in having their way after several rounds of talks with BCCI brass as well as England Cricket Board Chief Executive Tom Harrison who tried to convince a "visibly scared Indian skipper".

Kohli, however, would just

'The BCCI wanted them to play but such were the anxiety levels among some notable senior players that both boards were concerned about their

Following angoing conversations with the BCCI, the ECB can confirm that the fifth Test at Emirates Old

Trafford, due to start

today, will be

stand that they were scared of another 10-day isolation and bubble life," the official said.

"But the point here is that why didn't they apply common sense when they agreed to attend Shastri's book launch where outsiders were allowed? he asked.

That event is now being seen as a super spreader affecting four support staff members apart from Shastri.

So the question that is now being asked in the BCCI corridors is whether secretary Jay Shah's letter asking the team to avoid crowds after Rishabh Pant tested positive during the break after the World Test Championship final, was at all taken seriously? In that particular letter, Shah had asked the players not to attend crowded events like the Wimbledon and the European Cup football, where some of the members of the contingent were seen.

"Yes, there has been relaxation in the UK but they could have avoided this gathering of outsiders. These people attended social gatherings and then when there was a case, they got

# **Proposed Test could** be one-off: Harrison

**PTI** ■ MANCHESTER

The Test match that BCCI has proposed to play in lieu of the cancelled fifth Test here would be a one-off game, England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chief executive Tom Harrison said on Friday.

"No, I think it's a standalone situation. We have been offered a few other options, probably need to take a look (at those)," Harrison told *Sky* Sports when asked whether it would be a stand-alone game or the series-decider.

"The glass half full version of it is that the prospects of playing a one off Test match against India as a focal point on this ground, let's try to deliver on that. It can be the only good news that comes out of a day like today," he added.

If the rescheduled match is a one-off engagement than India would be deemed winners of the series as it stands right now, something that has not been officially confirmed

The most likely window for the rescheduled game is July next year when India would be here for a limited-overs' assign-

# Delhi capable to perform even better in 2nd half of IPL: Smith

 $D_{\rm League}^{\rm elhi}$  Capitals batsman Steve Smith says his Indian Premier League side will have to play their best cricket in the second half of this year's cash-rich T20 tournament if they want to

With 12 points from six wins out of eight games, DC are currently at the top of the standings.

Smith believes the Rishabh Pant-led team has the potential to do even better in the second half of the IPL to be played in UAE from September 19 to October

We have to pick up from where we left



we can play our best cricket in the final," the 32-year-old Australian said in a DC release.

certainly have to rebuild itself

"It's been a few months since we have played together so we have to build again. We have a great squad and we have Shreyas Iyer back in the side as well, which adds a lot more to us. He's a quality player and good to see him back out in the park."

# He said the team will for the remainder of the IPL.

# Wasn't outbreak of Covid, it was perception of what might happen that caused cancellation: ECB CEO

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

"gutted" England Cricket A Board (ECB) CEO Tom Harrison on Friday said it was the Indian players' anxiety over "what might happen" and not the Covid-19 outbreak itself that caused the cancellation of the fifth and final Test here even though all efforts were made to comfort the visitors.

Harrison said the develop-

ments of the past couple of days have been devastating and everything necessary was done to convince the Indian players, who were spooked by assistant physio Yogesh Parmar's positive Covid-19 test on Thursday and refused to take the field. "It's a really sad day, my

heart goes out to fans. We are absolutely Internationally this game gets astronomical audience. It became clear yesterday around lunch time that there was a problem in terms of the anxiety level in the Indian team.

"It wasn't an outbreak of Covid, it was a perception of what might happen post the physio testing positive. Over the course of the day, we tried to give as many different assurances that we could to give comfort to the players," he

Harrison said "medical people who understand this virus" were brought in to talk to the players on Thursday but they were clear about not playing the match. Their concern was positive tests during the match, which would have led to longer quarantine in England and possible loss of game time at the IPL starting September 19.

# MI, CSK, Punjab players to fly commercial; 6-day quarantine

Dubai: Mumbai Indians stars including skipper Rohit Sharma are leaving for Dubai on Saturday while CSK and Punjab Kings have also made individual travel arrangements with BCCI's plans for a charter flight on September 15 aborted after cancellation of the fifth Test. For MI, the other players who would be leaving for Dubai are Jasprit Bumrah and Suryakumar Yadav. Ravindra Jadeja, Cheteshwar Pujara, Shardul Thakur, Moeen Ali and Sam Curran are part of the CSK squad and captain K L Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Mohammad Shami and Dawid Malan are the Punjab players who are in Manchester. "The BCCI isn't arranging any charter flights since the Test match has been cancelled. So every franchise is making their own travel arrangement. Since they are all flying commercial, they will be doing six-days of room quarantine," a senior IPL official said.

# Messi breaks Pele's record

ionel Messi scored a hat-trick to overtake Pele as the top inter-Linational goalscorer in South American football history on Thursday as Argentina cruised to a 3-0 victory over Bolivia in their 2022 World Cup qualifier.

to keep Argentina firmly on course for a place at next year's finals in Qatar against a Bolivia team languishing near the foot of the table. The 34-year-old Paris Saint-Germain forward, making his 153rd appearance for Argentina, drew level with Pele's longstanding mark

of 77 goals in the 14th minute, nutmegging a defender and then curling a sublime shot past Bolivia goalkeeper Carlos Lampe. The Argentina captain then moved one clear of Pele in the 64th minute with his second of the night, surging into the Bolivian box and playing a one-two with Lautaro Martinez before tucking away

a finish from close range. Messi completed the seventh international hat-trick of his career two minutes from time, burying a rebound from close range after a shot from the edge of the area was only parried by Lampe.

"I've waited a long time for this," an emotional Messi said afterwards. "Now I'm going to enjoy it, it's a unique moment after waiting so long. I am very happy," he added. The former Barcelona star's great rival Cristiano Ronaldo holds

the outright record for goals scored in international football with 111 from 180 games

### BRAZIL STAY PERFECT

Elsewhere leaders Brazil maintained their 100 percent qualifying record with a 2-0 win over Peru in Recife.

Everton Ribeiro and Neymar scored the goals for an under-

strength Brazil, who were missing nine Premier League stars. Brazil have now won all eight of their qualifying games and have 24 points Uruguay moved into third place in the

time winner from Gaston Pereiro gave them a 1-0 win over Ecuador. Ecuador are fourth on 13 points, level with Colombia who advanced up the table with a convincing 3-1 win over Chile.

standings with 15 points after an injury-

### **CR7 TO PLAY TODAY**

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has revealed Cristiano Ronaldo will make his first Manchester United appearance since his blockbuster move from Juventus when Newcastle visit Old Trafford on

United manager Solskjaer confirmed on Friday that Ronaldo would play at least some part in the Premier League clash with Newcastle but it remains to be seen whether the five-time Ballon d'Or winner will start or come off the bench.

"He's been having a with

good pre-season with Juventus, he's played for the national team, he's had a good week with us

here," Solskjaer said.
"He will definitely be on the pitch at some point, that's for sure."

# Proteas down SL in T20 opener | Rampaul back in WI WT20 squad

Disciplined bowling and a quickfire 48 by Aiden Markram helped South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 28 runs in the first T20I on Friday. Markram's 33-ball knock

guided South Africa to 163-5,



# ther. This 77th, 78th and 79th international goals cricket: ACB CEO to CA

Kabul: Afghanistan Cricket Board (AČB) CEO Hamid Shinwari on Friday asked Cricket Australia (CA) to reconsider its decision not to host its men's team for a Test in November after the Taliban banned women from playing sport, saying such a move will only isolate the strife-torn country. In a statement, ACB CEO Hamid Shinwari expressed "shock and immense disappointment" at the potential cancellation of the Australia-Afghanistan Test, which it described as "sudden and unexpected". The ACB CEO said there

is an alternative to cancelling this "significant, history making Test match". But, instead of offering any such alternative, the ACB said it is "powerless to change the culture and religious environment of exist in the country.

Afghanistan."

"We ask Cricket Australia and the whole cricketing world to keep the door open for us, walk with us, do not isolate us and avoid penalising us for our cultural and religious environment," Shinwari said.

"We accept that CA sees cricket as 'a sport for all and we support the game unequivocally for women at every level'.

"We understand, too, why 'if recent media reports that women's cricket will not be supported in Afghanistan are substantiated', CA might believe they have 'no alternative' but to refuse to host the scheduled Test match," he said.

Shinwari said it fears that if other countries follow CA, then Afghanistan will be alienated from the cricket world and the game may cease to

a total they defended by restricting Sri Lanka to 135-6 to lead the three-match series 1-0 in Colombo Skipper and left-arm spin-ner Keshav Maharaj led the

bowling with impressive figures of 1-19 on his T20 debut to flatten the Sri Lankan batting despite a career-best unbeaten 66 by Dinesh Chandimal. with his attacking innings laced

with one four and two sixes to

add to the South African total after they elected to bat first. Openers Quinton de Kock (36) and Reeza Hendricks (38) set the tone with a stand of 73 before losing their wickets to leg-spinner Wanindu

Markram put on 65 runs off 35 balls for the fourth wicket with David Miller, who hit 26 off 15 deliveries, to take the attack to the opposition

bowlers. Sri Lanka lost wickets at regular intervals in their chase with Avishka Fernando run out for 11 and Maharaj getting Bhanuka Rajapaksa out lbw for nought.

Chandimal then played a valiant innings to record his sixth T20 half-century and surpass his previous best of 58. He hit five fours and two sixes in his 54-ball knock.

The second match is on Sunday at the same venue.

Defending champion West Indies recalled Ravi Rampaul for the first time since 2015 and left out six-hitting star Carlos Brathwaite in their 15man squad for next month's T20 World Cup.

The 36-year-old Rampaul is back in a West Indies T20 squad

"Ravi will boost the team's wicket-taking options in the power-play and the middle phase and will provide another option for the death (late) overs," lead selector Roger Harper said.

Brathwaite hit four consecutive sixes off Ben Stokes in the final over of the 2016 T20 World Cup to win the game for West Indies. The Caribbean side won by four wickets with two balls remaining in the final at Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

Roston Chase was also included, earning a T20I call-up for the first time, mostly due to his form in the Caribbean Premier League.

"Roston Chase has shown that he is a very capable T20 player," Harper said.

"He has shown the ability to knit the innings together while still scoring at a fast rate with a low dot-ball percentage. He will be an excellent foil for the explosive players in the team."

West Indies begin their defense against England in Abu



Dhabi on October 23.

Squad: Kieron Pollard (C), Nicholas Pooran, Fabian Allen, Dwayne Bravo, Roston Chase, Andre Fletcher, Chris Gayle, Shimron Hetmyer, Evin Lewis,

Obed McCoy, Lendl Simmons, Ravi Rampaul, Andre Russell, Oshane Thomas, Hayden Walsh Jr. Reserves: Darren Bravo, Sheldon Cottrell, Jason Holder,

# Nabi named Afghanistan captain

Kabul: Veteran all-rounder Mohammad Nabi has been named Afghanistan skipper for the upcoming T20 World Cup after Rashid Khan stepped down from captaincy protesting the selection of the national squad without his inputs.

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) is yet to officially announce Nabi's appointment as captain but the 36year-old all-rounder tweeted that he has been chosen to lead the team.

"At this critical stage, I

admire the decision of ACB for the announcement of leading the National Cricket Team in T20 Format," the 36-year-old Nabi tweeted.

"... We will present a great picture of the Nation in the upcoming T20 World Cup," said the spin-bowling all-rounder.

one else except for myself,"

become the first British woman

to win a Grand Slam title since

Virginia Wade at Wimbledon

in 1977 and the first British

woman to win the US Open

on Monday, had earlier ousted

Fernandez, who turned 19

since Wade in 1968.

Raducanu is trying to

# Raducanu vs Fernandez in all-teen US Open final

British 18quaİifier Emma Raducanu and Canadian 19year-old Leylah Fernandez completed astonishing runs to their historic first Grand Slam final on Thursday at the US Open.

Raducanu became the first qualifier to ever reach a Grand Slam final, and the youngest Slam finalist in 17 years, by ousting Greek 17th Maria Sakkari 6-1, 6-4. "I'm in the



it," Raducanu said. Fernandez, a 73rd-ranked

left-hander, beat second seed Aryna Sabalenka 7-6 (7/3), 4-6, 6-4, for her third Open win over a top-five rival, a feat not

Williams at Wimbledon in

dreams," Fernandez said. In a real-life epic as amaz-

'Now I can say I've done a pretty good job of achieving my

teen prodigies will meet on Stadium, where one of them will claim her first Grand

"Is there any expectation? Raducanu said. "I'm a qualifier so technically on paper there's no pressure on me." It's the first

Slam final between teens since 17year-old Williams oeat 18-year-old Martina Hingis at the 1999 US Open, and just the eighth allteen Slam final in the Open era

(since 1968).

"I just want to play a final," Fernandez said. "I'm going to enjoy my victory and worry about it tomorrow." Raducanu is the

youngest Slam finalist since 17year-old Maria Sharapova won at Wimbledon in 2004.

She became only the second woman ranked outside the top 100 to reach a US Open final after unranked Kim Clijsters came out of retirement and

won the 2009 US "Today I wasn't thinking about any-

defending champion Naomi Osaka and fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina before Sabalenka, 23, become her third top-five victim.
"I had opportunities but I

didn't use them in the key moments," Sabalenka said. "I didn't play well. She deserved this win." Raducanu could become

the first US Open champion not to lose a set since Serena Williams in 2014.