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# India warns UK of tit for tat on Covishield stand

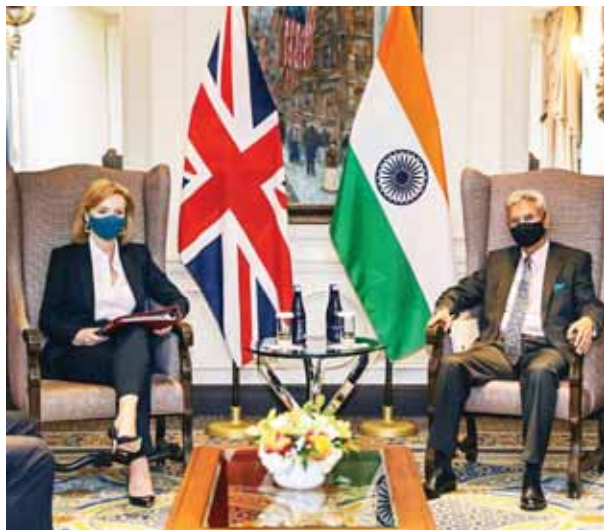
**UK quarantine rule for Indians 'discriminatory', says New Delhi**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking strong exception to the UK Government not recognising the Covishield vaccine and mandating even those Indians who received both its doses to undergo 10 days of self-isolation after their arrival to that country, India on Tuesday termed it as a "discriminatory policy" and warned of a "reciprocal" action.

Sounding this stern note, Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla also said External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar discussed the issue with his British counterpart Liz Truss in New York on Monday. The issue was likely to be resolved soon following certain assurances, Shringla said. "Urged early resolution of quarantine issue in mutual interest," Jaishankar tweeted after he met Truss.

Enunciating India's position, Shringla said the UK decision to not recognise Covishield is a "discriminating policy" thereby creating trou-



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets new UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss in New York PTI

ble for the Indians travelling to England.

In an announcement on Monday, the UK said Indian travelers, who have received both doses of the Covishield, will be considered unvaccinated and will have to undergo self-isolation for 10 days there.

"The non-recognition of Covishield is a discriminating policy and impacts our citizens travelling to the UK. The External Affairs Minister has raised the issue strongly with

the new UK foreign secretary," Shringla said.

Adopting a tough stance, he also cautioned the UK that India is well within its rights to resort to reciprocal action over the new Covid rules.

Addressing a news conference here, the Foreign Secretary said, "The basic issue is that, here's a vaccine — Covishield — which is a licensed product of a UK company manufactured in India of which we have supplied five million doses to the UK at the

request of the Government. But if we don't get satisfaction we would be within our rights to impose reciprocal measures."

The new UK rules said the current "traffic light system" of red, amber, green countries based on levels of Covid-19 risk will be replaced by one red list of countries from October 4. India is currently on the amber list and the expanded list of countries whose vaccines are recognised in the UK does not include India.

The British High Commission in New Delhi has said the UK is working with India on ways to resolve the issue of the Covid-19 vaccine certification issued by Indian authorities.

"We are engaging with the Government of India to explore how we could expand UK recognition of vaccine certification to people vaccinated by a relevant public health body in India," a British High Commission spokesperson said.

"The UK is committed to opening up international travel again as soon as is practicable and this announcement is a further step to enable people to travel more freely again, in a safe and sustainable way, while protecting public health," the spokesperson added.

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# 13 High Courts to get new Chief Justices

**SC Collegium elevates 8, transfers 5**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Collegium on Tuesday officially released its recommendations that would see as many as 13 High Courts getting new Chief Justices, with eight being elevated and five incumbents getting transferred.

This apart, the Collegium also recommended the transfer of 17 High Court judges. The recommendations need the Centre's assent.

The Collegium, headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana and consisting Justices UU Lalit and AM Khanwilkar, recommended the elevation of Justices Rajesh Bindal, Ranjit V More, Satish Chandra Sharma, Prakash Srivastava, RV Malimath, Ritu Raj Awasthi, Aravind Kumar and Prashant Kumar Mishra as Chief Justices of the High Courts of Allahabad, Meghalaya, Telangana, Calcutta, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh respectively.

In another statement, uploaded on the SC website, the apex court provided the list



of five Chief Justices who have been transferred to other high courts. AA Kureshi, CJ of Tripura High Court, has been recommended to become CJ of the Rajasthan High Court, while Justice Indrajit Mahanty, the CJ of Rajasthan High Court, would go to Tripura HC as the CJ, it said.

Chief Justice Mohammad Rafiq of Madhya Pradesh High Court has been recommended to head the Himachal Pradesh HC as the CJ, it said, adding that Chief Justice Biswanath Somadder of Meghalaya High Court would be transferred in the same capacity to the Sikkim High Court. Chief Justice AK Goswami of the Andhra Pradesh High Court has been recommended to become the CJ of the Chhattisgarh High Court, the statement said.

Justice Bindal of Calcutta High Court has been in news recently due to his administrative and judicial decisions in matters related to political

stand-off between the BJP and the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal.

Justice Kureshi, one of the senior-most high court judges in the country, was originally elevated as a judge in the Gujarat High Court and has been in news due to his non-elevation as a judge of the apex court.

As per the third statement uploaded on the apex court's website, the Collegium, in its meeting held on September 16, has recommended "transfer/re-transfer" 17 high court judges. They are Justices Jaswant Singh, Sabina, TS Sivagnanam, Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, MM Shrivastava, Soumen Sen, Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Ujjal Bhuyan, Paresh R Upadhyay, MSS Ramachandra Rao, Arindam Sinha, AM Badar, Yashwant Varma, Vivek Agarwal, Chandra Dhari Singh, Anoop Chitkara and Ravi Nath Tilhari.

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**NCERT BOOKS' REVISION PROCESS SET IN MOTION**

**New Delhi:** The Centre on Tuesday started the process to revise NCERT textbooks by setting up a National Steering Committee for drafting the guiding document that will inform the changes in the school curriculum. The 12-member committee, which has a three-year term, will be headed by former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan, who also headed the drafting committee of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

**AIR MARSHAL VIVEK RAM CHAUDHARI NEW CHIEF**

**New Delhi:** Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari will take charge as the chief of the Indian Air Force after Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria retires on September 30, the Defence Ministry said on Tuesday.

**HC REFUSES RELIEF TO TMC MP IN PMLA CASE**

**New Delhi:** The Delhi High Court on Tuesday refused to grant any interim relief to TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee and his wife seeking quashing of summons issued by the ED in a money laundering case linked to an alleged coal scam in West Bengal.

**AMAZON SPENDS \$1.2B IN LEGAL EXPENSES IN INDIA**

**New Delhi:** US e-commerce giant Amazon, which is said to be investigating alleged bribes paid by its legal representatives in India, spent a staggering ₹8,546 crore or \$1.2 billion in legal expenses for maintaining a presence in the country during 2018-20, sources said. **P9**

# 2 disciples, realtors detained but Mahant's death still a mystery

ABHILASH NARAIN ■ ALLAHABAD

The mystery behind the death of Akhada Parishad chief Mahant Narendra Giri remains unresolved even after 24 hours even as some disciples of the Mahant, including Chhote Mahant and Yoga guru Anand Giri, besides some local politicians and property dealers, have been detained for interrogation.

Amid the clamour of a probe by the CBI or by a sitting judge of the High Court into the matter, the UP Government ordered an SIT investigation into the incident.

Initially, police did not release the alleged suicide note on the pretext that it was being examined thoroughly by the forensic team to ascertain whether or not it was written by the Mahant, but by evening officials of the Home department released the suicide note in Lucknow.

In that suicide note the Mahant has named his disciple Anand Giri, and some others



UP CM Yogi Adityanath pays tribute to Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad president Mahant Narendra Giri Maharaj in Prayagraj on Tuesday PTI

for "threatening and forcing" him to commit suicide. The seer has further mentioned that he was living under stress due to threats issued by those named in the "suicide note".

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# Def, trade, Af on Modi-Biden 1st in-person meeting table

**Sept 24 summit in Washington**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and the US will review their bilateral strategic, defence and trade ties besides the situation in Afghanistan during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's summit with President Joe Biden in Washington on September 24.

The two leaders, who will be meeting in person for the first time since Biden took charge as President early this year, are also expected to figure out ways to deal with radicalisation and terrorism besides major regional issues, Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla said here on Tuesday.

Giving details of the Prime Minister's visit to the US, where he will also take part in the first in-person Quad nations summit in Washington, Shringla said Modi and Biden are expected to deliberate on ways to bolster bilateral ties in trade, investment and defence and security.

Modi will leave for the US on Wednesday and will return



on Sunday.

His delegation will include External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval and Foreign Secretary Shringla among others. Jaishankar is already in the US.

Shringla said the developments in Afghanistan are also likely to come up during Modi-

Biden meet. The Prime Minister will also meet US Vice President Kamala Harris.

Besides holding bilateral talks with the US leaders, the Prime Minister will participate in the first in-person summit of the Quad in Washington on September 24 that is expected to broadly focus on contemporary global and regional issues. In Washington, Modi will also meet a number of top executives of major American companies, Shringla said.

Replying to a question on the recent security partnership among the US, Australia and the UK named AUKUS and its possible impact on Quad, Shringla said the two groups are not similar in nature.

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# First Biden-Modi bilateral meet will strengthen India-US ties: White House

**Washington:** The maiden bilateral meeting between President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday will further strengthen the US-India strategic ties and allow

the leaders to discuss the situation in Afghanistan and how the two countries can work together to fight terrorism, a senior White House official has said. **PTI**

# 2 Army pilots die as Cheetah crashes in Patnitop area

PNS ■ JAMMU

Two pilots of the Indian Army's Aviation Wing succumbed to their injuries after their Cheetah helicopter crashed in Shivgarh Dhar area near Patnitop tourist resort in Udhampur district possibly due to bad weather on Tuesday.

Locals who evacuated the pilots, along with the Jammu & Kashmir Police rushed the injured pilots to a nearby motorable road from where they were shifted to a military hospital.

According to a Jammu-based Defence PRO, Lt Col Devender Anand, "During a training sortie in Patnitop area on Tuesday, Indian Army Cheetah Helicopter crash-landed in Shiv Garh Dhar area in Udhampur district. Both the pilots were critically injured during helicopter crash landing, evacuated to the nearest medical facility but later succumbed to their injuries".

The officers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty have been identified as Major Rohit Kumar and Major Anuj Rajput.

# Covid spread on wane, R-Value sinks to below 1

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The R-value, which reflects the speed of the spread of the Covid pandemic, has dropped to below "1" in most States in India. However, it continues to hover above "1" in Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru.

It dropped in almost all the regions to 0.92 by mid-September after spiralling over 1 in August-end, according to researchers. The R-value of Delhi and Pune are below 1.

The R-value was 1.17 at the end of August. It declined to 1.11 between September 4 and September 7 and since then it has remained under 1.

"The good news is that India's R-value has continued to be less than 1, as is that of Kerala and Maharashtra, the two States having the highest number of active cases," said Sitabha Sinha of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai. Sinha is leading a team of researchers who calculate the R-value.

According to the data, the



A beneficiary receives a dose of Covid-19 vaccine at SDMC School RK Puram1 in New Delhi on Monday Ranjan Dimri / Pioneer

R-value of Mumbai stands at 1.09, Chennai 1.11, Kolkata 1.04, Bengaluru 1.06. The Reproduction number or R refers to how many people an infected person infects on average. In other words, it tells how 'efficiently' a virus is spreading.

After the devastating second wave that saw hospitals and health infrastructure being overwhelmed by the patients infected with SARS-CoV2 coronavirus, the R-value started to decline. During the March-May period, thousands of people died due to the infection, while lakhs were infected.

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# India, France to 'act jointly' to keep Indo-Pacific stable

**New Delhi:** India and France have agreed to "act jointly" in the Indo-Pacific to keep the region stable, rules-based and free of any hegemony, the French president's office said on Tuesday after Emmanuel Macron held a telephonic conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi amid Paris' strong criticism of Australia-UK-US (AUKUS) partnership and Australia's cancellation of a \$40 billion French submarine order.

According to a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office here, Modi and Macron reviewed the increasing bilateral collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region and the important role that the India-France partnership plays in promoting stability and security in the region. **Agencies**

# Trudeau's party wins Canada vote, fails to get majority

**Toronto:** Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party secured victory in parliamentary elections but failed to get the majority he wanted in a vote that focused on the Covid but that many Canadians saw as unnecessary.

Trudeau entered Monday's election leading a stable minority Government that wasn't under threat of being toppled — but he was hoping Canadians would reward him with a majority for navigating the pandemic better than many other leaders. Still, Trudeau struggled to justify why he called the election early given the virus, and the opposition was relentless in accusing him of holding the vote two years before the deadline for his own personal ambition. **AP**

*Detailed report on P8*

# Woman gets no berth in Taliban interim Cabinet

**Kabul:** The Taliban expanded their interim Cabinet by naming more Ministers on Tuesday, but failed to appoint any women, doubling down on a hard-line course despite the international outcry that followed their initial presentation of an all-male Government lineup earlier this month.

The international community has said it will judge the Taliban by their actions, and that recognition of a Taliban-led Government would be linked to the treatment of women and minorities. In their previous rule of Afghanistan in the late 1990s, the Taliban, who adhere to a harsh interpretation of Islam, had barred girls and women from schools, work and public life. **AP**

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# NDA to open doors for women in 2022

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Moving towards gender parity, the elite National Defence Academy (NDA), which trains young boys to become officers, will open its doors for women cadets from May next year. The authorities are establishing suitable infrastructure for the new entrants.

It will be for the first time that women cadets will be admitted to the NDA set up in 1954 in Khadakwasla, Pune, to groom male cadets to be officers. It is the only tri-services training institute in the world.

Three Services chiefs — including General MM Naravane, Admiral Karambir Singh and IAF chief RKS Bhadauria — visited the NDA on August 21 this year to review preparations made to induct women cadets. The visit

came days after the Supreme Court allowed women cadets to appear for the NDA entrance examination.

As regards the latest development, the Defence Ministry has informed the Supreme Court that a notification allowing women candidates to appear for the entrance examination to the NDA will be out by May next year.

Keeping the timeline in mind, deliberate planning and meticulous preparation is needed to ensure smooth induction and seamless training of such women candidates, the Ministry said.

"The Government of India, in line with its commitment, hereby place on record its clear and categorical stand that the women candidates shall be considered for entry in the three defence services, in the



existing streams, through National Defence Academy," said in an affidavit filed before the top court.

The NDA entrance examinations are conducted by the UPSC twice a year and the

Government proposes to have necessary mechanism in place by May 2022, the time by which UPSC is required to publish the first notification next year, for the examination, it said.

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# Committee to draft new curriculum framework formed

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday started the process to revise NCERT textbooks by setting up a National Steering Committee for drafting the guiding document that will inform the changes in the school curriculum.

The 12-member committee, which has a three-year term, will be headed by former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan, who also headed the drafting committee of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The document, known as the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), was last prepared in 2005. The NCF lays down broad guidelines for school syllabus and textbooks.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced last year that school students will study under a new curriculum drawn from the NEP by

2022. Ministry of Education said that the NCF will be drafted "as per the perspectives of the NEP".

"As per the perspectives of the NEP 2020, the Committee will develop four National Curriculum Frameworks- i.e., the National Curriculum Framework for School Education, National Curriculum for Early Care and Education, National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education and National Curriculum Framework for Adult Education," the statement detailing the terms of references of the committee said.

Traditionally, the state governments also follow the NCF in revising their respective school curriculum by involving the State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) which draw up the State Curriculum Frameworks (SCF). The newly constituted NCF has also been directed to draw inputs from the SCFs.

# Air Marshal VR Chaudhari to be new IAF chief

New Delhi: The Government on Tuesday announced that Air Marshal V R Chaudhari, presently Vice Chief of IAF, will succeed RKS Bhaduria, who retires on September 30.

Chaudhari was commissioned into the Fighter stream of Indian Air Force on in December, 1982 and has held various Command, Staff and Instructional Appointments at various levels including the present one as Vice Chief of Air Staff.

He has flying experience of more than 3,800 hours of flying on a wide variety of fighter and trainer aircraft, including missions flown during Operation Meghdoot and Operation Safed Sagar. Chaudhari is an alumnus of National Defence Academy (NDA) and Defence Services Staff College (DSC), Wellington.

As an Air Vice Marshal, he has been Deputy Commandant, Air Force Academy, Assistant Chief of Air Staff Operations (Air Defence) and Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Personnel Officers). He has also held important appointments of Deputy Chief of the Air Staff at Air Headquarters overseeing capital procurements and Senior Air Staff Officer at Eastern Air Command. He was the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Air Command before taking over the present appointment as Vice Chief in July this year.

This is beginning of the change of current line of Service Chiefs with the Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh set to retire end November and Army Chief Manoj Naravane in service till April 2022. Incidentally, all the current chiefs are from the same batch of the NDA. **PNS**

# Black fungus: 3,900 people in Karnataka infected so far

Bengaluru: Karnataka Health Minister K Sudhakar on Tuesday said 3,900 people in the state have been infected by black fungus so far.

"Mucormycosis, also known as black fungus infections, are found after recovery from Covid-19 and 3,900 people have been infected in the state so far," Sudhakar said.

Responding to a question raised by Congress MLA from Bhalki, Eshwara Khandre, in the assembly, he said, considering the treatment for the black fungus infection being costly, the government has decided to provide free treatment.

"96,060 vials of Liposomal amphotericin (the drug required for black fungus) has been procured, and 51,000 have already been distributed to districts," he added.

Regarding shortage in supply of drugs for black fungus in Bidar district, the Minister said there is no shortage of Liposomal amphotericin, but there is shortage of Posaconazole.

"As many as 6,800 Posaconazole tablets we have procured and 6,704 has been sent to districts, but we need more, already indent has been raised, in 3-4 days once we get, it will be sent to districts including Bidar," he added. **PTI**

# Guj HC asks Rlys to give details on impact of railway line passing through Gir Sanctuary on Asiatic lions

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat High Court on Tuesday directed the Indian Railways to file a detailed affidavit on the impact of the proposed broad-gauging and electrification of railway track passing through the Gir Sanctuary on the Asiatic lions and other wildlife in the region. The division bench of Justices N V Anjaria and A P Thaker observed that the measures to protect the Asiatic lions, the pride of not just Gujarat but the entire Asia, is not only expected from the Gujarat government, but from all the authorities who operate within the sanctuary area.

The bench directed the Railway authorities to file an affidavit exhaustively dealing with all aspects of the impact the railway line passing through the Sanctuary has had.

The court was hearing a civil application on the impact of the proposed broad gauging and track electrification of the railway lines and laying of pipelines for gas, oil and optical fibres.

The Railway authorities are expected to make their stand clear by furnishing on oath details about the present railway line passing in the area, the frequencies thereof, the density of passengers, mishaps, if any, which have occurred involving lions because of the running of the trains, the court said in its order.

# Assam orders enquiry into Bodoland encounter

Guwahati: Assam Government on Tuesday ordered an enquiry into the killing of two alleged United Liberation of Bodoland (ULB) militants by policemen, a day after a 12-hour bandh to protest the death brought life in the four districts of the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) to a standstill.

An order issued by Assam Government said Divisional Commissioner of Lower Assam Jayant Narlikar has been directed to inquire into the circumstances leading to the death of two suspected ULB militants in an encounter with the police at Ultapani in Kokrajhar district on September 18.

Narlikar was tasked to submit the report within 15 days. The killing of the two suspected militants evoked widespread protests in the BTR with a 12-hour bandh called by All Bodo Peoples (ABP) shutting down normal life in the region on Monday. **PTI**

# BJP has put J&K on sale, divided people on religious lines: Mehbooba

PTI ■ JAMMU

Accusing the BJP of "dividing" Jammu & Kashmir on religious lines, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday alleged that the Union Territory has been put on sale by the central government.

"Jammu & Kashmir has been put on sale by the government for the people from outside. They want us to become bankrupt in order to make us dependent on (people from) other states," Mufti told reporters here.

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief claimed all projects which were launched

during her tenure as the chief minister of the erstwhile state have been halted by the BJP-led government at the Centre.

"The contracts of liquor businesses under the excise policy have been given to outsiders. Liquor will be consumed by the people of Jammu and Kashmir but the profit will be go to outsiders," she alleged.

She claimed all big projects, including mining contracts, have been allotted to outsiders.

Mufti, who is supporting the Jammu traders' call for bandh on Wednesday against the opening of Reliance retail stores in the city, said the shops will destroy small businesses.



Schoolchildren wade through a waterlogged road after rain in Agra on Tuesday

PTI

# Nagaland signs partnership with not-for-profit firm to tackle child malnutrition & mortality

Kohima: Nagaland Government has inked partnership with an international not-for-profit organisation to help address issues of child malnutrition and mortality of those under five years of age in the state, mission director of National Health Mission (NHM) in the state department of health and family welfare, I Talitemsula Jamir said here on Tuesday.

The partnership will also focus on increasing availability and strengthening the administration of vitamin A, multiple micronutrient supplements (MMS) and deworming interventions, strengthening supply chain mechanism

of the vitamin and deworming tablets, supporting capacity building of frontline workers in health and nutrition interventions, strengthening the Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition Programme (MIYCN) and deliver MMS to pregnant women, Jamir said.

The NHM and the organisation, Vitamin Angels, had signed an MoU earlier this year for technical assistance to strengthen and expand public health nutrition interventions targeted towards children under five and pregnant and lactating women across the state. **PTI**

# NDA to open ...

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The apex court was hearing a plea filed by advocate Kush Kalra which has raised the issue of exclusion of eligible and willing female candidates from joining the prestigious NDA solely on the ground of sex which allegedly is a violation of fundamental right of equality.

The plea said the authorities allow unmarried male candidates having adequate 10+2 qualification to take the 'National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination', but eligible and willing female candidates are not allowed to take the examination on the sole ground of their sex and without any reasonable or justifiable explanations within the Constitution.

It alleged that this act of discrimination is a dishonour committed by the concerned authorities to the Constitutional values of equality and non-discrimination.

The petition stated that UPSC conducts the 'National Defence Academy & Naval Academy Examination' and as per eligibility criteria, any unmarried male candidate with the required educational qualification and aged between 15-18 years can appear in it.

The plea said the candidate, on qualifying the examination and on successful completion of training at the NDA and subsequent training at the respective academy of the service the cadet opts for, gets commissioned into the service as a permanent commissioned officer by the age of 19-22 years old.

This opportunity to take the NDA and Naval Academy Examination at the age of 15-18 years, with the eligible academic qualifications is not available to eligible and willing female candidates and the sole reason for this categorical exclusion is on the basis of their sex, the plea said.

# India warns UK of tit for tat...

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Reacting to the fresh restrictions, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor has cancelled a planned book tour of Britain in protest against the rules. "It is offensive to ask fully vaccinated Indians to quarantine," he said. Another Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said the decision "smacks of racism".

In New York, Jaishankar urged for an "early resolution" of the Covid-19 quarantine issue during his meeting with the newly appointed British Foreign Secretary.

# Def, trade...

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The last time Modi visited the US was in September 2019 when he and the then US President Donald Trump addressed the Howdy-Modi event in Houston.

The US is hosting the in-person summit of the leaders of Quad to boost practical cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region as well as to send a strong signal about Washington's commitment to the grouping. In March, Biden hosted the first-ever summit of the Quad leaders in the virtual format that vowed to strive for an Indo-Pacific region that is free, open, inclusive, anchored by democratic values, and unconstrained by coercion, sending an apparent message to China.

Shringla said the leaders

will also exchange views on contemporary global issues such as critical and emerging technologies, connectivity and infrastructure, cyber security, maritime security, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, climate change and education.

The summit is expected to provide a valuable opportunity for dialogue and interactions among the leaders, anchored in their shared vision of ensuring a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. After concluding his engagements in Washington, Modi will travel to New York to attend the UN General Assembly on September 25. The Prime Minister is scheduled to address the General Debate of the High-Level Segment of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on September 25 in New York.

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# Covid spread...

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The R-value value between September 4-7 was 0.94, 0.86 between September 11-15 and 0.92 between September 14-19.

According to the Health Ministry, the recovery rate currently stands at 97.75 per cent. The weekly positivity rate (2.08 per cent) has been less than 3 per cent for the last 88 days. In the meantime, India recorded 26,115 fresh Covid cases, 13.6 per cent lower than Monday's figures.

The new infections took the country's total caseload to over 22.9 crore. 252 deaths in the last 24 hours pushed the death count to 4,45,385.

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The Collegium has been taking steps by recommending names to fill up a large number of vacancies in higher judiciary in the country. After assuming charge as the CJI in April this year, Justice Ramana has recommended nearly 100 names for appointment to different High Courts, besides filling up nine vacancies of judges in the Supreme Court in one go.

The 25 High Courts in the country have a combined sanctioned strength of 1,080 judges and on May 1, 2021, they were functioning with 420 judges only. The series of recommendations has been made close on the heels of a historic decision to recommend 68 names in one go for judgship in 12 high courts across the country.

Prior to that, in a historic decision on August 17, the Collegium headed by the CJI had recommended nine names, including three women, for elevation as judges of the Supreme Court.

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The Mahant has also blamed the priest of the Hanuman temple, Adya Tiwari, and his son Sandeep Tiwari, but did not elaborate.

"I appeal to Prayagraj Police and local administration to hold people mentioned in the letter responsible for my death and initiate a legal action against them," the Mahant said in the alleged "suicide note".

Baghambari Math possessed huge landed property worth hundreds of crores of rupees, and some of them were sold by the Mahant to builders. This, insiders say is the bone of contention between Mahant Narendra Giri and some of his disciples.

Meanwhile, the UP Police has detained Anand Giri from Haridwar, said an official on Tuesday. Anand Giri was detained on Monday night after a case for abetting suicide was lodged against him, ADG

(Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited Baghambari Gaddi on Tuesday and paid floral tributes to Mahant Narendra Giri. He said whosoever is behind the death of the Akhara Parishad chief would be brought to the books.

He asked the officials, including the ADG Zone, IG Range, and the DIG, besides the divisional commissioner, to monitor the investigation and bring to the fore the truth to unravel the mystery.

"Some clues have been gathered, but they are not enough to draw a conclusion", said the CM after being briefed by the police officers. He also met the sants and Akhara Parishad office-bearers and discussed the process of Bhumi Samadhi for Mahant Narendra Giri.

However, a good number of sants are not ready to accept the suicide theory. They are

terming it as a well-planned murder.

The Mahant was quite strong physically and mentally, so he would not opt for suicide to end his life, they said and raised questions on the recovery of the eight-page suicide note, which was unprecedented.

The official gunner, provided to the Mahant is also being interrogated.

Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, senior ministers in Yogi Adityanath, paid tributes to the slain Mahant. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav too visited Baghambari Math to pay homage to Narendra Giri.

The Panch Parameshwar of the Akhara Parishad will meet on Wednesday to give the final shape to the post-mortem and Bhumi Samadhi date and timing. A five-member team of doctors will be deployed for autopsy.



DEATH DUE TO MEDICAL OXYGEN SHORTAGE DURING COVID

# HC gives AAP nod to set up probe panel

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday said it saw no difficulty in the constitution of a high powered committee (HPC) by the AAP Government to probe the deaths caused by an alleged medical oxygen shortage during the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

The court, dealing with a plea to operationalise the HPC, noted Delhi Government's stand that the committee would not attribute any fault to any hospital and any compensation will be paid and absorbed by the Government alone.

It further recorded that as per Delhi Government, the criteria for determining compensation will be open to scrutiny and its task would not overlap with that of a sub-group constituted by the Supreme Court on allocation and utilisation of oxygen.

"In light of the aforesaid, we see no difficulty in the HPC constituted by GNCTD in discharging its assigned role," said a bench of Justices Vipin Sanghi and Jasmeet Singh which opined that it was not necessary to await the order of the Supreme Court in relation to the grant of ex gratia com-



pensation in terms of guidelines issued by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

"The intent of the GNCTD in issuing the May 27 order (on constitution of HPC) is not to grant ex gratia amount to Covid-19 victim. A perusal of the order would show that the purpose is to examine each complaint/ representation received by the committee in relation to the death of a Covid-19 patient due to lack of oxygen... We do not think it is necessary for us to await the order of the Supreme Court with regards grant of ex gratia compensation to be paid to a victim as decided by NDMA," the court stated.

The court clarified that in case an amount larger than what is being paid presently as

ex gratia compensation is fixed by the NDMA, the "same would also be payable to the victim".

The court went on to record that after keeping its decision to constitute a HPC in abeyance, the Delhi government has "expressed its intention to reinstate" it, however, "due to the difference in opinion (with regards the scope of its mandate) between the council of ministers and the LG, the stalemate is continuing."

During the course of the hearing, the bench said that it would "permit it (HPC) to go on" only if the Delhi government clarifies that the compensation would be paid by them, without fixing any liability on the hospitals.

"The issue here is a legal issue. Can you determine a

fault based liability by a committee (and) fix liability on a third party, which not only puts financial liability but tarnishes professional reputation," the court questioned.

"(If) you say you will fix liability, you are entering into the domain of judiciary and medical council. You can't do it," it added. Senior counsel Rahul Mehra and lawyer Gautam Narayan, representing Delhi government, clarified that the HPC was only a "fact-finding committee" which would not attribute any fault or negligence to a hospital and "compensation was purely going from the government".

Compensation of up to Rs 5 lakh would be calculated by the HPC on the basis of an objective criteria decided by it, which would be open to a challenge by any party, the court was informed.

The lawyers distinguished the compensation awarded by HPC from ex gratia compensation of Rs 50,000 already being paid by the Delhi government and said that the scope of work of HPC would be different from that of the Supreme Court constituted committees on issues with respect to oxygen allocation and other related aspects.

## City logs 39 Covid cases, positivity rate stands at 0.06%

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 39 Covid-19 cases were reported in the national Capital on Tuesday, while the positivity rate stood at 0.06 per cent, according to the city Government's health bulletin.

According to the bulletin, the cumulative case tally stands at 14,38,556, while over 14.13 lakh people have either been discharged or have recovered or migrated out.

"According to the report, a total of 66,278 tests -- 42261 RT-PCR tests and 20017 rapid antigen tests -- were conducted a day ago, the bulletin said. The death toll stands at 25,085 and the case fatality rate is at 1.74 per cent, the bulletin stated.

The Government has taken steps to increase the number of hospital beds and accommodation up to 37,000 cases a day and become self-reliant in terms of oxygen supply.

# Kejriwal promises 80% pvt jobs in Goa for Goans

₹3,000 per month to one youth of every family

NEW DELHI/GOA: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday announced that the AAP will bring in a law to reserve 80 per cent private jobs in Goa for Goans.

Kejriwal also said that every youth will be given employment after the formation of the AAP Government and till the employment is not provided; one youth of every family will be given ₹ 3,000 per month. He announced that ₹5,000 would be provided monthly to families who lost employment due to the shut-down of tourism and mining.

The AAP Government will also establish a Skill University in Goa on the lines of Delhi's DSEU, he said. The Delhi Chief Minister further said that AAP will bring an end to nepotism in government jobs in Goa and the jobs will be made available to the common man.

Kejriwal also attacked the BJP Government in Goa for their "ill-governance" and insensitivity towards the people of the state. The Delhi CM further said that he was happy that the BJP

is copying the Delhi Model in Goa to give free water and doorstep delivery of services as the elections come near; and the people should only elect the original and not faulty duplicates.

Talking about the youth of Goa, the AAP National Convener said, "The youth of Goa are very disturbed as they do not have employment opportunities. Their parents heavily invest in their education, but they are running from pillar to post for jobs. So many poor families who could not afford education got their kids educated somehow by struggling, yet even such kids do not have jobs. We have to create jobs in Goa which only an honest government can do," he said.

"We have made a very elaborate plan for Goa. I will keep coming to Goa to share with you how we will establish schools, hospitals, village clinics, doorstep delivery of services, and how we will fix the roads and the governance system of Goa. Through sheer willpower, we will bring back tourism and mining to their full potential," he added. SR

## Gurdwara body urges AAP to stop painting Golden Temple on walls of underpass

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) chief Manjinder Singh Sirsa on Tuesday wrote to PWD Minister Satyendar Jain requesting him to stop the painting of Golden Temple on the walls on an under-construction underpass at Ashram Chowk here.

Sirsa also termed the act as "disrespectful" to their religion according to the Sikh code of conduct.

"We would like to draw your kind attention to the painting work of Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) that is being carried out by the PWD on the side walls of an underpass being constructed at Ashram Chowk, New Delhi.

"For your kind information, as per the Sikh code of conduct, it is not permissible and considered as disrespectful to our religion. Delhi Sikh Sangat is taking serious objection to it," the letter read.

"You are requested to kindly issue the necessary orders for immediate stopping of the painting work," it added.

Sirsa also shared the letter in a Twitter post.

# Cong demands scrapping of new liquor policy

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar demanded the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government to consider scrapping a new liquor policy in the national Capital.

Kumar said that the Delhi High Court has asked the AAP Government to consider scrapping the law for home delivery of liquor in the new liquor policy. "The court made this observation while hearing a petition questioning the AAP Government's move to make home delivery of liquor, and asked for the Government's response by September 24, 2021," he said.

"Delhi Chief Minister Arvind has been touring poll-bound States like Uttarakhand and Goa, offering free power up to 300 units, and unemployment allowance ranging from ₹ 5000 to ₹3000 per month, while the youth of Delhi are getting no such financial relief despite suffering job loss, loss of livelihoods after the Covid-19 pandemic ravaged their lives, with most families losing one or



more members to the pandemic, and some families losing their sole breadwinners," he said.

Meanwhile Delhi Congress vice-president Jai Kishan said that a 'dalit' mahapanchayat on 25th September will be organized to protest against rising number of crime and atrocities against people belonging to the 'dalit' community.

"The centre and the AAP government in Delhi have turned a blind eye towards the plights of the marginalized community. Thousands of intellectuals from dalit organizations of dozens of states including Delhi will participate in large number to protest against both the governments," he said.

# No liquor vends to open in 105 of 272 municipal wards in Delhi from Oct 1

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With new retail licences coming into force from mid-November, no liquor vends will open in 105 of the 272 municipal wards of Delhi from October 1, officials said on Monday.

Under the new excise policy of the city Government, retail liquor sale licences have already been allocated to the highest bidders in 32 zones, each having around 10 wards and 27 liquor vends.

The bidding process for the 32 zones, concluded by the excise department in two phases in August and September, earned a revenue of over Rs 8,900 crore to the government.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in the national capital has decided to close down around 260 private liquor vends after September 30. There are a total of 849 liquor vends in the city, a majority of which are run by three agencies of the Delhi government.

The excise department, in an order issued earlier this month, allowed the Delhi government-run liquor vends to continue with the retail sale of

liquor till November 16 after furnishing the requisite licence fee.

The firms that have been given licences in the 32 zones under the new excise policy through bidding will start retail sale from November 17, the order said.

The officials said there are around 80 wards in the city without any liquor vend. In 26 wards, there are presently only privately-owned liquor vends that will close down from October 1, they added.

"Practically, the 105 wards in the three municipal corporations in the city will have no functional liquor vend after September 30," an officer said.

The closure of privately-owned vends from October 1 may lead to a "temporary shortage" of liquor as only the government-run liquor stores will open for a month and a half prior to November 17, the officials said.

The new excise policy seeks an equitable distribution of liquor stores in the city by segmenting it into 32 zones. Currently, the spatial distribution of liquor vends is skewed with some wards having as many as 10 liquor vends and others having none, the officials added.

## Kyrgyzstan national, son found dead in Kalkaji

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 28 year-old Kyrgyzstan national and her one-year-old son were found murdered at a house in southeast Delhi's Kalkaji area on Tuesday.

Police said that the deceased identified as Myskal Zhumabaeva and her son Manas were found lying dead on the bed with stab injuries on chest and other body parts.

According to R P Meena, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Southeast district, a police control room (PCR) call was received about a murder of a woman and her child at Kalkaji following which a police team was dispatched for the spot.

"On reaching the spot, the police team found the bodies of the Kyrgyzstan woman and her son lying on the bed with stab injuries. The spot was also visited by crime and forensic teams," said the DCP.

"Preliminary inquiry has found that Myskal had an argument with her husband Vinay Chauhan on Monday night over going to hospital. She complained of stomach ache and wanted to visit a hospital. After the argument, Chauhan left her at home in Greater Kailash and went to meet his friend Wahid," said the DCP.

## Man held on charge of forging vehicle insurance policies in G'gram

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

The Gurugram police have arrested a man on the charge of cheating a city resident by forging a vehicle insurance certificate in the name of a leading private insurance firm, the police said.

The police said on Tuesday that the accused man, Shivnath Pathak alias Abhishek Pal, son of District Sitamarhi, Bihar was apprehended from Sector-43 area of Gurugram with the help of technical surveillance.

The police have also recovered 1 mobile tab which was used in the crime.

During the probe, the accused, disclosed before the police that he used to call people and offers them lucrative insurance policies.

"When the people show interest in his offer, he gets his client's old policy through WhatsApp and converts it into an editable format in the online converter and return them fake policy by changing the date amount etc along with fake payment invoices," Subhash Boken, spokesperson of the Gurugram police said.

# Delhi CM updates citizens on air quality by posting daily AQI, PM levels

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has started tweeting daily updates on air quality in the city, with his Government shifting its focus to combat expected high levels of pollution during the winter months.

"Air pollution data for 21 Sep (safe limit in brackets)- AQI- 83 (0 to 50 - Good, 51 to 100 satisfactory) PM 10- 81 (0 to 50 good, 51 to 100 satisfactory) PM2.5- 31 (0 to 30 Good, 31 to 60 satisfactory)," Kejriwal tweeted on Tuesday.

The Chief Minister had started posting updates on air quality index (AQI) and particulate matter (PM) levels from Saturday.

He had also said that air quality in Delhi will start deteriorating from mid-October with crop residue burning and claimed that neighbouring states have not done anything to support farmers.

Kejriwal has been tweeting daily updates on air quality on his official handle.

"The move is indicative of the Kejriwal government's efforts to combat winter air pollution levels this year on a war footing by taking together all stakeholders, including



people of the city as well as neighbouring states," said a government functionary.

The air quality tweets by the chief minister make people aware about the issue of pollution and emphasise the need for timely action to take the steps to check it, he said.

Delhi faces high levels of air pollution with onset of winters, the season coinciding with paddy straw (parali) burning in the fields in Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

The Delhi government is pressing for adoption of a biodecomposer developed by Pusa Institute and demanding that the Centre direct states to support their farmers for using it.

Earlier, Kejriwal said that a third party survey by the central government agency WAPCOS has found that use of biodecomposer is effective in getting rid of crop residue and thereby prevent its burning by the farmers.

## IMD issues warning for extremely bad weather in Delhi today

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The meteorological department has issued a warning for extremely bad weather in Delhi on Wednesday with the possibility of waterlogging and disruption of traffic.

It was a warm on Tuesday in Delhi with some parts of the national Capital witnessing rain in the latter part of the day, leading to waterlogging and traffic snarls in a few areas.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an "orange" alert for Wednesday and a "yellow" alert for Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. For Friday, it has issued a "green" alert.

The IMD uses four colour codes -- "green" means all is well, "yellow" indicates severely bad weather. It also suggests that the weather could change for the worse, causing disruptions in the day-to-day activities. An "orange" alert is issued as a warning for extremely bad weather with the potential of disruption in commute with road and drain closures and interruption of power supply. "Red" is when extremely bad weather conditions are certainly going to disrupt travel and power and pose significant risk to life.

The weatherman has forecast a generally cloudy sky for Wednesday with the possibility of light rain or thunder-showers.

# Student groups mount pressure on Jamia to reopen campus

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Various student groups have urged Jamia Millia Islamia to reopen its campus in view of the improved Covid-19 situation in Delhi.

Although other central varsities like the Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University have initiated phase-wise reopening of their campuses, Jamia Millia Islamia has not yet made any announcement in the regard.

In a joint statement, student groups like the All India Students' Association (AISA), Campus Front of India, Students' Islamic Organisation of India (SIO), Students' Federation of India and others have demanded that the campus of Jamia Millia Islamia be reopened at the earliest.

"For almost two years since the establishment of a lock-down due to the coronavirus pandemic, students have been facing serious problems due to closure of schools, colleges and university campuses. At a point in time, it was necessary to close all campuses due to increasing Covid cases and health issues. But now, the situation has totally changed.

"Most of the institutions and public places have already



opened and with adequate sanitisation and social distancing, people have started using all the public facilities," the statement said.

An official of the varsity, however, said it was decided in a meeting that students of courses like Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) and science courses which require practical work should be allowed to access libraries and laboratories.

It was also decided that PhD students who have to submit their thesis by the end of the year be allowed to enter the campus, provided they have received at least one dose of anti-Covid vaccine, he said.

A notification is likely to be issued soon on reopening of the campus, he claimed.

Meanwhile, the student groups said some of them met the Proctor of the university, but in vain.

# Civil defence volunteer held for snatching gold chain

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested a 22-year-old civil defence volunteer for allegedly snatching a woman's gold chain in south Delhi's Neb Sarai.

Police said that the accused, identified as Mukul Verma, had been working as a civil defence volunteer for the last seven months in Sangam Vihar.

Civil defence volunteers work under the command of district magistrates in Delhi. A goldsmith, Rakesh Verma (42), to whom the accused had sold the snatched gold chain has also been held.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, the incident took place on September 17.

"The bike-borne accused snatched the gold chain of the woman who was walking on the road at around 2.30 PM on that day. The woman, however, gave her written complaint to the police on Monday," said the DCP.

"The victim could not note down the complete registration number of the offending vehicle at the time of the incident, but managed to recollect last few digits of it which along with CCTV camera footage helped the police to identify the owner of the bike," said the DCP.

"During investigation, raids were conducted in several place in Delhi and Ghaziabad, and the accused was arrested on Monday. On questioning, Mukesh disclosed that he had sold the chain to Rakesh based in Sangam Vihar," said the DCP.

"When Rakesh was interrogated, he told the police that he had melted the snatched gold chain. Police has taken the melted gold metal into its custody and seized the bike used in the commission of offence," said the DCP adding that Mukul was earlier involved in three cases of theft.

# Intersectoral meeting held to contain dengue

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Concerned over the rising number of cases of vector borne diseases in the national Capital, North Corporation's Rohini Zone called an intersectoral meeting with various central and Delhi Government's departments and institutions and issued a series of directions to contain the cases.

At least 348 cases of dengue have been reported in Delhi so far till now while 71 cases of malaria and nearly 148 cases of chikungunya have also been reported till August 21 this year, according to a report issued by civic bodies on Monday.

The meeting was chaired by Rohini Zone Deputy Commissioner Vivek Prakash and attended by district health officer Dr Pramod Verma and representatives from 140 organisations or institutions such as Delhi Development Authority, Public Works Department, Delhi Jal Board, Delhi Transport Corporation, MTNL, social welfare and flood irrigation department.

Deputy Commissioner



Vivek Prakash directed nodal teachers to ensure water storage tanks in all schools are covered as dengue mosquitoes breed in freshwater.

Prakash also directed officials of horticulture departments to repair all leakages in water hydrants already provided in the gardens and other green areas.

He also requested to depute one police personnel in each police station as the nodal officer to ensure that no breeding takes place in their premises. "The 'Malkhanas' of most of the police stations are notorious for breeding of dengue mosquitoes because old vehicles, old utensils and other seized items retain rainwater. These items should be kept covered," he said.

Cases of vector-borne diseases are usually reported between July and November, but the period may stretch till mid-December.

# Export Promotion Bureau to be set up in Haryana

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

To promote exports in Haryana, an Export Promotion Bureau will be set up in the State which will provide institutional support to the exporters. Dr Saket Kumar, Director General, Industries and Commerce Department, informed this while inaugurating the two-day 'Vanijya Utsav' being organised at Apparel House, Sector-44, Gurugram on Tuesday.

This State-level event is being organised by the Department of Industries and Commerce, Haryana and Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPCC) working under the Union Ministry of Textiles as part of celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Kumar said that we are not only giving incentives to the entrepreneurs and exporters in Haryana but also providing the business environment, linkages and other government facilities to them.

"District Level Export Promotion Committee (DLEPC) has been made operational in every district of the state to facilitate exports. Similarly, a State Level Trade Promotion Committee (SLTPC) has been formed to review all trade-related issues like logistics, agricultural exports and service exports," he said.

Giving detailed information about the facilities and incentives being given to entrepreneurs and exporters in Haryana, he said that in the year 2020-21, with an export value of ₹ 1,74,572 crore, Haryana today is the fastest-growing economy.



# Taliban replace Pak planted Guv in Kunar

**RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI**

In a rebuff to Pakistani designs, the Taliban have replaced governor of Kunar province Qari Osman, a Pakistani national, with an Afghan citizen Maulvi Mohammad Qasim Khan.

As reported earlier by The Pioneer, Pakistan has been planting leaders of its terror affiliates as governors and at senior positions in the governance structure there with an ulterior motive to control the decision making process in Afghanistan that was taken over by Taliban on August 15.

Before being unseated, Osman had sold 10 howitzer guns left over by the US forces to opposition groups in Kunar in lieu of money, sources on the ground said.

The development signals Taliban's resolve to get rid of the country from Pakistanis occupying key positions there.

Afghanistan Republic Salvation Front founder and counter-terrorism expert of Afghan origin Ajmal Sohail said, "It is a good sign that the Taliban is seized of the Pakistani plot and has begun replacing foreigners from key positions with local leaders as was the case with removal of Kunar governor Qari Osman who is a Pakistani national."

As part of the plot to con-



trol administration across provinces in Afghanistan, the Pakistan Army-ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) combine has been planting its home-grown terror commanders as Governors of Afghan provinces bordering Pakistan.

The ISI is also foisting its men in the National Directorate of Security (NDS), Afghan intelligence agency, and other such offices of the Government to have a significant leverage in strategic planning and action by the new regime in Kabul where Pakistan has already installed the Haqqani Network as a key player in Kabul.

Earlier, the ISI had planted 50,000 jihadis in the ranks of Afghan national defence force by providing them bogus refugee cards portraying them as Afghan residents residing in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region of Pakistan, before recruitment into Afghan national defence force that subsequently melted away amid the Taliban onslaught last month.

The Governor for

Afghanistan's Kunar province, popularly known as Qari Osman, was originally a resident of Gabri in Mamondo Tehsil, Bajaur Agency of Pakistan. Osman was educated at Inayat Qala Government School, Bajaur (Pakistan) till ninth standard and had married twice. He has one house and family in Bajaur and the other in Peshawar.

Osman's younger brother Shahidullah is the Taliban district Governor for Marawara of Kunar province. His other brother is Zabihullah who is an ISI operative and works in Peshawar's Bala Hissar.

Osman's elder brother, Najibullah, works for ISI in Bajaur.

In addition to posting Osman and his brother as Governors in Afghanistan's Kunar province and districts, the ISI has also supplanted its men in other provinces along the Tajikistan border, eastern and northern Afghanistan besides Nuristan province as reported earlier.

The ISI's game plan is a deliberate plot aimed at having a firm and effective grip over Taliban to achieve its strategic agenda through the regime in Kabul. However, the Taliban has taken the first step of weeding out such plants within the administration, Sohail added.

## NIA searches 8 places in J&K in Bathindi IED recovery case

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA), in conjunction with Jammu and Kashmir police, and CRPF, conducted searches on Tuesday at eight locations in Anantnag, Baramulla, Kulgam, Srinagar, Doda and Kishtwar districts of the Valley in connection with the probe into J&K Bathindi IED recovery case.

The case was initially registered by Jammu and Kashmir police on June 27 at Bahu Fort police station in Jammu district relating to recovery of 5 kg IED from a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist in Bathindi, Jammu.

The conspiracy by LeT was aimed at causing an explosion in Jammu using the IED. The NIA had re-registered the case on July 19.

The NIA had earlier arrested three persons in this case.

"Investigation revealed that Pakistan based handlers of proscribed terror outfit LeT and their associates based in J&K are planning terrorist activities in J&K using the pseudo-acronym TRF so as to maintain plausible deniability and evade law enforcement agencies," the NIA said in a statement.

During the searches conducted during the day, many

digital devices and other incriminating materials have been recovered from the premises of the suspects. Further investigation in the case is continuing, it said.

Meanwhile, the NIA has arrested a charge sheeted absconding accused Tabrez, 35, of Bengaluru Layout, Bengaluru City, Karnataka in connection with DJ Halli police station rioting case of 2020.

This case was originally registered on August 12, 2020 at Devarajeevanahalli Police Station, Bengaluru city under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act Karnataka Prevention of Destruction & Loss of Property Act.

The case had arisen from the incident on August 11, 2020 wherein a mob protesting against the alleged derogatory social media (Facebook) post about Prophet Mohammed posted by one Naveen, had turned violent and attacked the Police Station with dangerous weapons and stones and burnt police vehicles and damaged government and private properties.

The NIA had re-registered the case on September 21 last year and took up the investigation.

## Gadkari for fixed driving hours for truck drivers to reduce road mishaps



**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

### The Minister was conducting the first meeting of the new members appointed in NRSC

To reduce road accidents, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday pitched for fixed driving hours for commercial truck drivers similar to that of pilots, as well as on-board sleep detection sensors in commercial vehicles.

Gadkari said driving hours for truck drivers should be fixed similar to pilots' to reduce fatigue-induced road accidents.

"Have directed officers to work on a policy to include On-Board Sleep Detection Sensors in Commercial Vehicles, at par with European standards," Gadkari said at the National Road Safety Council (NRSC).

European countries have fixed duty hours for the Trucks drivers ranging from five to 12 hours whereas in India the dri-

vers are under pressure to reach destination driving single handedly with no rest in between leading to fatigue, nausea and other sleep related disorders causing road fatalities.

The Minister also said he will also write letters to chief ministers and district collectors to ensure that district road committee meetings are held regularly and regular monitoring are done and updates shared religiously.

Gadkari through a Press statement said he has directed the council to meet every two

months and share their updates. The Minister was conducting the first meeting of the new members appointed in NRSC.

The Centre formed the National Road Safety Board under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) as an initiative to contribute in the government's plan to bring down road fatalities in the country as over 1.5 lakh individuals lose their lives on Indian roads every year.

India accounts for nearly 11 per cent of all road deaths in the world.

The National Road Safety Board acts as an advisory body to the government and establish policies for road safety.

The committee looks into improving road infrastructure and adding new innovations for traffic control.

## CBI files one more case in Bengal post-poll violence

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The CBI on Tuesday registered one more case in connection with the post-poll violence in West Bengal.

With this, the number of cases taken over by the CBI in poll-related violence in the State stands as 38.

The case relates to allegations by the complainant that on April 18, 2021, her husband

was returning home. The accused allegedly surrounded him and beat him up brutally.

Her husband was admitted in hospital where his health continued to deteriorate and hence, he was transferred to another Nursing Homes at Khosbagan and Borehat. Later, the victim was brought back home and he succumbed to his injuries on May 6, the CBI said.

This case was earlier registered at Police Station Burdwan (West Bengal) vide FIR No. 523/2021 dated June 24, 2021 on a complaint.

The CBI is taking over probes into post poll violence in the State at the behest of the Calcutta High Court that entrusted investigation of such cases to the Central agency after hearing a clutch of writ petitions.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Rakesh Kumar Gaur S/o Sukhbir Singh Sharma R/o 1/7099, Gali No.4, Shivaji Park, Shahdara, Delhi-32, has severed relations and debarred his son Vishwendu and daughter-in-law Ankita, from their all movable & immovable assets due to their misbehavior & misconduct. My client shall not been responsible for his any acts in future.

**Brij Bhushan Sharma (Advocate)**  
Ch.No.D-619, Karkardooma Court  
Shahdara Delhi

**FORM NO.5**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow - 226007  
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal)  
**SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
**O.A. No. 204/ 2020**  
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(4), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

**O.A. No. 204/ 2020**  
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant  
Versus  
Mr. Sanjay Kumar & Others ...Defendants

To, Defendants:  
1) Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Son of Shri Panna Lal, Resident of Flat No.- B- GF 14, Ground Floor Gardenia Gateway, Plot No.-10, Sector-75, Noida- 201301 (U.P.)  
**ALSO** Resident of 161, 2nd Floor Sector-1 Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201010 (U.P.)  
2) Mrs. Jyoti Chandel, Wife of Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Resident of Flat No.- B- GF 14, Ground Floor Gardenia Gateway, Plot No.-10, Sector-75, Noida- 201301 (U.P.)  
**ALSO** Resident of 161, 2nd Floor Sector-1 Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201010 (U.P.)  
3) M/s Futech Shelters Pvt. Ltd. Reg. Office: Plot No.10 Sector-75, Noida- 201301 (U.P.)

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 13/12/2021 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

**Registrar**  
**Debts Recovery Tribunal**  
Lucknow

## India's foodgrain production likely to touch 150.50 M tonne in ongoing kharif season

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Ministry of Agriculture on Tuesday said India's foodgrain production is likely to touch a record 150.50 million tonne in the ongoing kharif season on better rice output amid good monsoon. In the kharif season of 2020-21 crop year (July-June), the foodgrain output comprising rice, pulses and coarse cereals stood at a record 149.56 million tonne. Total production of kharif rice during 2021-22 is estimated at 107.04 million tonnes. Record production is pegged in rice, sugarcane and cotton. However, production of coarse cereals and oilseeds is estimated to be lower marginally during the kharif season of this year. Presently, India received 810.6 mm rainfall as against the normal of 838.9 mm, a deficiency of just three per cent so far. The monsoon has not started withdrawal so more rain is expected in the coming days.

Releasing the first advance foodgrain production estimate for the ongoing kharif season, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said: "A record food-grain production is estimated at 150.50 million tonne in kharif season." Bumper crop



is being achieved on account of tireless hard work of farmers and scientists besides farmer-friendly government policies, he said.

As per the data, pulses production is likely to increase to 9.45 million tonne in 2021-22 kharif season from 8.69 million tonne achieved in the previous year. Production of tur, the main kharif pulse, is estimated to increase marginally to 4.43 million tonne from 4.28 million tonne.

However, production of coarse cereals is estimated to decline to 34 million tonne from 36.46 million tonne. Among coarse cereals, maize output is estimated to fall to 21.24 million tonne in 2021-22 kharif season from 21.44 million tonne in the previous year.

Sowing of kharif (summer) crops like paddy begins with the onset

of the Southwest monsoon from June, while harvesting in most of the parts commences from October. Similarly, production of oilseeds is projected to be lower at 23.39 million tonne from 24.03 million tonne.

Among oilseeds, production of groundnut is pegged marginally lower at 8.25 million tonne as against 8.55 million tonne, while that of soyabean at 12.72 million tonne as against 12.89 million tonne.

In case of cash crops, sugarcane production is pegged at record 419.25 million tonne during 2021-22 kharif season compared with 399.25 million tonne in the previous year.

Cotton production is also likely to be a record at 36.22 million bales (of 170 kg each) as compared with 35.38 million bales in the previous year. Jute and mesta production is pegged slightly higher at 9.61 million bales (of 180 kg each) during this year as against 9.55 million bales last year, as per the data.

### PUBLIC NOTICE / ANNOUNCEMENT

I, RAMNEEK SAHIB, S/O of LT. Ms. SURJA SAHIB, aged about 33 years, resident of F-4 Tower-15 Type-3, Kidwai Nagar East, Sarojini Nagar, South West Delhi-110023 do hereby declare that I am legally adopted son of LT. Ms. SURJA SAHIB and am the only Class-1 legal heir. I have no relationship with my biological father namely "Mr. RAVINDER SAHIB". However, no legal, love or affection relationship exists as on date with the biological father, despite that for the removal of any doubt, I in full state of mind sever/dissolve all relations (if any) with my biological father "Mr. RAVINDER SAHIB" and further restrain him from entering my house or any other property that belongs to me or in my possession. With effect from this public notice all relations (if any) with "Mr. RAVINDER SAHIB" shall cease and come to an end.

**ANKIT SHARMA(ADVOCATE)**

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**NOTICE**  
It is to inform that a Board meeting is scheduled to be held on **29 September 2021** at the corporate office of the Company to consider and approve the financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2021. Please take note that the trading window will remain closed for the concerned persons upto 48 hours of the announcement of all financial results upto 30 September 2021. This information is also available on the portal of Company/Stock Exchanges.

For Technofab Engineering Limited  
Arun Singh  
Company Secretary

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Citing a media report on China ramping up its border infrastructure,

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said India is facing a new war paradigm on its borders and ignoring it won't work.

His remarks came over a media report which quoted sources in the security establishment as saying that China appears to have built at least 10 new air bases along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh besides ramping up infrastructure close to the Indian frontier.

"We are facing a new war

paradigm on our borders. Ignoring it won't work," Gandhi tweeted with a screenshot of the media report.

He has also repeatedly criticised the government for its handling of the border standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries that erupted on May 5 last year following a violent clash in the Pangong lake area.

Both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

**Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division,  
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**E-Tendering/Tender Notice**

Letter No.1404/Nivida/ 65

Date: 21/09/2021

**Name of Work :-** Over Head Tank, Pump House, and All Other Works.

Name of Scheme	Estimated cost	Period of completion of work:
(i) Chanda (MVS) W/S Scheme	Rs. 41.64 Lakh	06 months

**Key Dates-**

1	Date of Online Publication	22.09.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
2	Document Download : Start Date	23.09.2021 at 10:00 hrs.
3	Document download : End Date	06.10.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
4	Pre Bid Meeting	29.09.2021 at 14:00 hrs.
5	Bid Submission : Start Date	23.09.2021 at 10:00 hrs.
6	Bid Submission : End Date	06.10.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
7	Offline Submission of Document (Cost of bidding document, Bid Security, Original Affidavits & all the Supporting Documents in support of qualification)	08.10.2021 upto 17:00 hrs.
8	Date of Technical & Financial Bid Opening	09.10.2021 at 11:00 hrs.
9	Details of tender, corrigendum or cancellation etc. may be obtained at web site:	

[www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in)

**Executive Engineer**

सांकेतिक कब्जे की सूचना				
ICICI Bank शाखा कार्यालय: आईसीआईसीआई बैंक लिमिटेड, तीसरी मंजिल, प्लॉट नंबर -23, शाल टॉवर, न्यू रोहतक रोड, करोल बाग, दिल्ली -110005				
जबकि अधोहस्ताक्षरी ने वित्तीय परिसंपत्तियों के प्रतिभूतिकरण एवं पुनर्निर्माण तथा प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 के अंतर्गत आईसीआईसीआई बैंक लिमिटेड के प्राधिकृत अधिकारी के रूप में तथा प्रतिभूति हित (प्रवर्तन) नियमावली 2002 के नियम 3 के साथ पड़ित धारा 13 (12) के अधीन प्रदत्त शक्तियों के प्रयोग में नीचे वर्णित कर्जदारों को मांग सूचनार्थ निर्मित की थी जिसमें उक्त सूचना के प्राप्ति की तिथि से 60 दिनों के अंतर सूचना में वर्णित राशि को प्रतिभूतिमान करने को कहा गया था।				
कर्जदार/ सह-कर्जदार/ जमानतदार राशि का प्रतिभूतिमान करने में विफल रहे हैं अतएव एतद द्वारा कर्जदार तथा जनसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि अधोहस्ताक्षर दाता द्वारा सांकेतिक अधिग्रहण किया गया है जो कि उक्त अधिनियम धारा 13(4) के तहत नियम 8 में दर्शाया गया है। संपत्ति तथा अधिग्रहण की तिथि नीचे दर्शाई गई है एतद द्वारा विशेष रूप से कर्जदार एवं जनसाधारण को सम्यक्ति के संख्यवहार नहीं करने के लिए सूचेत किया जाता है तथा सम्यक्ति के साथ कोई भी संख्यवहार इसमें वर्णित राशि तथा उस पर आगे ब्याज हेतु आईसीआईसीआई बैंक लिमिटेड के प्रभार के अधीन होगा।				
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1.	अपोलो शर्मा/ अंजू शर्मा- LBNOD00001882130	फ्लैट नंबर- 1601, 16वीं मंजिल, टॉवर- 37, लोटस बुलेवार्ड एपारिया, प्लॉट नंबर जीएच- 02 सेक्टर- 100, नोएडा, उत्तर प्रदेश/ 17 सितंबर, 2021	जून 16, 2021 ₹ 51,72,148/-	दिल्ली/ एनसीआर
2.	निधि राज/ अमित कुमार/ LBDEL00002097508	फ्लैट नंबर- 074- डी तीसरी मंजिल ब्लॉक- ई, कंचनजंगा अपार्टमेंट सेक्टर- 53, नोएडा, उत्तर प्रदेश/ 17 सितंबर, 2021	जून 23, 2021 ₹ 45,64,533/-	दिल्ली/ एनसीआर
3.	रिनेश कुमार/ अंजू चौधरी/ LBNOD00002029636	हाउस नंबर एच- 56, पटेल नगर, उत्तर प्रदेश, गाजियाबाद, उत्तर प्रदेश/ 17 सितंबर, 2021	जून 23, 2021 ₹ 1,13,08,647/-	दिल्ली/ एनसीआर
4.	त्रिलोक चंद शर्मा और मिनेश शर्मा/ नितिन शर्मा/ विकास शर्मा/ LBDEL00002053920	प्लॉट नंबर ए- 24, सेक्टर- 35 गौतमबुद्ध नगर, नोएडा 201301/ 17 सितंबर, 2021	जून 23, 2021 ₹ 86,07,344/-	दिल्ली/ एनसीआर
5.	आनंद कुमार वर्मा/ पूनम देवी वर्मा/ LBGHZ00001470886/ LBDEL00001905039	फ्लैट नंबर 403, चौधी मंजिल, हरसिंगार (सुहि) समूह आवास योजना शिवा कृष्णा, आनंद खंड, इंदिरापुरम गाजियाबाद उत्तर प्रदेश/ 17 सितंबर, 2021	जून 19, 2021 ₹ 12,57,647/-	दिल्ली/ एनसीआर
उपरोक्त दर्शाये गये कर्जदार/ सह-कर्जदार एवं जमानतदारों को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस सूचना के प्रकाशन से 30 दिनों के अंतर राशि का भुगतान करें अन्यथा 30 दिनों की समाप्ति के पश्चात अधिग्रहित संपत्ति की नौलामी कर दी जायेगी जो पूर्णतः नियम 8 और 9 सुरक्षित ब्याज 2002 के अंतर्गत है।				
दिनांक: सितम्बर 22, 2021 स्थान: दिल्ली/ एनसीआर				प्राधिकृत अधिकारी आईसीआईसीआई बैंक लि.



# SP mulls pre-poll pact with Cong

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Following the dramatic change in political discourse after the elevation of little known Dalit Congress leader Charanjit Singh Channi as Chief Minister of Punjab, Samajwadi Party is mulling over the idea of entering into pre-poll alliance with the Congress for the 2022 UP Assembly elections.

The last such electoral experiment by the Samajwadi Party ahead of 2017 UP Assembly elections had ended in a disaster for it as its tally was reduced to 48 seats in the UP assembly having a strength of 403. The SP had left 115 seats for the Congress and it could win only seven seats.

The Congress is confident that it's electoral prospects in UP have got a boost after the masterstroke in Punjab with Dalit leader Charanjit Singh

Channi taking oath as the new Chief Minister of Punjab. Channi's appointment as the chief minister is being touted as a very significant step in Punjab politics that will likely have a huge bearing on national politics.

The Congress is seen to have played a masterstroke by making a leader from the Scheduled Caste community the chief minister of a state for the first time, especially a north Indian state. This development has dominated the discourse across political circles. Leaders from the Samajwadi Party, Aam Aadmi Party and other opposition parties have welcomed the appointment of Channi as the Chief Minister of Punjab.

The recent meeting of Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra with Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad was part

of a strategy planned by the Congress days before choosing a Dalit Chief Minister for Punjab.

This political development in Punjab comes amid talks of wooing Brahmins and Dalits by SP president Akhilesh Yadav through political mobilisation and Dalit outreach programmes. The Samajwadi Lohia Vahini has started a 'Village to Village Dalit Samvad' programme from September 19 in various districts across Uttar Pradesh. In the coming days, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will be holding election rallies and visit poll-bound constituencies from September 29 to October 23. During this time the talk of forming an alliance between the SP and the Congress will become clear.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav has come up with a fresh political slogan 'Nayi Hawa Hai,

Nayi SP Hai' to win the 2022 Uttar Pradesh polls. With this slogan, Akhilesh has made a shift from the MY (Muslim-Yadav) caste equations used by him and SP founder and his father Mulayam Singh Yadav, to win state elections in the past. Akhilesh Yadav is upping the ante by following a soft Hindutva approach to counter the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party.

Samajwadi Party sources, however, said, "The party has learnt from its mistakes in 2017 elections and this time if the party decides to forge alliance with the Congress it will be after detailed deliberations on seat sharing."

A SP leader said, "There will be no last-minute change of constituencies and everything will be decided much ahead of the elections in 2022."

# Didi should stop eyeing PM's post: State BJP chief

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Dropping ample hints that during his tenure the BJP would go back to the basics, new Bengal BJP president Dr Sukanto Majumdar on Tuesday warned the Trinamool Congress against perpetrating Taliban rule and vowed to protect the State from Talibanisation that the ruling Trinamool Congress was aiming at.

"We will together resist the desperate attempt by some forces to Talibanise Bengal ... we will stop that at any cost ..." the new BJP president said less than 24 hours after the party central leadership in a surprise move replaced former State president Dilip Ghosh with Dr Majumdar a university professor and MP from Balurghat.

Though there was no immediate comment from the Chief Minister senior TMC leader Tapas Roy said "it is not the Trinamool but the BJP which is creating a Taliban raj in the country."

According to inside sources after the electoral debacle in 2021 the BJP would not experiment further with defection politics. Instead of engineering defections from other parties the saffron outfit would now concentrate on gross Hindutva politics — that has been its main forte — during Majumdar's tenure one was told. Majumdar a politician of the RSS breed has been promoted to the State presidential post with the same clear message from the high command, insiders said.

On the alleged ambition of Mamata Banerjee to become the next Prime

Minister of India by uniting the opposition forces and replacing Narendra Modi, he said the Bengal Chief Minister should stop dreaming of winning the prime ministerial chair.

"Our honourable Chief Minister is thinking of becoming the next Prime Minister. But let me tell her with due respect that Narendra Modi will continue serving the country as the Prime Minister after 2024 Lok Sabha polls... even for a moment we assume that TMC will win all the 42 seats from Bengal ... from where will she bring the other seats ... so it will be better if she stops dreaming ... we will gift Modiji more seats from Bengal than we did in 2019"

Majumdar ducked controversial questions on whether his appointment had anything to do with the continuing exodus from the party during Ghosh's tenure and said "Dilip da carried forward the task of the previous state presidents to a level when we won 77 seats and not my task is to take that further and I can promise you that in the next Assembly elections Bengal will witness a change of power."On Babul Supriyo's quitting the party he said, "his leaving the party is unfortunate ... and I will expect him to reconsider his decision." After quitting BJP Supriyo had joined the TMC.

He said that there could still be some people who were thinking of switching sides but added "some people may think that they will do the BJP great harm by quitting the party but it is not so because the workers are our main strength and they will continue to be with the BJP"

# Seven get life imprisonment for burning alive Dalit sisters in UP

PTI ■ MORADABAD (UP)

A special SC/ST court on Monday awarded life imprisonment to seven people for setting two sisters belonging to the Dalit community on fire in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad in 2010.

The sisters were burnt alive in Kothiwal Nagar on December 18 by a mob protesting a double murder for which their brother was accused.

In a 26-page order, special SC/ST court judge Sandhya Choudhury found the seven accused guilty on the basis of evidences produced by Additional District Government Counsel (ADGC) Anand Pal Singh and charged them under the SC/ST (prevention of atrocities) Act.

Sateesh Madan, Sagar Bhandula, Banti Malik, Asha Sachdeva, Amarjeet Kaur, Vinod Kajkad and Sania Kohli were convicted by the court and a penalty of Rs 1 lakh each was imposed on them. They were sent to districts jail Moradabad, Singh said.

On the day of the incident, a mob gathered outside the house of Rajo and set it ablaze. While she escaped unhurt, her daughters Gita (22) and Monu (20) were burnt alive in the ensuing fire.

Rajo's son Rakesh, who worked as a sweeper, was accused of murdering a 30-year-old woman and her eight-year-old daughter during a robbery on December 9, 2010. Subsequently, Rakesh and his brother Rajesh were arrested by police.

## INSHORT

**SII TO GIVE 22 CRORE COVISHIELD DOSES IN OCT**

New Delhi: The Serum Institute of India has informed the Centre that it will be able to supply around 22 crore doses of Covishield in October as the Union Government has announced resuming export of surplus Covid vaccines in the coming fourth quarter under the 'Vaccine Maitri' programme. SII said it has enhanced its production capacity of Covishield and it will be able to supply 21.90 crore doses in October to the Government of India and private hospitals.

**IT RAID ON WB GROUP: TAX EVASION DETECTED**

New Delhi: The CBDT on Tuesday claimed that the Income Tax Department has seized "incriminating evidence" that shows alleged financial irregularities of Rs 700 crore after it raided a West Bengal-based steel products manufacturing group. The raids were carried out last week on September 17 at a total of 25 premises, including the residences of the promoters and the offices and factories of the company in Kolkata, Durgapur, Asansol and Purulia, it said.

# 7-year-old girl raped, murdered in Rajasthan

PTI ■ JAIPUR

A seven-year-old girl was allegedly raped and murdered by a neighbour in Rajasthan's Nagaur district, police said on Tuesday.

The accused kidnapped the girl from her residence in a village under Padu Kalan police station limits on Monday and took her to a secluded place, where he raped her.

A case has been registered against the accused, Dinesh Jat (20), for kidnap, rape and murder and he has been detained, Padu Kalan Station House Officer (SHO) Ashok Bishu said.

He said the post-mortem has been conducted and the body will be handed over to the family. Nagaur MP Hanuman Beniwal demanded strict action against the accused and expressed condolence to the bereaved family.



People perform 'Tarpan' ritual for the remembrance of their ancestors on the banks of the Ganga river during 'Pitri Paksha' at Assi ghat in Varanasi on Tuesday

# Maha CM asks Guv to request Centre for spl session

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Turning the tables on Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari over his request to convene a two-day special Legislature session to discuss the ghastly Sakinaka rape and murder incident, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray asked the Governor to convene a four-day session of Parliament to discuss similar atrocities against women across the country where even the Sakinak incident could be discussed.

In a fresh "war of words" broke out between him and the Governor — this time over the Sakinaka brutal rape and murder incident, the chief minister for joining the Opposition BJP's clamour for a Special Legislature session to discuss the issue. He said that the Governor echoing the Opposition's sentiments in a manner he was doing was "detrimental" to the Parliamentary democratic system.

Turning down indirectly the Governor's requests for a

## CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN

Special Legislature session to discuss the Sakinaka rape and murder incident, Uddhav stated in his four-page letter to Koshyari: "We share the sentiments expressed by you over the atrocities against women in the context of the Sakinaka incident. This issue is not confined to Sakinaka alone, but involves the entire nation. The victim women in the entire country are looking up to the Centre".

"We request you as the Governor to take up the matter with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah so that they can convene a special Parliament to discuss atrocities against women in the country. At this session, the Sakinaka incident can also be discussed," the Chief Minister wrote.

The Chief Minister was responding to a letter from the Governor seeking a two-day special session of the State Legislature to discuss the Sakinnak incident, Uddhav hit out at Koshyari politely for

writing a letter over the incident after a women political (read BJP) met him.

"Today you're holding the constitutional post as the Governor. But, we know you grew up as a political worker. (You should know) The responsibility of maintaining law and order and also protecting women and ensuring their rights lies with the government headed by a chief minister. You have also come up from four corners of the same precedents and traditions. We have all along benefited from your experience," the chief minister while reminding Koshyari not to overstep his brief.

Endorsing the sentiments expressed by the Governor and saying that the issue of women's safety was not confined to Maharashtra also alone, Uddhav touched a raw nerve, when he cited a slew of incidents of atrocities on women in the BJP-ruled states like Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, BJP-supported Bihar and also Delhi where the

police is controlled by the Centre and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir under central administration.

# 'There are many Shakti Kapoors in Maha Cabinet'

Mumbai: Amid a "war of words" between Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari and Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray over the Sakinaka rape and murder incident, senior BJP legislator Atul Bhatkalkar on Tuesday stirred by a hornets' nest by charging that "there are many Shakti Kapoors in the Maharashtra Cabinet".

Taking a swipe at the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in the state, Bhatkalkar said: "If the Shakti legislation (brought in by the Maharashtra government to deal with rapists), it is because there are many Shakti Kapoors in the State Cabinet. If the power hungry chief minister shields the rapist ministers in his Cabinet, how can expect justice to victim women in the state".

# Girl raped in sleeper bus in UP, one held



**Firozabad (UP):** A 15-year-old girl was allegedly raped in a sleeper bus when she was on her way to Auraiya along with her family, police said on Tuesday.

Based on a complaint lodged by the girl's mother, a case was registered against two people at Shikohabad police station on Tuesday morning and the main accused, Ashu, was arrested.

The girl had boarded the bus with her family from Badarpur at 11 pm on Monday.

According to the complaint, the girl's family got down from the bus, along with other passengers, when it had stopped midway later in the night. At that time, Ashu, an associate of the bus conductor, allegedly raped the minor on the upper berth.

# Dalit girl found dead in Aligarh

**Aligarh (UP):** The body of an 8-year-old dalit girl was found from a field near Kishangarh village here, police said on Tuesday. According to police, the girl had left for school at around 8 am on Monday. Shortly before noon her school bag was spotted by some passers-by who raised an alarm.

When it was found that the girl had not reached school, her family started searching for her and found her body in the field. The victim's family alleged that she was sexually assaulted before being killed.

Meanwhile, the agitated family members and villagers blocked traffic on the Tappal-Lalpur road for over two hours and refused to hand over the body to police for conducting post-mortem.

Senior police officials reached the spot late Monday night and managed to persuade them to hand over the body. A panel of doctors conducted the post-mortem examination at midnight.

SSP Kalanidhi Naithani told reporters Monday night that forensic experts were investigating the scene of the crime.

"Any comment on the cause of death can only be made after the post-mortem report is received," he said.

Security in the area has been beefed up as a precautionary step, he added.

# Sexual harassment of children at UP ashram: Court examines child helpline incharge

**Muzaffarnagar (UP):** A court here examined the incharge of a childcare helpline on Tuesday in connection with the 2020 case of sexual harassment of four children at an ashram in this district. In July last year, a team of the childcare helpline and police had rescued 10 children hailing from Tripura, Mizoram and Assam from the ashram in Shukartal here. Medical examination had confirmed that four of the children, aged between seven and 10 years, were sexually assaulted.

Incharge of the helpline, Poonam Sharma, was examined by the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) court here on Tuesday. Special judge (POCSO Act) Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari adjourned the hearing in the case till October 12. The accused owner of the ashram, Swami Bhakti Bhushan Govind Maharaj and his disciple Krishan Mohan Das were also present in the court.

Police had registered a case under Indian Penal Code sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 377 (unnatural offences), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and sections 5/6 of the POCSO Act. The ashram owner and his disciple were subsequently arrested.

# Maharashtra: Minor gangraped in Parbhani; commits suicide

PTI ■ MUMBAI

A 16-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped by three persons, and died after consuming poison following the attack in Maharashtra's Parbhani district, police said on Tuesday. Two minor boys were among the accused apprehended for allegedly raping the girl, who consumed poison on September 14 and died while undergoing treatment at a hospital on Monday evening, an official said.

According to the police, the alleged incident took place in Sonpeth area on September 12, and the girl consumed poison two days later, the official said. In her statement to the police on September 18, the girl said that she had attempted to take her own life as a result of the rape, he said.

One of the accused was known to the victim and the trio had also stalked her two years ago, he said.

Based on the victim's complaint, the police registered an FIR against the trio under relevant sections of the IPC and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the official said, adding that further probe is underway.

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## Overreaction

The UK's decision to quarantine even vaccinated Indians has stirred a hornet's nest, and doubts

There is consternation in India after the UK said that travelling Indians, even if fully vaccinated with Covishield, will have to undergo quarantine for 10 days. The rule is part of new guidelines as travel restrictions are being eased from October 4. The Indian Opposition leaders termed it bizarre and racist. The Indian Government asked the UK to resolve the issue at the earliest. In the melee that followed, there was no immediate response from the one agency that should have been the first to question it — the Indian Council of Medical Research or the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19. The first thing the country needed to know was whether the UK guideline cast any doubts about the efficacy of Covishield. This is because the maximum vaccine doses being given in India are of Covishield. Over 230 million doses have been administered so far. No such clarification was forthcoming. Leading microbiologist and virologist Gagandeep Kang told this paper that there is nothing wrong with Covishield. "It is fine," she asserted. The scientist's assurance, however, does not reduce the worries of hundreds of Indian students planning to commence studies in the UK or waiting for the travel restrictions to end to return to their places of study. Why is the UK making an exception to Covishield? Is it not a fact that Covishield is the biologically identical version of Vaxzevria, the European brand name for the AstraZeneca vaccine? The only difference between the two is that Covishield is manufactured in India by the Serum Institute.

It is claimed that the entire controversy stems from some technical issues in the CoWin certification process. Earlier, the UK had a system that slotted countries into three lists for purposes of allowing entry. From October 4, there will be only one list; travellers from a country omitted from it will have to be quarantined for 10 days even when fully vaccinated if that vaccine is not in that country's approved vaccines list. If so, the question arises why the Serum Institute of India did not ensure that Covishield was in that list? If the UK follows the approval procedure of the European Medicines Agency (EMA), the body for scientific evaluation, supervision and safety monitoring of medicines in the European Union — even though it is out of the EU — the Indian manufacturer should have applied for approval. The EMA approved only four COVID-19 vaccines so far: Comirnaty, Moderna, Vaxzevria and Jansen. The Serum Institute's Adar Poonawalla did say in July that he had taken up the issue of exclusion of Covishield from the approved vaccines list at the highest level. The British Government also said in the same month that the UK health regulator had approved the Serum Institute's vaccine, but that EMA was yet to give its nod. The EMA website says it is currently reviewing the following vaccines: NVX-CoV2373, CVnCoV, Sputnik V, Vero Cell and Vidprevtyn. Where is Covishield?

### PICTALK



Fog engulfs the mountains after heavy rainfall in Shimla

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## Prioritise

The Govt must not rush into sending COVID doses abroad before inoculating all Indians

The Union Government's decision to resume exporting and donating the "surplus" COVID jabs beginning October, after a three-month hiatus since it was launched on January 20, has raised eyebrows in the political and healthcare circles, with several people taking a swipe at it in private as to what else could be expected of an "insensitive dispensation" which didn't even dare acknowledge hundreds of deaths caused by the paucity and unavailability of oxygen in several hospitals across States during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya had on Monday announced that India's vaccine manufacturers were expected to produce more than 30 crore doses in October for the domestic drive — and that the surplus supply would be used to fulfil the country's commitment towards the global fight against COVID. All this is being envisaged despite the fact that a large number of Indian citizens, especially in the young adults bracket, is still bereft of the benefits of inoculation. For example, even in Uttar

Pradesh, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in Varanasi praised Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath this July for his "dexterous tackling" of the COVID-19 pandemic and the "successful" vaccination drive, the situation on the ground is such that the State Government is unable to provide adequate number of jabs to people.

At one such ongoing drive in the State earlier this month, meant especially for media personnel and their immediate family members, the first-dose vaccine-seekers were turned away with the explanation that, for now, only a limited number of jabs were available for those awaiting their second shot. There were not enough vials or trained staff to inoculate all hopefuls, especially those queuing up for the first shot. If this is the state of affairs in the country's most populous State, and also the one which is governed by the party that also rules at the Centre, one can easily imagine how things must be panning out in the nation's remote areas or in those States that are being run by the Opposition parties. The threat of the pandemic's third wave is still very much looming and the powers that be must ensure that all Indians are vaccinated well before the Government considers exporting even the "surplus" jabs or acts upon lofty thoughts like 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and 'Vaccine Maitri'.

# India's wavering stand on Taliban

India will do well to reposition itself geopolitically to ensure Afghanistan becomes a neutral State and buffer to Chinese penetration of South Asia



ASHOK K MEHTA

India has always wavered on the recognition, reconciliation and reintegration of Taliban. This goes back to more than a decade ago when India categorised it into 'good' Taliban and 'bad' Taliban and reluctantly agreed to reconciliation and integration of 'good' Taliban. At the London conference in January 2010, attended by 69 Foreign Ministers including India's SM Krishna to find a political solution in Afghanistan, India's 'good' and 'bad' Taliban were replaced by the innovative "non-hardcore rebels". When the Americans signed the Doha peace accord, the deal was titled "Agreement between USA and Taliban which calls itself the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan". The MEA has neither modified its position on Taliban nor its undisguised revulsion for it.

Engagement with the Taliban similarly has been a story of twists and turns. At the Raisina Dialogue in 2018, Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat, when asked whether India should talk to the Taliban, without batting an eyelid replied in the affirmative: "We have talked to rebel groups earlier." The very next day, GoI issued a clarification noting that Gen Rawat had spoken in his personal capacity and his views did not reflect those of the Government. It is not clear precisely when the back channel or direct talks started with the Taliban but earlier this year, Qatar's Foreign Minister confirmed that engagement with Taliban had taken place in Doha. The first known public contact with the Taliban occurred in Moscow when two retired Indian officials attended as observers the Troika Plus engagement with Taliban of the US, Russia, China and Pakistan in 2020. Rumours of Indian contact with Taliban go back to 2017/18. Many columnists, including myself, have advocated for years that India should officially engage with the Taliban. But that did not happen.

India has rested on its laurels of being voted by multiple polls in Afghanistan as the most favoured nation. Nearly 70 per cent of Afghans polled for India, way ahead of other countries. India's contribution to development and capacity building is simply outstanding. India has completed or



was working on more than 500 projects in 34 provinces in Afghanistan, utilising upwards of \$2bn of the \$3bn allotted to the latter. Hundreds of students are studying in civilian and military institutes and will remain in India till the completion of their assignments. India is second home to many Afghan leaders, something Taliban has resented. The Taliban have asked India to return to complete its unfinished projects. KEC International and Kalpataru Power Transmission will complete their infrastructure projects when the green flag is shown. WAPCOS, which completed Salma Dam, is not sure about its return. Tata Motors and Hyderabad-based BSCPL Infrastructure exited in 2015.

Mixed messages from Taliban suggest that Indian business and the embassy should not be in any hurry to return to Kabul as some diplomats and political leaders have advocated. Evacuation of Indians and Afghan nationals of Indian origin has been the priority. In April 2020, India withdrew its consulates from Herat and Jalalabad, scaled down the Kabul Embassy the same year, closing the old Chancery and moving into the new embassy in the green zone. On July 11, India with-

CHINA IS LIKELY TO BECOME THE LEAD PLAYER IN AFGHANISTAN, SECURING ITS STRATEGIC CORRIDOR TO THE INDIAN OCEAN VIA PAKISTAN. THE CHINA-PAKISTAN-TALIBAN NEXUS WILL CONSTITUTE A NEW THREAT FOR INDIA FROM AF-PAK

drew its Kandahar Consulate and, a month later, Mazar-e-Sharif. India has quit Kabul to Pakistan's glee. This tragic predicament has been created by India's persistence with "wait and watch" over the years even after signing the strategic protocol with Afghanistan in 2011. Little effort was made to convert goodwill into political and strategic influence despite military assets in Tajikistan. More lately, India put all its eggs in the US basket though a last-ditch effort was made to salvage relations with Iran and Russia. The Americans say: "We do not look at Afghanistan through the Indian prism." Strategic patience has failed, leaving India out in the cold.

At the second SCO summit last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that India was in no hurry to recognise Taliban. This was the first official statement by the Government. Modi called for the Taliban to eschew radicalisation and drug running to ensure Afghanistan did not become sanctuary for cross-border terrorism. He also observed that the Government was not inclusive and had come up without negotiations but India would be ready to provide humanitarian aid and join any regional/global initiative to help people of

Afghanistan. Former NSA, MK Narayanan, has advised India to reposition itself geopolitically and even mediate a proposal to ensure Afghanistan becomes a neutral State and buffer to further Chinese penetration of South Asia. The neutrality project has been attempted by, among others, the UN and will not work due to Pakistan's interference. China is likely to become the lead player in Afghanistan, securing its strategic corridor to the Indian Ocean via Pakistan. The China-Pakistan-Taliban nexus will constitute a new threat for India from Af-Pak.

India has lost its privileged intelligence cooperation with Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security and leverage over Pakistan. At the UNSC, while presiding over it in August, India could have done a lot more on its three statements on Afghanistan, including Resolution 2593. New Delhi must find its feet and wings to claim its legitimate place in the Hindukush where the new Great Game is only just beginning.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### KEJRIWAL'S FREEBIE PRACTICE

Sir — Arvind Kejriwal is playing "the freebies trick" for upcoming Assembly elections in Goa and Punjab to gain the confidence of voters. Ahead of Goa elections due next year, Kejriwal made seven promises to the coastal State which is a big gamble that may pay or may not pay in the end. His promises for Goans include 80 per cent private job reservation for the State's people, ₹5000 per month for Goans unemployed in the tourism sector due to COVID-19 and ₹5000 per month to mining ban-affected people. Finally, the AAP leader promised to set up a skill-building university in Goa and make the whole system transparent, if elected to power in the upcoming election.

Having tasted some success in the Punjab elections previously, he is trying to woo the voters with freebies once again. Taxpayers' money is given as dole and the people will be taxed in other ways later on. Thus, the public is not benefited but the tax burden will go on increasing every year. This is just an eye-wash and nothing else. He is trying to build castles in the air for the youth and looking for a majority vote bank from these two States.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

### DOES HINDI FAVOUR DEMOCRACY?

Sir — There lies nothing objectionable in taking pride in speaking Hindi; but Hindi speakers should also learn to take pride in speaking Bangla, Tamil, Marathi, Assamese and all other languages of the Union. But amusingly, in the name of "love towards Indian languages", why only Hindi gets emphasised? It is high time it needs to be accepted that the Constitution has not declared Hindi as the "national language" and the Division Bench of the Gujarat High Court consisting of Chief Justice SJ Mukhopadhyaya and Justice AS Dave has categorically stated that there is no national language in India.

Moreover, since India is a conglomeration of different regions, Hindi cannot ideally enjoy more importance

## A different kind of vaccine hesitancy



A new travel advisory by the UK, saying that people from India and a few other countries will be considered "unvaccinated" even after two doses of AstraZeneca's Covishield, has sparked off a controversy over freedom of international travel. Asking fully vaccinated Indians to quarantine is a mockery. Given that Covishield was originally developed in the UK; and the same vaccine has been used by them, this advisory suggests racism. India has not yet been included in the 'green-list' countries whose

vaccines are recognised by the UK. As per the new directive, passengers not vaccinated as per the rules in the UK, Europe or the US will have to self-quarantine for 10 days and pay for two COVID tests. It is ironic that these rules exclude a few countries where the same AstraZeneca vaccine is used.

Covishield is widely used in India. What is the logic of its non-recognition by the UK when its Government is using the same drug under a different name? The new advisory is a cause for concern for India as it will hinder the travel plans of a large number of people in India. The fact that a dozen European nations have approved India-made Covishield notwithstanding, the UK Government is unwilling to recognise it. It should be recalled that in July, there was a controversy over Covishield's recognition by the European Union as well. All these illustrate the West's unfair treatment of vaccines used elsewhere.

Venu GS | Kollam

than the languages of the concerned regions. As if brute imposition of Hindi over non-Hindi speaking regions is not philistine enough, the linguistic fundamentalists even have the audacity to declare through posters, displayed at railway stations and banks, that only the knowledge of Hindi will enable all to appreciate the essence of India. That means those who are ignorant in Hindi are completely in the dark about national affairs. If this is not an insult to the non-Hindi speakers and their languages, then I don't know what is.

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

### BIRDS NEXT-DOOR AT RISK

Sir — We all know crows as "birds with brains". But the population of this bird has been on the downside for the last five-six years. There are many articles on the internet giving a list of challenges that crows are facing: Loss of habitat, high-rise buildings and climate change, to name a few. But crows as we know are

smart birds, they can adapt to changes quickly. Then why is their population dwindling? A reason that these articles do not point out is that our lifestyle has changed completely since the advent of the internet and social media.

Earlier, we used to spend our time outdoors and there were people who used to eat outside in the summers. Crows are birds that stay close to human settlements. They like to interact with humans as they are accustomed to the proximity. They know we are not going to hunt them down but now with digitalisation, our interaction with nature has lessened. We should make it a point to spend some time outside in our garden or in our backyard or read a newspaper or have breakfast outside. The crows really need our attention before they fly off into an unknown world.

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## SOUND BITE

Can Assam trust Himanta Biswa Sarma to defend the State's interests... who miserably failed to do so on the Mizoram-Assam border issue?



Assam Congress president

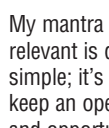
— Bhupen Kumar Borah



The Australia-UK-US (AUKUS) deal is not so much about breaking a contract. It is a matter of breaking the trust between allies.

French Foreign Minister

— Jean-Yves Le Drian



My mantra to stay relevant is quite simple; it's just keep an open mind and opportunities will follow.



Actor

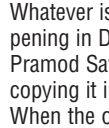
— Jackie Shroff



So England also refuses. It's OK guys, see you all at the T20 World Cup. Especially @BLACKCAPS. Ab panja laganay ka time aa gaya hai.

Former Pakistan bowler

— Shoaib Akhtar



Whatever is happening in Delhi, Pramod Sawant is copying it in Goa. When the original is available, why do you need a duplicate?



Delhi Chief Minister

— Arvind Kejriwal



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BREASTFEEDING IS THE BEST FEEDING

Adequate breastfeeding to infants can reduce the mother's diabetes and cancer chances



ARUN GUPTA

India ranks at 79 out of 98 countries that have policies and programmes for protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding and infant and young child feeding. An international study estimates that India could prevent 100,000 child deaths and more than 37 million episodes of diarrhoea and pneumonia if breastfeeding was adequate. Other benefits include reducing obesity and increased IQ in children, reduced cancers and Type 2 diabetes in women who breastfeed. But the infant and young child feeding practices are far from optimal. The NFHS-5 data revealed that 88 per cent women deliver in hospitals, 51 per cent are able to begin breastfeeding within an hour of birth, 61.9 per cent breastfed exclusively during 0-6 months, 56 per cent received timely complementary feeds at 6-8 months and only 16.1 per cent received adequate diet during 6-23 months. It shows 26.9 per cent children are underweight, 31.9 per cent stunted, 18.1 per cent wasted and 5.5 per cent obese. The World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTI) measures support to women



for breastfeeding on 10 parameters. India lags behind 78 countries. The 10 parameters include governance and funding, support to women in hospitals, the enforcement of relevant infant feed legislation, maternity protection, and counselling services for the pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. India scored 1.5 out of 10 because it does not have an officially adopted policy, which hinders a dedicated plan of action and attached budgets. Giving priority to the policy and having coordination mechanisms can change the game.

The Government did launch the Mothers' Absolute Affection programme but early breastfeeding has gone down by 2.5 percentage points because of dwindling quality of care in the hospitals and increasing caesarean sections. Other challenges are lack of enforcement of the law that controls marketing, inadequate human resources, overburdened health facilities, weak monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, and inability to involve private hospitals. India can bridge these gaps by institutionalizing lactation professionals in each hospital providing maternity services and assessment and monitoring of the hospitals against a benchmark of WHO's programmes. Involving key organizations working in this field and public health organizations, Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI) can make a difference. There is a lack of readiness for supporting women and children during the disasters that occur frequently in the country. The National Disaster Management Plan, 2016 made a provision for 'baby foods' without even addressing its safety during feeding. It did not address the supply issue for supporting breastfeeding. This has changed now but remains to be implemented as per the revised plan of 2019. To bridge this gap State and district administration can prepare at least 50 breastfeeding/lactation counsellors, who will act as responders to provide emotional support to women with young infants to breastfeed and reduce the risk of artificial feeding. Ensuring adequate funding and coordination is another area that needs to improve. Funding estimates include approximately ₹5 lakh for each hospital, about ₹1 crore per district for human resources. Additional funds are needed for adequate, good quality and diverse diets for children. The private sector should be asked to make provisions and focus on maternity packages. In 2022, WBTI will do its sixth assessment and it is an opportunity for India to jump the rank by investing in critical and foundational intervention in child health and nutrition.

*(The writer is a doctor and Central Coordinator, Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India. The views expressed are personal.)*

# Deforestation in India during British rule

The British aimed to corner a fair share of India's lucrative trade and considered small patches of forests as wastelands as these were not a source of revenue

Although there is an abundance of writing on the history of deforestation in India, the absence of an objectively written history is painfully felt by one who intends to gain an impartial perspective of Indian forestry and its causes of degradation and deforestation.

The approaches of current writers are not uniform, and they have biases and leanings. For example, most Indian historians view the British as timber pirates, land thieves, and soil wreckers. In their opinion, there used to be a harmonious relationship between the community and the forest and no significant deforestation had taken place prior to British rule. The British were lauded for unifying the subcontinent, settling rights and concessions to the communities, and demarcating the reserve forest boundaries with a skilled foresters praised throughout the developing world.

Both views are subjective assessments. In fact, the motivation of the British was never altruistic, although they left behind a cadre of well-trained and organized forestry professionals. The reason might have been to keep the geese alive which were laying golden eggs for them. European invasions and conquests of India were originally motivated by trade in highly prized commodities such as silk, textiles, spices, jewels, which found their way to Europe via trade in these goods, mostly via the sea from small kingdoms to giant empires. The primary objective of the East India Company was to gain a substantial share of this lucrative trade and then to raise revenue in every way possible. The East India Company was also supported by the British monarchy. Thus, the increasing collection of wealth from peasants and cultivators, coupled with the deforestation to get more land tilted. In reality, it neither began nor ended with the British. It may be recalled that deforestation in north India was the primary cause of the shift from Indus Valley civilization to Gangetic plain in ancient India.

During the reign of Ashoka (268 to 232 BCE), the subcontinent was united under a single ruler. At the time of Ashoka and Chandragupta Maurya, the so-called golden period of Indian history, the forests were the property of the state. Hence, those claiming that the forests were managed by local communities are far from historical fact. After Ashoka, the empire collapsed under invasion from the north and the nomadic invaders burned forests for pasture. This regime was followed by Islamic revival when India again became united. It was only in the second half of the 16th century that Akbar cemented Mughal dominance that had begun in the previous one. The Mughals came from the desert and had no particular interest in forests except for their game. During this time, the British used their South American colonies to acquire silver so they



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could consolidate their maritime profit-making trade in spices.

Britain gradually swallowed the subcontinent in stages, through a series of treaties and annexations backed by military support. When compared with local rulers' revenue, the silk and spices trade seemed small to British traders. They started searching devices by grabbing some of these revenues and expanding them. India by that time had a non-uniform mass of subsistence cultivators living in village communities. The responsibility for collecting revenue in cash or in kind lay with big landlords (zamindars) or the government's designated employees. It was the peasant producers' responsibility to till their land and share their produce with the king either in cash or in kind. Revenue in kind was established during Akbar's regime.

In decan Maharashtra, small cultivators grew cotton, wheat, indigo, opium, oilseeds, and tobacco for cash sale. The villages had small patches of forest interspersed throughout them, which helped to maintain their productivity. British authorities considered all these patches as wastelands because they did not give revenue, regardless that they were the source of fuelwood, fodder and medicinal plants that shifting cultivators and villagers relied on for their subsistence. Because they came from temperate zones, they were unfamiliar with the land ecology of the tropics, nor did they have any grasp of the role of forests in sustaining and maintaining the productivity of the land.

Dietrich Brandis was appointed Inspector General of Forests by the government in 1864 for laying

the foundation of the Indian Forest Department. Most of the upper-level staff were British who received their training at the Royal Engineering College at Cooper's Hills. To manage the forests, Brandis thought of training the people in the science of conservation as well as introducing a legal system. Brandis then set up the Imperial Forest Service in 1864. Indian Forest Act was brought in accordance with Lord Dalhousie memorandum. In 1855, Lord Dalhousie circulated a memorandum on forest conservation proposing that teak be treated as state property, and its use strictly regulated. The Forest Act 1865 was amended twice, in 1878 and 1927. The Forest Act 1878 classified the forests as reserved, protected and village forests. The best forests were called "reserved forests," and the villagers could not take anything from these forests except as permitted under the Act. Villagers could take wood for their use from forests in village or protected areas. The Indian Forest Act of 1927 affected the lives of forest-dependent communities. The penalties and procedures in this Act aimed to extend state control over forests and to diminish the rights of people to use forests. The rules were stricter and the department was given police powers.

Brandis developed his forest management model based on his experiences with German and European forests. However, forest in the Indian continent were very diverse in their species composition, unlike the temperate forest. Each acre of tropical forest is home to dozens of tree species and thousands of micro-organisms

forming a complex food web that maintains the food chain for a sustainable ecology. This was a prerequisite for the livelihood of the rural poor.

The Act created "a deep feeling of injustice and resentment among small farmers (R.C Guha). A resentment among farmers culminated in the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857, which was suppressed by strong military force but the seeds of movement against the British Raj was sown.

World history is littered with farmer's revolts against reserving forests for sustainable management, whether in France, Britain, or Mexico. The poor man's overcoat is a European expression which reflects the dependence of the rural population and artisans to ensure their survival. It is also a hard reality that, if it is left to itself these public goods will be ruined, as someone rightly said, "everybody's property is nobody's property". However, there are examples in the world where the public has been educated through the proliferation of books and pamphlets authored by prominent intellectuals urging the public to assist the government in protecting forests. Japan, which was never colonized, adopted a different strategy to regenerate its devastated forest that was based on public awareness.

In the end, it all came down to public awareness, which is a necessary component in all these lessons to save the Forests. However, widespread public awareness can only be achieved through environmental education and demonstration projects, for which India is still far from its milestone.

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BABUL SUPRIYO JOINED TODAY, ANOTHER WANTS TO JOIN TOMORROW. THIS PROCESS WILL GO ON. WAIT AND WATCH. — TMC SPOKESPERSON KUNAL GHOSH



LEAVING THE BJP WON'T FINISH THE PARTY. OUR FIGHT HAS TO CONTINUE AGAINST THE 'TALIBAN' IN WEST BENGAL. — WEST BENGAL BJP CHIEF SUKANTA MAJUMDAR

# The 'high command' diktat in Punjab

Punjab is the story of ascending power of the two Gandhis who persuaded their mother to replace the Captain with a weak leader

After months of suspense, Punjab chief minister Captain Amarinder Singh has been replaced with Dalit leader Charanjit Singh Channi this week. Punjab being a border state affected by militancy in the eighties, anything happening in there is sensitive. The change could have been smoother, but the high command in its wisdom decided to change the guard just months before the assembly elections.

While three months ago, it was a sure shot that Congress would win Punjab because of the weak opposition but the Captain's exit might change the situation. The new chief minister has many challenges before him and he is only a stop-gap arrangement.

One of the prominent



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practices that Indira Gandhi conceived and practiced throughout her leadership was the 'High Command' concept in the party set-up. During Jawaharlal Nehru's time, Congress had no high command because there were other, equally solid national leaders like Patel and G.B. Pant.

Indira Gandhi installed or removed her party men in influential positions as and when she wished. An old Congress leader recalls how she would call the chief minister she intended to sack and convey her decision, saying: "There is no hurry, you may resign today or tomorrow. Take your time." That was the indication for him to quit.

Rajiv Gandhi too followed the high command culture, but the party was strong then.



Even during the UPA time, Sonia Gandhi followed this tradition.

One wonders why Congress might want to destabilize the few states where it is comfortably placed. Both Rahul and Priyanka think that they can emulate their grandmother in dealing with the party. The party is not in power either at the centre or in many states. In such a situation, Congress high com-

mand needs to protect what is left of its turf. Indira Gandhi's style of functioning will not work now. Rahul and Priyanka are impatient to change the old guard and replace them with younger faces loyal to them. Strangely, they openly side with the rebels in all the three Congress-ruled states seeking change. The result is more splits, more rebellion, indiscipline, and erosion in the party.

Solving one problem in Punjab has created other problems. The echo of rebellion is also heard from Rajasthan and Chattisgarh.

In Rajasthan, the 'Family' openly supported the rebel faction headed by Sachin Pilot, but chief minister Ashok Gehlot had dug in his heels.

Pilot was temporarily pacified, but his supporters are getting impatient.

In Chattisgarh, Rahul Gandhi had agreed to power-sharing between chief minister Bhupesh Baghel and rebel leader TS Singh Deo. After two-and-a-half years, Deo is demanding the chair.

Why is the Congress high command not as powerful as it used to be? The simple answer is that times have changed and power equations have changed, and Congress is just living in its past glory. Sadly, the Gandhis have not realized that the power of the high command has been shrinking.

Congress faces a leadership crisis at the national level, with Sonia Gandhi acting as an interim president.

Rahul Gandhi is the de facto ruler of the party, even after resigning his presidency in 2019. Priyanka Gandhi is also emerging as a power centre, as is seen from the Punjab decision. The story of Punjab is the story of ascending power of the two Gandhis who persuaded their mother to change the Captain and replaced him with a weak leader. It is they who promoted the ambitious Navjot Sidhu who aimed to replace the Captain. The story is not over as Sidhu is still dreaming of becoming chief minister. The Congress gamble may or may not work in Punjab as the time is too short.

The moral of the story is that high command culture can be a success so long as the leadership is strong. It might

have clicked with Indira Gandhi, but the present administration comes nowhere near her political acumen. The same medicine does not work at all times.

The regional satraps like Mamata Banerjee behave in an authoritarian manner.

The BJP, too, has changed with the party adopting the high command culture. For instance, the BJP has changed three chief ministers in Karnataka, Uttarakhand, and Gujarat in the past few months. Today Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Home Minister Amit Shah are all-powerful. The BJP's tactics are similar to the Indira Gandhi era. Ultimately it is the vote catcher who matters in any political party, which is why they succeed.



GLOBE  
TROTTER

3 DEAD IN SHOOTING AT  
WENDY'S RESTAURANT

**Hallandale Beach:** A shooter opened fire in the drive-thru area of a Wendy's restaurant early on Tuesday in suburban Fort Lauderdale, killing three people before fleeing, police said. Hallandale Beach police have released few details, but said the victims were not restaurant employees. No names were immediately released.

SUU KYI'S TRIAL WILL  
CONTINUE: COURT

**Bangkok:** A court in Myanmar ruled that prosecutors presented enough evidence against ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi and two of her political allies for their trial to continue on charges of incitement. Suu Kyi and her elected Govt were ousted by the military in February. A special court in the capital, Naypyitaw, is hearing various charges filed against her, and several colleagues by the military.

DRONE STRIKE KILLS AT  
LEAST 1 IN SYRIA

**Beirut:** A drone strike hit a vehicle travelling on a rural road in rebel-controlled northwestern Syria on Monday, killing at least one person, rescue workers and a war monitor said.

France rallies EU  
as trust in US,  
UK and Oz wanes

**Brussels:** France on Tuesday urged its European Union partners to consider whether to delay negotiations on the bloc's future trade agreement with Australia over what Paris says is a lack of trust sparked by a major defense deal between the US, Australia and Britain.

French European Affairs Minister Clement Beaune said he would raise the trade pact and the security implications of the deal, known as AUKUS, at a meeting with his counterparts in Brussels, and that France would ensure that it is discussed at EU summits and ministerial meetings next month. **AP**



Migrants, many from Haiti, wade across the Rio Grande from Del Rio, Texas, to return to Ciudad Acuna, Mexico on Tuesday, to avoid deportation from the US. The US is flying Haitians camped in a Texas border town back to their homeland and blocking others from crossing the border from Mexico **AP**

US is not seeking a  
new Cold War: Biden

US Prez declares  
world at 'inflection  
point' amid crisis

**AP ■ UNITED NATIONS**

President Joe Biden used his first address before the UN General Assembly on Tuesday to declare that the world stands at an "inflection point in history" and must move quickly and cooperatively to address the festering issues of the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change and human rights abuse. Amid growing China tensions Biden also declared the US is "not seeking a new Cold War."

Without mentioning China directly, Biden acknowledged increasing concerns about rising tensions between the two nations. But he said, "We are not seeking a new Cold War or a world divided into rigid blocs."

The president noted his decision to end America's longest war last month, in Afghanistan, and set the table for his administration to shift U.S. Attention to intensive



US President Joe Biden speaks during the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York on Tuesday **AP**

diplomacy with no shortage of crises facing the globe. He said he is driven by a belief that "to deliver for our own people, we must also engage deeply with the rest of the world."

"We've ended 20 years of conflict in Afghanistan," Biden said. "And as we close this period of relentless war, we're opening a new era of relentless diplomacy of using the power of our development aid to invest in new ways of lifting people up around the world."

World has never  
been more divided,  
we must wake up:  
UN chief Guterres

**PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS**

The world has never been more threatened or more divided, and is facing the "greatest cascade" of crises, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres told global leaders on Tuesday, sounding an alarm over the Covid-19 pandemic, a climate crisis pummeling the planet and an upheaval in Afghanistan and other nations that is thwarting peace.

Guterres, in his address to the opening of the General Debate of the 76th Session of the General Assembly, said that human rights are under fire, science is under assault and economic lifelines for the most vulnerable are coming too little and too late, if they come at all, and solidarity is missing in action.

"I am here to sound the alarm: The world must wake up. We are on the edge of an abyss — and moving in the wrong direction. Our world has never been more threatened. Or more divided. We face the greatest cascade of crises in our lifetimes," he said.

Biden-Modi meet will strengthen  
India-US ties: White House official

**PTI ■ WASHINGTON**

The maiden bilateral meeting between President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday will further strengthen the US-India strategic ties and allow the leaders to discuss the situation in Afghanistan and how the two countries can work together to fight terrorism, a

senior White House official has said.

The first in-person meeting at the White House will also provide added momentum to the Quad grouping, the official said.

Biden will host Modi at the White House for their first bilateral meeting on September 24. Later on that day, Biden will host the first-ever in-person

All-male Taliban Cabinet

Taliban double down on a hard-line course despite global outcry

**AP ■ KABUL**

The Taliban expanded their interim Cabinet by naming more Ministers and Deputies on Tuesday, but failed to appoint any women, doubling down on a hard-line course despite the international outcry that followed their initial presentation of an all-male government lineup earlier this month.

The international community has said that it will judge the Taliban by their actions, and that recognition of a Taliban-led government would be linked to the treatment of women and minorities.

In their previous rule of Afghanistan in the late 1990s, the Taliban, who adhere to a harsh interpretation of Islam, had barred girls and women from schools, work and public life.

At a news conference Tuesday, Taliban Government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid held out the possibility of adding women to the Cabinet at a later time, but gave



Taliban Government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid gives a Press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday **AP**

no specifics. He also said the Taliban are preparing rules for allowing teen-age girls and women to return to schools and jobs in line with Islamic law, but did not say when that might happen.

Mujahid defended the latest additions to the Cabinet, saying they included members of ethnic minorities, such as the Hazaras. He said the deputies were chosen for their

technical skills.

He bristled at international conditions for recognition, saying there was no reason for withholding it. "It is the responsibility of the United Nations to recognize our government (and) for other countries, including European, Asian and Islamic countries, to have diplomatic relations with us," he said.

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tional support as they grapple with the daunting challenges of governing a nation shredded by four decades of conflict. The US-backed Government deposed by the Taliban in a rapid military campaign last month had depended heavily on foreign aid. Even before the Taliban takeover, the economy was in deep trouble. Now Afghanistan's new rulers face an economic meltdown and growing poverty.

Mujahid played down the financial problems, saying that much of the foreign aid to the previous government — widely seen as corrupt — was spent on funding America's 20-year war against the Taliban.

UK Police charge  
third Russian in  
poisoning of ex-spy

**London:** In a development expected to further strain UK-Russia relations, Scotland Yard on Tuesday named and charged a third Russian military intelligence officer in the murder conspiracy case involving nerve agent poisonings in the UK town of Salisbury back in March 2018.

The Metropolitan Police counter-terrorism officers said Denis Sergeev — under the alias Sergey Fedotov — is wanted in connection with the attempted assassination of former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia with a Novichok nerve agent, along with two other Russian suspects. **AP**

Trudeau's party  
wins Canada vote  
But fails to get majority

**Toronto:** Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party secured victory in Parliamentary elections but failed to get the majority he wanted in a vote that focused on the coronavirus pandemic but that many Canadians saw as unnecessary.

Trudeau entered Monday's election leading a stable minority government that wasn't under threat of being toppled — but he was hoping Canadians would reward him with a majority for navigating the pandemic better than many

other leaders. Still, Trudeau struggled to justify why he called the election early given the virus, and the opposition was relentless in accusing him of holding the vote two years before the deadline.

In the end, the gamble did not pay off, and the results nearly mirrored those of two years ago. The Liberal Party was leading or elected in 158 seats — one more than they won 2019, and 12 short of the 170 needed for a majority in the House of Commons. **AP**

Indo-Canadians  
secure victories  
in Canada polls

**PTI ■ TORONTO**

Seventeen Indo-Canadians, including NDP leader Jagmeet Singh and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, won Canada's Parliamentary elections on Tuesday with Liberal Party leader and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau returning to power in the snap polls.

Canadians gave 49-year-old Trudeau's Liberal Party a victory in Monday's parliamentary elections, but his gamble to win a majority of seats failed and nearly mirrored the result of two years ago.

The Liberals won the most seats of any party. Trudeau's Liberals were leading or elected in 156 seats — one less than they won in 2019, and 14 short of the 170 needed for a majority in the House of Commons, according to Canadian media reports.

This is Trudeau's third federal election win, but his critics say the poll was a waste of time. The Conservatives have held onto their main opposition status and are expected to win about 122 seats, **BBC** reported.

"There are still votes to be counted but what we've seen tonight is millions of Canadians have chosen a progressive plan," Trudeau told supporters in Montreal in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

In meeting with Modi, Harris to  
'reinforce' strategic partnership  
between India, US: White House

**Washington:** US Vice President Kamala Harris will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House on Thursday to "reinforce" the strategic partnership between the two countries, as they plan to discuss various issues, including democracy, human rights and climate, a White House official said on Tuesday.

"This meeting will build upon their June 3 telephone conversation addressing the Covid response. They plan to discuss democracy, human rights, climate, and global

health issues," the official said. "On Thursday, the Vice President will meet with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reinforce the strategic partnership between the United States and India," the White House official said.

According to the official, as Biden delivered his first speech before the UN's General Assembly on Tuesday, Harris plans to continue her work to advance the Biden-Harris Administration's agenda to rebuild "our alliances and restore America's global leadership. **PTI**



Smoke billows from a volcano near Los Llanos de Ariadne on the island of La Palma in the Canaries, Spain, on Tuesday **AP**

Nerves on edge on Spanish  
island as quakes, lava threaten

**El Paso:** Several small earthquakes shook the Spanish island of La Palma off northwest Africa, keeping nerves on edge as rivers of lava continued to flow toward the sea on Tuesday and a new vent blew open on the mountainside.

After moving downhill across the island's countryside since Sunday's eruption, the lava is gradually closing in on the more densely populated coastline. Officials said a river of lava was bearing down on the neighbourhood of Todoque, where more than 1,000 people live and where emergency services were preparing evacuations.

About 6,000 people on La Palma have been evacuated so far and 183 houses damaged, government spokeswoman Isabel Rodriguez said after a Cabinet meeting in Madrid. **AP**

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Office of the Executive Engineer (M&G) Dhalpur Power House, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:  
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Estimated cost: Rs 4,61,100/-, Rs 7,13,880/-(GST Extra)  
Date of availability of bid document on website: 22.09.2021  
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**FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
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**SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. No. 201/ 2020  
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(4), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)  
O.A. No. 201/ 2020  
ICICI Bank Ltd ...Applicant  
Versus  
Mrs. Prerna Saxena & Others ...Defendants  
To, Defendants:  
1) Mrs. Prerna Saxena, Wife of Mr. Trapti Kumar Shukla, Resident of Flat No- 2403, 24th Floor Tower-D, Misty Height Plot No. Sector-Adjoining Techzone IV, Sport City, Greater Noida, Noida-201301 (U.P.)  
2) Mr. Trapti Kumar Shukla, Son of Shri. Gokaran Nath Shukla, Resident of Flat No. 2403, 24th Floor Tower-D, Misty Height Plot No. Sector-Adjoining Techzone-IV, Sport City, Greater Noida, Noida-201301 (U.P.)  
3) M/s Maple Realcon Pvt. Ltd. Reg. Plot No. 69 Soho House, Gyan Khand-1, Indrapuram Gaziabad- 201010 (U.P.)  
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 16/12/2021 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.  
Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal  
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SC-101/2021 N.D.O.H. 15.11.2021  
Smt. Nirmal Vs. The State & Ors.  
To  
Smt. Nirmal W/o Late Shri Anand Saxena R/o H.No.2908, B-Block Gali no.72, Sant Nagar, Burari, New Delhi-110084  
.....Petitioner  
FOR SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE UNDER INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT, 1925  
To,  
All Concerned  
Whereas in the above noted petition the applicant/petitioner has applied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble Court Under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 in respect of the debt and securities amount of Rs xxx. As per record to be standing in the name of **Late Sh. Anand Saxena** deceased.  
Whereas the 15.11.2021 at 10' o'clock in the forenoon has been fixed for hearing or the application notice is hereby given to this concerned.  
Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 15.09.2021.  
Sd/-  
(Shirish Aggarwal)  
ACJ/ARC(Central): Delhi

In the Court of Sh. Shirish Aggarwal: Administrative Civil  
Judge-Cum-ARC(Central)Delhi-110054  
SC-111/2021 N.D.O.H. 25.10.2021  
Abhey Mangal Vs. The State  
To  
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Abhey Mangal S/o Late shri Chander Prakash R/o H.No. 515, Kucha Patiram Bazaar Sitaram, Delhi-110006  
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Whereas the 25.10.2021 at 10' o'clock in the forenoon has been fixed for hearing or die application notice is hereby given to this concerned.  
Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 14.09.2021.  
Sd/-  
(Shirish Aggarwal)  
ACJ/ARC(Central): Delhi

In the Court of Sh. Shirish Aggarwal: Administrative Civil  
Judge-Cum-ARC(Central)Delhi-110054  
SC-108/2021 N.D.O.H. 01.11.2021  
Dharamvir Singh Vs. The State  
To  
Dharamvir Singh Vs. The State  
Sh. Dharamvir Singh S/o Late Shri Lili Ram, R/o Khasra No. 137/13 House No. 51, A-2 Block, Gali No. 6, Near Holli Chowk, 41 Foota Road, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084  
.....Petitioner  
FOR SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE UNDER INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT, 1925  
To,  
All Concerned  
Whereas in the above noted petition the applicant/petitioner has applied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble Court Under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 in respect of the debt and securities amount of Rs xxx. As per record to be standing in the name of **Late Smt. Sumitra W/o Late Sh. Satbir Singh** deceased.  
Whereas the 01.11.2021 at 10' o'clock in the forenoon has been fixed for hearing or the application notice is hereby given to this concerned.  
Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 07.09.2021.  
Sd/-  
(Shirish Aggarwal)  
ACJ/ARC(Central): Delhi

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**  
**ICICI Bank**  
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005  
Whereas  
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.  
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below- mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.  
Sr. No. Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) Name of Branch  
1. Vijayarao Srinivasulu/ Vijara Rao Krishna Sai Sumam- LBGTR00004843699 (As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All Part and Pieces of Property 2678 Sq. Ft. Plot No 6 D No 12/5, New Door No 86-1-135 Ward No 25 Old Door, Guntur City, Plot No 6d No 12/5, Guntur- 522004 (admeasuring An Area Of North: Others Property South: 20 Ft Road East: Krishniah Plot West: Others Property Date of Symbolic Possession-16.09.2021 31.05.2021 Rs. 37,65,231/- Guntur  
The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.  
Date : September 22, 2021 Place: Ghaziabad Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of constructed property Plot No. 1121, Sector-4, Urban Estate, Gurugram in respect of 100% share.  
Master Trade & Finance Ltd. having Regd. Office at L-28, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048 & 1519, Ansal Tower 38, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 intends to apply for allotment of the said property.  
If any person is having any objection against the transfer of the house he/she can submit objections in writing to the Estate Officer-1, HSPV, Sector-14, Gurugram along with supporting documents Within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise the Estate Officer may sanction mutation of the property as per Huda policy and may not entertain subsequent claim, if any.  
Master Trade & Finance Ltd. (Legal Heirs)  
On behalf of Estate Officer-1 HSPV, Sector-14, Gurugram

**FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow - 226007  
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal)  
**SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
O.A. No. 202/ 2020  
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(4), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)  
O.A. No. 202/ 2020  
ICICI Bank Ltd ...Applicant  
Versus  
Mr. Avishek Saha & Others ...Defendants  
To, Defendants:  
1) Mr. Avishek Saha, son of Shri Salil Saha, Resident of Flat No. GD10063301, Garden Isles, Wishtown Jaypee Greens, Sector-133, Noida-201301. (U.P.)  
2) Mrs. Ritika Saha, Wife of Mr. Avishek Saha, Resident of Flat No. GD10063301, Garden Isles, Wishtown Jaypee Greens, Sector-133, Noida-201301. (U.P.)  
3) Mr. Trapti Kumar Shukla, Son of Shri. Gokaran Nath Shukla, Resident of Flat No. 2403, 24th Floor Tower-D, Misty Height Plot No. Sector-Adjoining Techzone-IV, Sport City, Greater Noida, Noida-201301 (U.P.)  
4) Mr. Trapti Kumar Shukla, Son of Shri. Gokaran Nath Shukla, Resident of Flat No. 2403, 24th Floor Tower-D, Misty Height Plot No. Sector-Adjoining Techzone-IV, Sport City, Greater Noida, Noida-201301 (U.P.)  
5) M/s Maple Realcon Pvt. Ltd. Reg. Plot No. 69 Soho House, Gyan Khand-1, Indrapuram Gaziabad- 201010 (U.P.)  
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 13/12/2021 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.  
Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal  
Lucknow



# Sebi drops adjudication proceedings against RIL

## Alleged incorrect financial disclosures matter

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Markets watchdog Sebi has disposed of adjudication proceedings without imposing any penalty on Reliance Industries Ltd in a matter related to alleged incorrect disclosure of diluted earnings per share in its financial results more than 13 years ago.

Sebi decided not to impose any penalty for the alleged violations mainly on two grounds, including that the amendment to the relevant fact that made incorrect disclosure of information by a list-

ed company punishable came into force prospectively from March 2019.

Besides, the regulator mentioned about its pending appeal before the Supreme Court against a Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) order.

The quarterly financial statements submitted by Reliance Industries Ltd to the NSE for six consecutive quarters beginning June 2007 to September 2008 contained the same figures for basic as well as diluted Earnings Per Share (EPS) despite existence of share warrants, according to Sebi.

RIL had issued 12 crore warrants to its promoters on April 12, 2007 which were convertible within 18 months with an exercise price of ₹1,402 per warrant entitling its holders to subscribe to equivalent number of equity shares.

On October 3, 2008, the company's board of directors allotted 12 crores equity shares of ₹10 each to the allottees, upon exercise of warrants.

In a 39-page order, dated September 20, Sebi said the amendment with regard to furnishing false, incorrect or incomplete information, docu-

ment, books, return or report, made punishable under the provisions of Section 23A of SCR Act, 1956 effected by the Finance Act, 2018 with effect from March 8, 2019 came into effect only with prospective effect.

SCRA refers to Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act. In addition, Sebi's Adjudicating Officer Biju S mentioned about the SAT order, passed in May this year, wherein it was ruled that failure to comply with the listing agreement under clause 36 attracts penalty under Section 23A(a) of SCRA and not under Section 23E of the Act.

Sebi has filed an appeal in the matter before the Supreme

Court but no stay has been granted by the court.

Against this backdrop, Biju said he was of the view that "no penalty is warranted in terms of the said provisions in the present adjudication proceedings. Hence, the present adjudication proceedings are disposed of without imposition of penalty".

In terms of the listing agreement, companies are required to disclose both basic and diluted EPS in the quarterly financial statements filed with the stock exchanges. This financial information is required to be prepared and disclosed after complying with all the accounting standards.

According to Sebi's order,

RIL has inter-alia contended that even if it is assumed (without admitting) that the diluted EPS computed is incorrect, the difference between the diluted EPS as computed by the regulator and the company is very negligible and that the difference was to the extent of 0.45 per cent to 3.71 per cent.

"In this regard I note that

the noticee (RIL) was disclosing the same figures for the diluted EPS and Basic EPS in its financial statements for six consecutive quarters between June 30, 2007 to September 30, 2008, essentially portraying that there was no dilution in the earnings per share, when in fact the same was not the case," the order said.

## Amazon spends ₹ 8,546 cr in legal expenses during 2018-20 to maintain presence in India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

US e-commerce giant Amazon, which is said to be investigating alleged bribes paid by its legal representatives in India, spent a staggering ₹8,546 crore or \$1.2 billion in legal expenses for maintaining a presence in the country during 2018-20, sources said.

Sources aware of the firm's public account filings said entities of Amazon - including Amazon Retail India Pvt Ltd, Amazon Seller Services Pvt Ltd, Amazon Transportation Services Pvt Ltd, Amazon Wholesale (India) Pvt Ltd, and Amazon Internet Services Pvt Ltd (AWS) - paid Rs 3,420 crore in India during 2018-19 and Rs 5,126 crore during 2019-20 towards legal fees.

Amazon is locked in a legal tussle over the takeover of Future Group and is facing a probe by the Competition Commission of India (CCI). While the company declined to comment on the legal fee issue, traders body CAIT claimed that Amazon spending 20 per cent of its revenue on lawyers was questionable.

"The whopping amount spent under legal professional fees clearly shows how Amazon

and its subsidiaries are misusing their financial muscles to bribe and manipulate Indian government officials," CAIT National Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal wrote to Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal.

Without offering any proof for his claim, he demanded a CBI inquiry.

On Monday, a report by Morning Context stated that Amazon has initiated an investigation against some of its legal representatives for allegedly bribing Indian government officials. Its senior corporate counsel has reportedly been sent on leave in this matter.

The company had stated that it takes allegations of improper actions seriously and investigates them fully to take appropriate action. While it did not confirm or deny the allegations, Amazon had said it has "zero tolerance for corruption".

"Which company over the globe while spending more than 20 per cent of its accrued revenue on paying to lawyers is able to sustain in business and that too even making losses year by year but yes it is global e-tailer Amazon in India which is a living example of this mind-boggling acrimony," CAIT alleged on Tuesday.

## GST panel to consider giving waiver on 1 day interest, late fee

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

As some taxpayers faced difficulties in filing GST return on Monday, the tax department on Tuesday said the IT grievance redressal committee would consider giving interest and late fee waiver.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in a tweet said a few taxpayers have reportedly faced difficulty in updation of Electronic Cash Ledger on September 20.

September 20 was the last day for filing GST return and paying taxes via GSTR-3B for August.

"To mitigate their difficulties, GSTN has been directed to take up the issue of waiver of late fee and interest for one day for such taxpayers, before the IT Grievance Redressal Committee," the tweet said.

Road length rises 17% to 6.39 mln km, registered vehicles 41% in 2015-19

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The number of registered vehicles in India rose by 41 per cent to 296 million in 2019 from 210 million in 2015, according to the Road Transport and Highways ministry data.

While total road length rose 17 per cent to 6.39 million km in 2019 from 5.47 million km in 2015, the road fatalities reduced by 10 per cent to 1,31,714 in 2019 from 1,46,113 in 2015.

According to the data, Tamil Nadu has emerged as the best performing states in fatalities reduction during 2015-20 period, followed by Kerala, Gujarat and West Bengal.

India has committed to reducing road fatalities to 50 per cent from the period 2020 to 2030. The government has formulated scheme to incentivise samaritans to help accident victims.

## Kotak Mahindra Bank forays into healthcare lending, not to use RBI's liquidity window

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Kotak Mahindra Bank on Tuesday announced its foray into the healthcare lending space, where it will be taking exposures of up to ₹ 15 crore apiece.

The private sector lender, however, will not be seeking funds from the Reserve Bank's on-tap liquidity scheme for

the sector, as its cost of funds is very low, its President and Head of Business Banking Assets, Sunil Daga, said.

In May this year, the RBI had announced an on-tap liquidity window of ₹50,000 crore for on-lending by banks to the healthcare sector, where they can take exposures of up to three years and access funding at the repo rate.

### ₹1cr scholarships for Class 1-10 students

**New Delhi:** With aim to provide meritorious students access to high quality education at affordable costs, interactive live learning platform LearnHat on Tuesday announced ₹ 1 crore scholarships for Classes 1-10 students across India. Selection is based on LearnHat

National Scholarship Test - LANCET. "With the launch of LANCET, our aim is to recognize and reward high performers and encourage students to develop critical thinking skills," said Priyadeep Sinha, co-founder & CEO of LearnHat.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that the original document i.e. allotment letter of flat number M-06 Jalayu Vihar Sector 25 Noida has been lost somewhere, whose complaint has been filed on 8/9/2021 in the P.S. Crime Branch Delhi. Therefore, if the above allotment letter is found by any person or if have any right or claim in this regard, then he/she should be lodged its claim within 10 days from the date of publication, either to: Noida Authority or to the following address. Failing which the claim, right on the said document will be considered completely free and abandoned.

**P.S. Gill**  
**M-06, Jalayu Vihar Sector 25 Noida**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that Mr. Ashok Gupta became the owner of "Back side Upper Ground Floor (without roof lighting) of Property bearing No. 6 area measuring 62 sq. yds. out of Khosla No. 485 and 486, situated at Village Nowada, Mazraa Khasla, Block-C, Rama Park Extn., Ugram Nagar, New Delhi". vide Sale Deed dated 03/03/2021. Document no. 5038 executed by Mrs R. P. Builders through its partners Mr. Ram Kumar Sharma and Mr. Pankaj Maheshwari Now. Mr. Ashok Gupta's intention to sell the above said property to Mr. Chaman Kumar and Mrs. Vibha Devi who is negotiating the above said property with Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd. In case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dharwal/ Mr. Sudhi Jain (Advocate), Law Veritas Unit no. 907, 9th Floor, GD-II, Tower: (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact of 9066707172/9818226636 (IM).

### GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

#### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER : P.W.D. BUILDING : ASSAM

**CHANDMARI : GUWAHATI : 781003.**

**No. SMC/52/2021/2**

### PRESS NOTICE

The Chief Engineer, PWD (Building), Assam on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed and experienced Architect(s)/ Architectural firms for providing Consultancy services for the proposed "Development of Integrated Raj Bhawan campus at Guwahati, Assam" by construction of a State-of-the-Art Governor House, Governor's Secretariat and Staff residences and facilities, etc. for better functioning and security, alongwith a facility with all modern amenities to host senior functionaries and visiting State Guests.

Details may be seen in the website <http://www.assamtenders.gov.in>. Bidders must be registered in the portal.

**Sd/-**  
**Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Bldg.)**  
**Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3**

**Janasanyog No:- C/5767/21**

**NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar, (UP)  
Website : [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com)

### E-TENDER NOTICE

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

(1) **01/DGM(JAL)/AO/SM(G.JAL)/2021-22**, M/o Gangajal (Year Running Operation for Zonal UGRs in Sector-31, 20, 05, 08, 63, 52 and 61) Noida. **Cost Rs. 92.46 Lacs.**

The above tenders can be uploaded by date **06.10.2021 upto 5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **07.10.2021 at 11.00 AM**.

**Office** **Senior Manager (G.JAL)**  
**Sector-5** **Noida**

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कार्यालय: अधीनस्थ अधिकारी, निगम मण्डल, एटि-सी-10, सीडीए नगर, देहरादून  
फोन नं. : 0135-2751879 ईमेल: [se@circle10@yashoo.com](mailto:se@circle10@yashoo.com)

**पत्रांक: 4755 /निविदा / 333 दिनांक: 18.09.2021**

**“ई-निविदा सूचना”**

अधीक्षक अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड प्रेयजल निगम, देहरादून के पत्रांक 4754 /निविदा / 331, दिनांक 18.09.2021 द्वारा जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत जनपद देहरादून के विकासखण्ड डोईवाला की खेरी खुर्द प्रेयजल योजना के निर्माण एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्यों हेतु राज्य सरकार की वेबसाइट <http://www.uttarakhand.gov.in> के माध्यम से दिनांक **21.09.2021 से 08.10.2021 तक ई-निविदा (e-tender)** आमंत्रित की जा रही है। निविदा की नियम एवं शर्तें उपरोक्त वेबसाइट से प्राप्त की जा सकती हैं।

**अधीक्षक अभियन्ता**

**RAJASTHAN STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED**  
Pant Krishna Bhawan, Janpath, Jaipur  
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CIN-U75132RJ1978SGC001781 [www.rajseeds.org](http://www.rajseeds.org)

**SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING BID**

Rajasthan State Seeds Corporation Limited, Jaipur invites E-Procurement: Bids from interested seed production companies/organizers/suppliers to supply notified truthfully labeled seed/Certified seed of Fodder, Spices & Vegetables for Rabi 2021-22. Bid documents are available on website <https://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in/> or [www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in) or [www.rajseeds.org](http://www.rajseeds.org) or [agriculture.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://agriculture.rajjasthan.gov.in) from 21.09.2021 to 24.09.2021. Last date and time of online submission of Bid is 01.00 P.M. on 24.09.2021. RSSC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid. The UBN is **SDS2122GLRC00022**

**Managing Director (DIN 08383856)**

**CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS**

**ENGAGEMENT OF ACT APPRENTICE IN CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS/CHITTARANJAN**

**Notice No. TS/157/AITT (Party)2021**

[1].Application are invited for Act Apprentices under Apprentice Act' 1961 and Apprenticeship Rules'1962, from candidates fulfilling the conditions mentioned in the notification under (A) for the year 2021-2022, as under: (A). ITI passed out candidates (NCVT- Final & Provisional) in the following designated trades. Sl No., Name of the Trade, U.R, O B C ( 2 7 % ) , S C ( 1 5 % ) , S T ( 7 . 5 % ) , Total. 1.Fitter,101,54,30,15,200. 2.Turner,10,05,03,02,20 3.Machinist, 29,15,08,04,56 4. Welder (G&E), 44, 24, 13, 07, 88.5.Electrician, 57,30,17,08,112. 6.Ref.&A.C.Mechanics, 02,01,01,00,04. 7.Painter(G), 06,03,02,01,12. TOTAL 492:- UR(249),OBC(132), SC(74), ST(37). For others detailed information, such as Reservation, Eligibility Conditions, Age, Qualification, How to Apply, Training Period & Stipend, Mode of Selection & Important Instructions, Interested Applicants may download the Notification from CLW's official Website: <https://clw.indianrailways.gov.in>. Under the Link:—>News & Recruitment drop down and click —>Recruitments —>drop down to Sl. No.96 and get the Notification of engagement of Act Apprentices...Dt.15-09-2021 —>Download.

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**PR2-224**

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to all concern that Smt. Harjeet Goomer W/o Late Sh. Mohinder Singh Goomer R/o C-54, Sec-19, Noida, G. B. Nagar, U.P. is the allottee of Shop No- 64, Block-AB, Auto Complex, Sector-16, Noida, G. B. Nagar U.P. Smt. Harjeet Goomer has executed a Registered G.P.A. in favour of (1) Sh. Trilok Singh Negi S/o Sh. Kanwar Singh Negi R/o P-45, Sector-12, Noida, U.P. and (2) Sh. Bhagwat Singh Bisht S/o Sh. Dungan Singh Bisht R/o N-196 Sector-12, Noida, U.P. dated 31/01/2000 in Book No. IV, Volume No. 144 on page No. 41 to 50, Document No. 213 at Sub- Registrar (I), Noida. Now the said above Shop is going to be transferred through the said above registered G.P.A. in favour of (1) Sh. Dharminder Singh Negi S/o Sh. Trilok Singh Negi R/o P-45, Sec-12, Noida UP & (2) Madan Singh Bisht S/o Bhagwat Singh Bisht R/o N-196, Sec-12, Noida UP. If anyone has/have any objection, he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Commercial Department of Noida Authority, Sector 6, Noida within the 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

**Dharminder Singh Negi, Madan Singh Bisht**

### FORM NO. 5

#### DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow - 226007  
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal)

#### SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

**O.A. No. 461/2020**  
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(4), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

**O.A. No. 461/2020**  
ICICI Bank Ltd. ....Applicant  
Versus  
Mr. Nitin Nagpal & Others  
...Defendants

To, Defendants:  
Mr. Sumit Nagpal, son of Shri Ramesh Nagpal, Resident of Flat No. Unit Reference No.- KRH0051403, Krescent Homes, Jaypee Greens, Noida- 201304 (U.P.)

**ALSO** Resident of B-7, Sector-39, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida 201301 (U.P.)

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 10/11/2021 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

**Registrar**  
**Debts Recovery Tribunal**  
**Lucknow**

### FORM NO.5

#### DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow - 226007  
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal)

#### SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION

**O.A. No. 208/ 2020**  
(Summons to defendant under Section 19(4), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

**O.A. No. 208/ 2020**  
ICICI Bank Ltd. ....Applicant  
Versus  
Mr. Ajay Giri & Others  
...Defendants

To, Defendants:  
1) Mr. Ajay Giri, son of Shri Rahul Pati Giri, Resident of Unit No.- LD15-303, Kove Jaypee Greens Sports City, Noida- 201301 (U.P.)

**ALSO** Resident of House No. B-44 Chahel House Mansarovar Colony, Moradabad- 244001 (U.P.)

2) Mrs. Sunita Giri, Wife of Mr. Ajay Giri, Resident of Unit No.- LD15-303, Kove Jaypee Greens Sports City, Noida- 201301 (U.P.)

**ALSO** Resident of House No. B-44 Chahel House Mansarovar Colony, Moradabad- 244001 (U.P.)

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 12/12/2021 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

**Registrar**  
**Debts Recovery Tribunal**  
**Lucknow**

powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.					
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch	
1.	Abhishek/ Usha Subhash/ Subhash Chander/ Sonia Abhishek/ Abhinav/ LBFDB00002081187	Flat No. 34, 1st Floor, Block C Anand Niketan, With Roof Rights, Near vasant Vihar, Delhi/ September 15, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 2,52,55,758/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
2.	Ashok Kumar Singh/ Seema Ashok Singh/ LBDEL00004045101	Flat No-B- 35, 2nd Floor With Roof Right, Sardee City Sector-52, Gurgaon, Haryana/ September 15, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 58,52,109/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
3.	Ashok Kumar Singh/ Seema Ashok Singh/ LBDEL00005335544	Flat No-B- 35, 2nd Floor With Roof Right, Sardee City Sector-52, Gurgaon, Haryana/ September 15, 2021	June 16, 2021/ Rs. 15,30,087/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
4.	Ashutosh Joshi/ Rajeshwari Joshi/ LBDEL00002398422	Flat No B3 501, 5th Floor Tower B3, Tulip Purple, Sector 69, Gurgaon Haryana/ September 15, 2021	March 25, 2021/ Rs. 1,08,15,369/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
5.	Krishna Kumar Agrawal/ Manorama Agrawal/ LBGUR00002113853	Flat No- 4201, 20th Floor, Type- B, Tower- 4, ATS Triumph, Sector- 104, Village Dhanwapu Gurgaon, Gurgaon, Haryana/ September 15, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 1,70,96,598/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
6.	Madhur Sirohi/ M/s Preama Enterprise/ Jyoti Joon/ Purn Tiwari/ LBGUR00004130755	Unit No- J0304, Top Floor, Tower J (Corona Optus) Sai Silver Oak Building B Ninex Corona Sector-37C, Gurgaon, Haryana/ September 15, 2021	March 25, 2021/ Rs. 83,65,114/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
7.	Meenakshi Pandey/ Geeta Pandey/ LBDEL00002081323/ LBFDB00005250172	Flat No 3093, 9th Floor Tower 3, ATS Tourmaline, Sector 109, Gurgaon Haryana/ September 15, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 1,40,35,016/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
8.	Parminder Duhani/ Sonia Duhani/ Arvind Walia/ LBGUR00002144905/ LBGUR00002146188	Flat No - 202 , 2nd Floor, tower D Park View Spa From Best Tech India Pvt Ltd Sec- 47 Gurgaon Haryana/ September 15, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 2,27,16,745/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
9.	Rishi Kumar Saluja/ Brinda Mudgil/ LBND000004430329	Flat No 1405, 14th Floor Apex Golf Avenue, Plot No Gh-3, Sports Citya, Djoining Tech ZC Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ September 15, 2021	June 16, 2021/ Rs. 28,06,710/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
10.	Durga Dass/ Simerjeet Kaur/ LBND00004520955	Flat No- F-005, Ground Floor Tower- F Village Kherki Daulaninex City Sector 76, Gurgaon, Haryana/ September 16, 2021	March 25, 2021/ Rs. 1,29,57,483/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
11.	Mahendra Kumar Jajoo/ Varun Mahendra Jajoo/ Emkay Automobile Industries Limited/ LBDEL00001987210	Unit No-202, 2nd Floor, Tower-5 Vipul Greens, Formerly Named As Orchid Greens Sector-48 Sohna Road, Gurgaon, Haryana/ September 16, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 65,11,157/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
12.	Manoj Monga/ Anshu Monga/ M/s County Apparels/ LBFDB00004188386/ LBFDB00004188384	Flat No 203 2nd Floor, Neelkanth, The Napcon Employees CGHS Ltd Plot No GH-24 Sector-21C, Faridabad, Haryana/ September 16, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 98,94,068/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
13.	Ram Kripal Yadava/ Brij Pal Yadav/ LBFDB00004305993	Plot No-GH-14, Flat No-801, 8th Floor The Suraksha Viha, Co- Operative Group Housing Ltd, Sector- 45, Faridabad Haryana/ September 16, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 62,74,509/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
14.	Ritika Sapra/ LBDEL00004544820	H. No. 340-P, Ground Floor, Surya Nagar, Phase- II, Sector- 91, Faridabad, Haryana/ September 16, 2021	August 18, 2020/ Rs. 50,17,564/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
15.	Akshay Grover/ Inder Mohan/ LBDEL00001951008/ LBND000001953710	Flat No- F-2, First Floor (HIG) Back Side (Without Roof Right), Plot No. Niti Khand-II/458, Indrapuram Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh West Road/ September 15, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 21,05,190/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
16.	Deepshikha/ Kaushalya Devi/ LBDEL00003905722/ LBDEL00005079805/ LBGHZ00005105623	Flat No- 0707, 7th Floor, Tower No- Sun 1, Migsun Roof, Plot No. 4, 5 And 51, Raj Nagar Extension, Sikrad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh, F.I/ September 15, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 18,86,502/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
17.	Jyoti/ Hari Ram/ LBFDB00003325161	Shop No- UGF 145, Block-H, Upper Ground Floor, Sushant Shopping Arcade Sushant Lok-1, Gurgaon, Haryana/ September 15, 2021	March 25, 2021/ Rs. 23,06,543/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
18.	Laxmi Choudhary/ Lalan Kumar Choudhary/ LBFDB00005110991	House No 980-VP, Sector 21 Durbane State Faridabad/ September 16, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 18,75,890/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
19.	Manu Tripathi/ Kshma Tripathi/ LBDEL00001747412	MIG, Flat No-SF-1, Situated At Plot No-865, Sector-5, Awask Colony, Vaishali Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh/ September 15, 2021	March 25, 2021/ Rs. 10,39,795/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
20.	Meghnath Kaushik/ Mamta Sharma/ LBND00002068472	Unit No. AMO4001004, Ajnara Ambrosia, Plot No. GH- 01, Sector-118, Uttar Pradesh/ September 15, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 24,53,852/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
21.	Pushpendra Singh/ Neeraj Shekhawat/ LBND00004861743/ LBJA100005194794	Flat No 802, 8th Floor, Tower T Parasvnath Garden, Plot No E-8-B Sec 61, Gautam Buddha Nagar/ September 15, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 6,62,992/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
22.	Ruchi Goyal/ Brij Bhushan Goyal/ LBFDB00005293742/ LBFDB00004923389	Flat No- C-1106, Floor-11, Mulberry County, MGH Homes, Sector-70, Faridabad, Haryana/ September 15, 2021	June 25, 2021/ Rs. 27,86,269/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
23.	Dinesh Kumar/ Darshana/ LBDEL00001898530	Flat N. 01, Ground Floor, Plot No. 31, Block-5, Eros Garden Charmwood Village, Faridabad, Haryana/ September 16, 2021	March 25, 2021/ Rs. 41,10,958/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
24.	Kirti & Ankit Nigam/ Mazuma Marketing Service Private Limited/ LBDEL00005137195	Flat No- E-1606, Tower- E, 16th Floor, Cloud-9 Towers of Rishabh Paradise Mall Road, Comprising Khadra No.519, 530, 532, 541, 542 & 543 Ahinsa Khand- II Indrapuram, Ghaziabad/ September 15, 2021	June 25, 2021/ Rs. 48,29,252/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
25.	Deepak Choudhary/ Aruna Rani/ LBFDB00002318473/ LBFDB00001907121/ LBFDB00004582273	Plot No-37, Block-D Sector-11, DLF Model Town, Faridabad Haryana/ September 16, 2021	June 25, 2021/ Rs. 2,21,96,442/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
26.	Vikas Kaushik/ Manoj Kaushik/ Subhash Kaushik/ Santosh Kaushik/ LBFDB00004100110	Plot No-324, Sector-21a, Urban Estate, Faridabad/ September 16, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 2,08,77,337/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
27.	Nitesh Kumar Bansal & Shikha Aggarwal/ Rajendra Prasad/ LBFDB00005132968	Plot No- A1-2130 (Old No C 40), Ground Floor Sector A Green Fields Colony, Faridabad/ September 16, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 51,04,396/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
28.	Nareash Rawat/ Deshraj/ Kamlesh Rawat/ LBFDB00005151169	House No-88, Sector- 4R, Faridabad, Haryana/ September 16, 2021	March 25, 2021/ Rs. 1,09,57,909/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
29.	Sunali Kirittuadan Taktawala/ LBGUR00003099657	Appt No- E-151, 15th Floor Tower-E, Rahejaatlantics Sector-31, Gurgaon, Haryana/ September 16, 2021	June 16, 2021 / Rs. 64,23,614/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
30.	Renu Kathuria/ Tai Infotech Pvt Ltd/ Rajiv Kathuria/ LBGUR00003300349	Plot No 10, Vipul World, Ground Floor Block-d, Sector-48, Gurgaon, Haryana/ September 15, 2021	June 24, 2021/ Rs. 1,87,86,840/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
31.	Satyendra Kumar & Shikha Verma/ LBND00002027751	Flat No- E 1606, 15th Floor, Tower E, JM Florence, Plot No- DV-GH-09C, Sector- Techzone- IV, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ September 15, 2021	June 25, 2021/ Rs. 30,03,547/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
32.	Ravinder Singh/ Varinderjit Kaur Arora/ LBDEL00003055957/ LBDEL00003058679/ LBDEL00002035913	J11/122, Upper Ground Floor, Rajouri Garden Ext, Delhi- 110027/ September 17, 2021	June 19, 2021 / Rs. 1,18,48,074/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
33.	Barkha Ashok Tapadia & Mandeep Singh Grewal/ LBGUR00002991579	Flat No 1202, 12th Floor, Block B, Sec-3, Victory Ace, Situated At Plot No. GH 02, Greenwoods, Ghaziabad/ September 15, 2021	October 31, 2018/ Rs. 77,83,644/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
34.	Munesh Kumar & Manjula Devi/ LBGUR00003277032	Unit No. 402, 4th Floor, Block C, JNC Greenwoods At G.H.-1, Sector 3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad/ September 15, 2021	March 31, 2018/ Rs. 70,33,851/-	Delhi/ Ncr	
35.	Trilok Chand Sharma & Minesh Sharma/ LBDEL00001846844/ LBDEL00002045169	Plot No A-24, Sector-35 Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida 201301 / September 17, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 1,76,83,259/-	Delhi/ Ncr	





# BECOME GOBALLY COMPETITIVE

There is a growing demand to reshape business education in the country due to digitalisation. PROFESSOR KIRTI SHARMA tells how Indian B-schools can prepare students to become globally competitive

A lot of times when I read about business and business education related articles these days both online and in mainstream print media, some of the keywords which I come across are: sustainable, impactful, society, talent, value, nurturing, entrepreneurial, creativity, distinctive, excellence, research, policy, practice, decision-makers, leaders, performance, culture, digital, AI-M/C learning, autonomy and design-thinking. This made me think what should be the ingredients and the recipe to make an Indian student compete in a globally competitive environment?

This further brings me back to the basic essence of gaining a business degree. In a generalised manner most people have two primary goals when they come to a B-school – “I want to be wealthy” and “I want to make some difference in the world which matters”. The current generation is more concerned about the second one, hence this makes it almost mandatory for Indian B-schools to have a relook towards the traditional curriculum to more contemporary curriculum.

In the medical colleges, doctors teach students and senior post graduate students teach juniors, similarly in a Law school – practicing lawyers teach the budding lawyers. But in a B-school, not all the faculty have experience with hands-on leadership and decision-making in the indus-

try. Hence there is a need to address these challenges in the Indian B-school education and curriculum. I would like to propose the following six solutions for Indian B-schools to prepare their students to be globally competitive where the future is shaped by technology and innovation.

**Technology focus:** B-schools don't have an option anymore to not have technology related topics across functional courses. We are living in the era of Ed-tech, health-tech, HR-tech, Fin-tech etc. As we witness technology's increasing pervasiveness, the same should cut across all functional domains in a B-school like marketing, finance, operations, strategy, economics, public policy and of course information management.

**Industry-institute immersion:** To overcome the limitation of faculty not having hands-on leadership or decision making experience, curriculum should allow to have this intervention beside mandatory summer-internship. This will also help to get them exposed to various problems and improve their analytical skills.

**Incubation centre:** There is a GOI MSME incubation scheme under which they provide financial support to Institutions to develop Entrepreneurial and Managerial skills. B-schools can provide an opportunity to innovate new prod-

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ucts and ideas. In fact this can be introduced as a 'course of independent study' and can be assessed. This will give freedom to students to craft their own learning and growth trajectory.

**Boot camps:** We have seen the technology bootcamps becoming popular among recruiters. Almost every company today is becoming a technology company. Hence B-

schools should include Boot camps focusing on specific skills to replace traditional methods of teaching concepts like product development, value creation, delivery models to name a few. Hence, B-schools, which can offer a few Boot camps in the wide-range of courses will create a competitive edge for their students as these will have sanctity because of the assessment criteria and will be part of the degree at completion.

**AI-data science focus:** From banks, restaurants, government office to hospitals every business has some or the other sort of technology cutting across. Hence, Indian B-schools should include some input across functional domains of marketing, finance, operations and strategy. Some such topics should include: Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning applications, block-chain, cyber-security, e-commerce implementation, innovations etc. Field courses should be included where students who wish to get into a specific industry can understand the real problems and use of technology in those industries such as production units of FMCG or medical equipment, banks, refinery, power company.

**Specialised electives:** Business schools should introduce new contemporary electives as per the global skill demand like electives in machine learning application in

marketing and finance, block-chain service, healthcare marketing, food innovation, real estate management and private equity management and doing business with India to name a few.

There is a growing demand to reshape the business education in India in this digital era. Almost one-third of the world population is Gen Z. These are also the future workforce and leaders.

The B-schools should focus beyond just advertising and scholarships to create a global competitive edge for students. It requires courage to chart new routes, which can vary for different B-schools owing to their capabilities, resources and location. But due to digital technologies this is not impossible. India has an advantage that we are in the midst of the whole economic activity. Doing business with India is a popular course across summer-schools in Europe and the US. Students should have a competitive edge as they are sitting right there to see how business is growing in India, how new unicorns are taking birth in India. So, one of the most important advantages Indian B-schools have is that they are located where the action is. This is the right time when business schools need radical innovations if they have to stay relevant.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

Upon the subject of education, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in.

— Abraham Lincoln

ONE YEAR MSC ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE COURSE



The University of Sheffield, UK is inviting applications for the MSc Antimicrobial Resistance course starting in September 2022.

This course gives you a real-world insight into the approaches used to tackle the global threat of antimicrobial resistance .Designed in collaboration with the NHS, throughout your course, you'll learn about the latest clinical practice in the fast-moving area of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) ready for an exciting career in public health, policy making, or academia.

You'll receive training in the main aspects of AMR, including microbe pathogenesis and resistance mechanisms, treatment regulations, national and international policies, public health, agricultural and environmental factors and potential new therapies and treatments.

**Eligibility:** holders of a three year bachelor degree with a minimum of 60% or "first class" in molecular biology or a related subject (e.g. biochemistry, genetics, biotechnology, and microbiology).

Overall IELTS score of 6.5 with minimum of 6.0 in each component, or equivalent.

**Fee:** Tuition fees for 2022 entry are yet to be confirmed. Overseas (2021 annual fee) : £24,950

**DIPLoma, UG & PG COURSES AT IGNOU**

The last date of Fresh Admission for the July 2021 Session for ODL & Online Programmes has further been extended by the University till 23rd September 2021.

The fresh applicant is required to create new registration and submit all the details and choose the programme he/she wants

**Admissions**

IGNOU has announced Online submission of application for admission to its following AICTE-approved Management Programmes:

1. Master of Business Administration (MBA)
2. Master of Business Administration (Banking and Finance) (MBF)

Programme details like eligibility, duration, fee, courses etc. are available on the Online Admission Portal <https://ignouadmission.samarthh.edu.in>.

The last date for online submission of applications is 30th September 2021.

SOMS also offers Post Graduate Diploma Programmes. PG Diploma in Human Resource Management, Financial Management, Marketing Management, and Operations Management. The last date for admission is 23rd September, 2021.

For more details: <http://ignou.ac.in/userfiles/MB A-Diploma-2021-22.pdf>

## Take advantage of golden programme

The so-called Golden Visa Programmes, offering Residence Rights by Investment, allow foreign nationals to acquire legal residence in a European country and the leads to citizenship of that nation when some conditions are met. These programmes require investing capital in specific assets and jurisdictions to meet the investment goals of the country. The investments are usually to be made in real estate or regulated investment funds. These programs are increasingly becoming attractive for Indians as they unlock many benefits that are otherwise not accessible to Indian Nationals. While there has been sustained demand for these programs from India, the Covid-19 pandemic has further instigated affluent Indians to consider this route more seriously than before.

The wealthy, ambitious and entrepreneurially driven society invest in Residency by Investment programmes as an investment in their future generations. They plant the seeds for their next generation to have greater mobility and global business access to make India prouder and stronger as an economy. As per the global Wealth Migration Report of 2020, over 7000 Indian HNWI were keen to make investments overseas.

For Indians, the higher perceived value of education, employment, business prospects, rewards, infrastructure, quality of life, and more have been attractive selling points for migrating to the West. Amongst the investment migration options available, European programs have increasingly become more sought-after in the subcontinent. In 2020, there was a 62 percent increase in inquiries from Indians for European residency by investment programs and a subsequent 30 percent rise until May 2021 according to a leading report.

Rightly so, because 500 years ago, the West looked to the East for more trade. This trend is now reversing when the East, including China and India continue to look for more trade in



the West. Such trade has driven China to become at-par with the United States and the European Union in under 30 years. And there is no doubt that India must take the same route for global dominance.

**The attraction**

Investors securing their European Golden Visa open up their route to European Citizenship. This gives the investor and their family members easy access to all 27 EU countries – to live, work and retire wherever they want. The investor's children are free to travel, study, settle, and work in any EU country of their liking. For Indians, the EU is warm and welcoming, and a strategic partner in peaks and troughs. English is widely spoken across the EU and each country represents a new shot of culture and heritage, unlike the United States. Indian food, cultures and festivities are celebrated by Indian expats and local Indian embassies. For instance, the Indian High Commission in Cyprus encourages and

arranges community-driven festive celebrations for the Indian diaspora, amongst other things as per our conversation with them.

Europe has a rich, unparalleled heritage to offer for international students. One is usually amazed when visiting Portugal, Greece, Spain, France or Italy. Like India, Europe's history dates back to over 2000 years, again unlike the United States. From culture to some of the best universities, accessible at no or lower costs – investing in residency programmes allow them to stay ahead of the curve. Europe's golden Vsa programmes are also significantly more cost effective than others, and less time consuming.

**Requirement**

The requirements for the Golden Visa Program vary depending on the country of application. For example, Portugal Golden Visa which is currently the most popular among Indian Nationals, requires a property purchase of at least 500 thousand Euros or an investment in a regulated investment fund of at least 350

thousand Euros.

Countries like Spain, Portugal, or Greece provide residency by investing foreign capital in real estate, alternate investment funds, companies, government bonds, and specific industries. In contrast, EU countries like Switzerland, Italy, and Austria require more active investment methods, such as generating job opportunities.

Portugal Golden Visa is one the easiest methods to embark upon the European Citizenship path. In addition to the investment, one must prove the legality of the source of funds, a clean criminal record, and the ability to sustain themselves and their dependents for the specified investment period. Applicants have full rights to live and work in Portugal and apply for citizenship after 5 years. Minimum stay requirements are very moderate and achievable at just seven days annually.

**Process**

Most of the processes are now digitally fulfilled. However, it's advisable to retain a credible investment advisor and immigration lawyer to help with the application process to avoid disappointment. The application and approval process is usually completed within six to nine months. After the approval of the application, the investor receives a biometric residence permit, which subsequently leads to citizenship when certain conditions are met.

**Validity**

It varies across countries. While the renewal process is purely administrative, the renewal seeks to check that the investment is being held as per the regulations and hasn't been liquidated upon receiving the permits. Portuguese and Spanish permits must be renewed every 2 years, while Greek and Cypriot permits must be renewed every 5 years.

The writer is Ashish Saraff, Founder and CEO of Aretha Capital Partners

## Test your aptitude

Students are often presented with diverse career options. At times, choosing the right career path can be confusing. An aptitude test helps students understand the area of interest and strengths better. It provides clarity to students on which career path is most suited based on their skill sets.

Aptitude Tests are designed to determine an individual's skill or ability to succeed in a particular niche/field. Its importance has grown over the years and has helped mould innumerable careers.

**Know Your Career Options:** Aptitude tests are usually taken with the aim of identifying students' potential. The test scores help the aptitude experts in assessing and suggesting the right career options based on the skill-set of the students. Besides, the result also boosts their confidence in striving hard to achieve their career goals.

**Unbiased Tests:** Aptitude tests remain completely unaffected by external factors and are now powered by Artificial Intelligence. Students' raw intelligence and their potential are the key driving indicators in the aptitude test. For instance, the Toppr Scholarship Test for Aptitude and Reasoning (T-STAR) is a consistent and standardized measure of ability, making it the biggest online test in India.

**Understanding strengths:**

Identifying and mapping one's strengths to career goals is undeniably the first step towards success. The right aptitude test helps students understand their skill sets and choose the right career path based on their strongest skills.

**Know your personality:** An aptitude test does not only help in deciding the right career interest, but also plays an important role in understanding the test taker's personality. Once students are aware of their personalities, career options and strengths, they can make informed decisions. Students can acquire the right education or the requisite skills based on the aptitude test's outcome, which in turn helps them succeed in their careers.

**Aptitude Tests are Not definitive:** One of the key aspects of an aptitude test is - that it is not definitive. Students can attempt multiple-aptitude tests to assess themselves. The results can be used as comparative parameters to track a person's intelligence level between two different points of time.

To sum it up, an aptitude test is a reflection of students' current abilities, though not solely restricted to their educational performance. It covers a broad spectrum - career, strengths and personality, and could go a long way in helping students assess themselves during various time intervals.

## Lower extremity advanced-orthopedics fellowship

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After being awarded as Top 10 Trusted Joint Replacement surgeon in India by Medical Excellence awards Dr Dibya Singha Das is all set to launch robotics joint replacement surgery in Eastern India as well as his own new Fellowship programme ,Lower

Extremity Advanced-Orthopedics Fellowship (LEAF).

In this fellowship, he teaches fresh orthopedic surgeons about various concepts. The uniqueness of this programme is that he enrolls only one student every year and focuses on student's overall development as a mentor. This fellowship is all about

advanced lower limb orthopedics surgery, in which students will get practical learning.

Till now Das has already done more than 1000 successful joint replacement surgeries. According to him , Bhubaneshwar, Odisha can be the next health hub in the future after the metropolitan cities of

India. And robotics joint replacement surgery is the future and we should accept the technologies for the betterment of the patient.

He has a vision to take forward the joint Replacement surgery to the next level and take India to be as developed as western Countries in Medical field.

## Class on blockchain, crypto & NFT

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India's leading celebrity led Learning and engagement platform unlucass, has introduced their new course on cryptocurrency in collaboration with Siddharth Menon. Through this course, the WazirX founder will break down the basics and mysteries of crypto, including the nitty gritty of investing and trading, as well as explain how this space can be the next big

thing for people across all careers.

The topics that are going to be covered in this course include Crypto revolution, blockchain, crypto mining, exchanges, NFTs, etc. The class is suitable for a wide audience of entrepreneurs, developers, artists and crypto enthusiasts. The learners taking this class also get access to an exclusive community of thousands of crypto enthusiasts.

Siddharth Menon, Founder of Wazirx said, "I believe cryp-

tocurrency is not just an investment opportunity, but it's an ecosystem that can offer significant innovation across every industry. This will help prompt blockchain-related careers in technology, engineering, marketing, data engineering, infrastructure, etc. and my intent is to help creators understand this opportunity waiting to be disrupted!"

In a world where people are confined to their homes for pro-

longed periods of time, creative learning is essential to keeping oneself engaged. From the celebrity's perspective, teaching online is a terrific way to stay in touch with fans.

Unlucass also offers access to highly informative modules from other celebrities and artists who are veterans in their respective fields such as Manoj Bajpayee, Johnny Lever, Radhika Karle, Sania Mirza, Ruskin Bond, Monali Thakur etc.





# FOR HEALTHY FUTURE

The present pandemic has created several lucrative opportunities for the public health practioners in the national and international market. DR HANNAH JORDAN tells you more

We are encountering new challenges in public health like the COVID-19 pandemic and the health impacts of climate change and an aging population in many countries. This means that demand for highly skilled public health professionals is growing.

With new challenges come more opportunities to improve population-level health and public health practitioners require a broad range of knowledge and skills across a range of disciplines including epidemiology, the control of communicable diseases, disaster management, leading health service organisations, and health economics.

Training is usually undertaken at postgraduate level and it's important to do your research before committing to a master's programme- choosing the right programme can unlock the door to a wide range of career opportunities.

The World Health Organization (WHO)'s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a

key focus for public health policy and practice globally. SDG 3

Epidemiology is the discipline underpinning both effective public health practice and research into the causes, control and prevention of disease. Knowledge and understanding of epidemiological concepts and methods is a basic requirement for effective public health practice and an essential component of any good public health degree.

Assessing health needs and tackling health inequalities are also key to public health work at the local, national and international level. Public Health graduates require an understanding of programme planning, and the monitoring and evaluation of programmes.

Health protection is one of the cornerstones of public health. The control of communicable diseases is one of the major functions of health protection and in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, health systems globally are re-evaluating their policies and processes, requiring

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input for talented and skilled public health practitioners

Public health practitioners also have a role to play in strengthening public health systems through influencing and shaping health policy at the regional, national, district, and community levels.

Developing understanding of how to apply management and leadership theories and styles in different health care contexts can be extremely useful for those wishing to pursue careers in health policy. Public health is a complex and multifaceted discipline- it is both an art and a science, and has the power to underpin social change and promote health and wellbeing for the wider benefit of society.

Qualified public health practitioners are in demand in a variety of areas. There is growing demand for information analyst roles, senior public health management positions, experts in health promotion and for public health specialists in local, regional and national health services. Internationally, public health graduates can find excellent

opportunities in Governments, health departments, universities, hospitals, as well as non-governmental organisations, undertaking leadership roles, public health programme interventions and evaluations, research and policy-making.

If you are considering a career in public health, look for a PG programme that will help you develop the research, evaluation and analytical skills you need to understand and undertake a wide range of public health activities, in national and international contexts.

Some institutes offer online programmes for those looking to combine study with work, whilst others allow for more intensive full-time study, leading to a Masters in just one year.

Look for programmes accredited by the Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation this ensures a high quality programme that is well aligned with the needs of employers globally.

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## ‘Important to build global experience’

Remote international internship is the new normal which has many benefits. SACHIN GUPTA shares a few of them

The Coronavirus has disturbed traditional method of learning. With the rising uncertainties turning education and work online is the new normal and also the best alternative to bridge the learning gap. What does remote working look like? Remote working refers to attaining international experience from a remote location, without being physically present at the office during office hours and gaining global exposure.

Remote international internship is the new normal which has innumerable benefits. It helps students to create global market and connect to the like minded peers who can be their future partners, stakeholders etc., anyone can kick-start his international career from anywhere. International virtual internships can help to build global experiences.



Sachin Gupta  
Chancellor, Sanskriti University

### Higher chances of employability

Remote internship with a global company will help you attain the career relevant skills that can help you to become valuable asset to future employers, such as time management, cross-cultural fluency and self-discipline and creativity. Having cognitive skill-set in your resume can boost up your resume which eventually will lead to higher chances of your employability.

### Boosts global connectivity

Participating in a remote global internship can help you broaden your own network and encourage you to grow and nurture your own global perspective. You'll become part of a global community of peers from different countries. You will learn according to the new global requirements and develop a greater understanding and appreciation of another culture and their distinct working practices, find inspiration and new ideas through connections.

### Learn leading international career relevant skills

As we can notice the drastic changes in operation of every sector. many employers around the world are changing their traditional working systems to the new digitalized work-

### Mould your career goals

Virtual global internship can bring up the clarity to your career goals and helps you choose what industry is meant for you? How your chosen industry works? You can define your goals and decide where and why to invest your time and efforts.

### Save travelling time and expenses

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Following the surge of the second wave, the daily average of COVID-19 cases in India are finally depicting a downward trend. While things are starting to look better, it is imperative that we continue to be careful and vigilant as we move ahead.

Much like most other sectors, the education industry was deeply impacted by the pandemic that gripped the world. In order to ensure that learning did not stop, institutes needed to rethink and reshape the way knowledge was imparted. As we rapidly embraced the unprecedented demands of these times, we also came to realise the multifarious benefits of online education.

However, with schools and

colleges now gearing up to open once again, we can look forward to a hybrid and blended education system that will combine the best of both worlds and ensure students receive a learning environment that we had possibly not even conceptualised before.

While the hurdles and challenges were many as traditional concepts of education had to be reworked and adapted to the present times, what also came to light was various ways we can leverage technology and online tools to our advantage and make the best of the situation. Virtual classes meant that students and teachers could interact from anywhere across the globe. It provided a new sense of flexibility and

## MIND IT

fluidity. Classrooms were no longer limited to physical locations. Online teaching paved the way for a model of learning where both students and teachers broke out of predefined roles and took initiatives to experiment, explore and engage with one another. Digital portfolios, virtual assessment and review methods were quickly incorporated by institutes. It not only gave rise to greater collaboration amongst peers and between students and professors but also provided the space for the growth of an

entrepreneurial mindset and a problem-solving and practical outlook to life.

While the benefits of virtual education have been many, it is hard to deny certain constraints that accompany it. With institutes across the national capital gearing to reopen their doors, students will now have access to the benefits of both offline and online learning. With the new state guidelines in place, offline classes are now once again becoming a lived reality. The advantages of being on campus are

multifarious and wide ranging. Not only will students have the opportunity to experience college life in all its vibrancy but they will also have the chance to utilise the facilities and infrastructure that are provided especially for their use and to assist their learning. There are diverse facets that make the entire college experience truly memorable and worthwhile. With colleges reopening, students will have the opportunity and the space to explore the campus, interact and learn from their peers, benefit from the close guidance and mentorship of their professors and have the chance to actually experiment in a hands-on learning environment. In our journey to nurture and

develop critical thinkers, innovators and problem-solvers, it is essential that students are exposed to all the facets of education - both theoretical and practical. Being on campus and having the opportunity to learn by doing and to put to practice theories and concepts is vital for a well-rounded education. The fact that most college students are above the age of 18 implies that they are eligible to get their vaccine doses. As we move ahead, it is vital that we all take our wellbeing into our own hands. By being fully vaccinated, students will help in making the campus a safer place for everyone.

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**Application deadline:** It is December 10, 2021.

The University of Cincinnati (UC) invites applications for its global scholarship programme.

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All interested participants who receive a place in a bachelor degree programme at the university will be automatically considered for the grant according to their academic merit.

**Minimum requirements:** The requirements are as follows: SAT-R- Critical Reading + Math: 1130; ACT-Composite: 27; GPA- 25/4.0 as determined by a course-by-course credential evaluation (for transfer candidates). TOEFL/IELTS/ELS and UC Math Placement Test- 79 composites (min. 15 on each subsection) /6.5 overall (min. 5.5 on each subsection) or ELS 112 with passing Math Placement Test.

**Application deadline:** The last date to is December 1 each year.

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## INBRIEF

### EMBA BY IIT MADRAS

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras has called for applications for its Executive MBA (EMBA) degree programme, which is designed specifically for mid-career working professionals.

The two-year programme, which offers a rigorous yet practice-oriented curriculum, including three projects that apply theory to live business problems, is from the Department of Management Studies at IIT Madras.

The USP of the EMBA programme is to offer state-of-the-art knowledge that is in sync with the industry requirements in domains such

as digital economy, global strategy and Industry 4.0 technologies.

Besides the traditional subjects, it also offers exposure to Social Media and Internet Marketing, which is vital to any contemporary Business, the Economics of Platforms, and Global Business Management. Other important subjects include Cyber Security and Applications. Also, the students would receive exposure to technical aspects like Modern Manufacturing processes and 3D Printing, among others.

Applications are available. The last date to apply is October 19, 2021. Those interested in the programme can by logging at: <https://doms.iitm.ac.in/emba/>.

### MBA EDUCONNECT 2021

The Indo-Canadian Business Chamber has announced EduConnect MBA showcase Tour 2021

to be held virtually. It will provide information about higher education opportunities and MBA programmes in Canada.

September 27: North, East, West and South India.  
September 28: Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

### IIT GUWAHATI ADDRESS ENVIRONMENT CRISIS

The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati researchers have developed a highly porous and water repellent superhydrophobic cotton composite material containing Metal-Organic Framework (MOF), which can absorb oil selectively from oil-water mixture.

The MOF composite has capability for selective separation of the oils from oil-water mixtures. The separation efficiency lies between 95% and 98%. Besides, the MOF composite is also able to absorb large volumes of oils and can be reused for minimum 10 times so sorbents have more recovery.

### LIDO LEARNING ANNOUNCES THE ACE PROGRAM

The Lido Learning has emerged as one of the most important players in the edtech space, with its small-group tuitions in Maths, Science, English and Coding for students from KG to Grade XII. The company now guarantees that its students will show better exam results, or their entire course fee will be waived off — within just eight months of taking classes.

Speaking about the ACE programme, Sahil Sheth, CEO Lido Learning said: "The programme is the culmination of a lot of research and experiments to build a model that delivers on our promise of making success a habit for each Lido-er, in all aspects of life. Our small-group tuition classes give students the perfect opportunity to truly absorb their learning, understand it, and

apply it in real life.

"They are neither restrictive like prolonged one-on-one tuitions, nor unstructured like large group tuitions can be, with no child getting the attention they deserve. We can guarantee success with ACE — to the extent that we're willing to return course fees if the child doesn't show measurable improvement — because we know it works."

## Nobel Laureate to attend VIT-AP Convocation 2021



The Vice-Chancellor of VIT-AP University SV Kota Reddy announced that Nobel laureate M Stanley Whittingham, Binghamton University, US will be the chief guest in the virtual convocation of VIT-AP to be held on September 23, 2021. Addressing newsmen the vice-chancellor, along with Registrar Dr CLV Sivakumar, said that director of Microsoft India Mayurika Singh would be the guest of honour. The convocation is being held virtually due to the pandemic situation prevailing in the country. Referring to the placement drive conducted by the uni-

versity, the vice-chancellor said that out of the 460 students, graduating from the university this year, around 90 per cent secured placements. In view of the Covid conditions, the university introduced Covid scholarships for the senior students who lost their sole earning family member by waiving the tuition fee and hostel fee. The V-C said that 30 senior students benefited under this scheme.

The university also introduced merit scholarships for the students who secured more than 80 per cent marks for Non-Engineering programmes viz., BBA, B.Com Finance, BA LLB (Hons), BBA LLB (Hons), BA-MA (Public Service), B.Sc-M.Sc (Data Science), M.Sc (Physics), M.Sc (Chemistry) The vice-chancellor said that Dr Whittingham will virtually inaugurate the four new buildings — Mahatma Gandhi Academic Block, Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Block for boys' hostel, Savitribai Phule Block for girls' hostel and Rock Plaza, which provide extracurricular activities for the students.



# RAJASTHAN SNATCH 2-RUN WIN FROM PUNJAB

PTI ■ DUBAI

Fast bowler Karthik Tyagi bowled a sensational last over as Rajasthan Royals pulled off an incredible two-run win over Punjab Kings in an Indian Premier League (IPL) thriller here on Tuesday.

Punjab required four runs off the last six balls but Tyagi dismissed Nicholas Pooran (32) and Deepak Hooda (0) and gave away only one run to snatch the win for his team from the jaws of defeat. Punjab ended their innings at 183 for four, chasing 186 to win.

Sanju Samson's side was seemingly down and out when



Aiden Markram of Punjab Kings reacts after a delivery during Punjab Kings and Rajasthan Royals match



Karthik Tyagi of Rajasthan Royals celebrates the wicket of Deepak Hooda of Punjab Kings in final over

KXIP opening pair Mayank Agarwal (67) and KL Rahul (49) put on 120 runs in 11.5 overs.

With Aiden Markram (26 not out) and Nicholas Pooran (32) going strong, it looked like it would be only a matter of time when Punjab would wrap up the match.

But in the end, Punjab made a mess in the last over to suffer their sixth defeat from nine matches. With this win, the Royals moved to the fifth spot after four wins from eight matches.

Earlier, the 22-year-old Arshdeep Singh (5/32) complemented his senior pro

Mohammed Shami (3/21) well as the duo shared eight wickets to help Punjab bowl out Rajasthan for 185 in exactly 20 overs after they were going strong at 169 for 5 in 17 overs.

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal (49) and Mahipal Lomror (43) scored bulk of the runs for Rajasthan.

Chasing the total, Mayank and KL Rahul looked in good touch. KL Rahul, who was dropped thrice, smashed 4 fours and 2 sixes in his 33-ball innings. He also crossed 3000 IPL runs during his knock. Mayank too produced seven hits to the fence and also clobbered two sixes in his 43-ball knock.

	TEAM	PLD	NET RR	PTS	FORM
1	CSK	8	+1.223	12	W L W
2	DC	8	+0.547	12	W W L
3	RCB	8	-0.706	10	L L W
4	MI	8	-0.071	8	L W W
5	RR	8	-0.154	8	W W L
6	KKR	8	+0.110	6	W L W
7	PBKS	9	-0.345	6	L L W
8	SRH	7	-0.623	2	L L L

# Delhi Capitals to face laggards SRH

PTI ■ DUBAI

Bolstered by Shreyas Iyer's return, Delhi Capitals will look to maintain the form they showed in the first half of the season as they resume their IPL campaign against a struggling Sunrisers Hyderabad here on Wednesday. Delhi are currently sitting on the second spot, with 12 points from eight games. On the other hand, Sunrisers are placed at the last spot, with just a solitary win from seven games and six losses.

The Rishabh Pant-led side ended the first half of the IPL with a win and would be keen to start on a winning note.

And to do that, the Capitals have enough power-hitters in their line-up, who can take any good attack to cleansers and Sunrisers won't be an exception.

Opener Shikhar Dhawan (380 runs), would be keen to prove the selectors wrong after being axed from India's World T20 squad, while his partner young Prithvi Shaw (308 runs), would also like to get some runs under his belt. DC boast of a strong middle-order compris-

ing Shreyas Iyer, skipper Rishabh Pant (213 runs), Australians Steve Smith (104 runs) and Marcus Stoinis (71 runs) and Shimron Hetmyer (84 runs). They will have to play their roles well if the Capitals need to keep winning and in case the opener's fail, the middle-order will need to take responsibility.

Iyer, who is making a comeback after recovering from shoulder injury that he sustained in March, would also be keen to start the tournament well. Delhi also have a settled bowling attack and they could go in with Avesh Khan (14 wickets) and Kasigo Rabada (8 wickets), who have been lethal at the start and at the death.

Delhi have array of spinners to choose from - be it wily old-fox Ravichandran Ashwin, experienced campaigner Amit Mishra, Axar Patel, Lalit Yadav or Pravin Dubey. For Sunrisers, a win would boost their confidence and help them stay afloat in the tournament.

However, their season's leading run-getter Johnny Bairstow, has decided to pull out and



responsibility. The likes of Kane Williamson, Manish Pandey, Wriddhiman Saha, Kedar Jadhav, Abdul Samad and Vijay Shankar, will also need to chip in and contribute.

**TEAM SQUAD**

**DC:** Rishabh Pant (Captain), Ajinkya Rahane, Prithvi Shaw, Rupal Patel, Shikhar Dhawan, Shimron Hetmyer, Shreyas Iyer, Steve Smith, Amit Mishra, Anrich Nortje, Avesh Khan, Ben Dwarshuis, Ishant Sharma, Kagiso Rabada, Kulwant Khejroliya, Lukman Meriwala, Pravin Dubey, Tom Curran, Umesh Yadav, Axar Patel, Lalit Yadav, Marcus Stoinis, Ravichandran Ashwin, Sam Billings and Vishnu Vinod.

**Sunrisers Hyderabad:** Kane Williamson (Captain), David Warner, Manish Pandey, Sherfane Rutherford, Wriddhiman Saha, Shreevats Goswami, Rashid Khan, Vijay Shankar, Mohammad Nabi, Abhishek Sharma, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Siddharth Kaul, Khaleel Ahmed, T Natarajan, Basil Thampi, Sandeep Sharma, Shahbaz Nadeem, Abdul Samad, J Suchith, Jason Holder, Virat Singh, Priyam Garg, Kedar Jadhav, Muejeb-ur-Rahman, Jason Roy.

# Taliban ban broadcast of IPL matches in Af

IANIS ■ KABUL

Cricket fans in Afghanistan will not get to watch the UAE leg of the Indian Premier League (IPL) as the ruling Taliban has banned the broadcast of the matches in the country terming the content as "anti-Islamic".

The second leg of the IPL started on Sunday but the cricket fanatic people of Afghanistan did not get to watch the matches as the Taliban has issued a diktat to the local media against showing the IPL because of the presence of women as cheerleaders and among the watching public in UAE.

Former broadcaster and journalist Fawad Aman, who has served as spokesperson of the Ministry of Defence, termed the ban imposed by the Taliban on IPL as "ridiculous".

"Ridiculous: Taliban have banned the broadcasting of Indian Premier League (IPL) in Afghanistan. Taliban have warned that Afghan media outlets should not broadcast the Indian Cricket League due to

**Taliban has issued a diktat to the local media against showing the IPL because of the presence of women as cheerleaders and among the watching public in UAE**

girls dancing and the presence of female audience and spectators in stadiums," he tweeted.

Journalist and former Afghanistan Cricket Board media manager M Ibrahim Momand said the live broadcast of the IPL matches was banned because the content was deemed to be "anti-Islam". "Afghanistan national (TV) will not broadcast the @IPL as usual as it was reportedly banned to live telecast as the matches resumed tonight due to possible anti-Islam contents, girls dancing & the attendance of barred hair women in the Stadium by the Islamic Emirates of the Taliban," he tweeted before the opening match of this leg of IPL.

# Humiliating loss has got nothing to do with Virat's statement: Hesson

IANIS ■ DUBAI

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) coach Mike Hesson categorically said that the humiliating loss to Kolkata Knight Riders in the team's opening match in the IPL second leg here had anything to do with skipper Virat Kohli's statement about quitting captaincy at the end of the season.

KKR registered a comfortable nine-wicket win with RCB able to put only 92 runs on the board and the winners notching up the target in only 10 overs for the loss one wicket.

Kohli, who has been with RCB since the inception of IPL in 2008 and became captain of the team in 2013, announced on September 19 that he will step down as the captain of the team after the end of IPL 2021 season.

"No, I don't think so (it's got to do with Kohli's statement). I think it was important to get any form of distraction out of the way early and we spoke about making that announcement as soon as possible so all players were aware of it. It certainly hasn't had an impact on tonight's performance. We weren't as sharp as we needed to be with the bat, we didn't adapt to conditions, we lost wickets in clumps -- everything that you can't do as a batting group. But I'm still confident in this group that we'll turn it around quickly," Hesson said during a post-match virtual press conference after the nine-wicket loss.

On KS Bharat taking up the wicket-keeping duties as against the RCB's regular keeper, AB de Villiers, Hesson said it was a move to preserve the South African.

"I think you saw that AB de Villiers didn't have the gloves. So certainly we've got to look after AB. He's a very important player for us and not one that we can risk at the moment behind the stumps. To be fair to KS Bharat, he's been outstanding in the camp leading up to this game. Certainly deserves his inclusion," said Hesson.

Hesson added that

**Kohli will continue to play with same intensity: Agarkar**

IANIS ■ NEW DELHI

Former India pace bowler Ajit Agarkar feels that Virat Kohli will continue to play with the same energy and enthusiasm despite deciding to step down from T20 captaincy after the T20 World Cup and the IPL 2021 season.

"I think one of the things we've seen throughout his career, even when he wasn't the captain and when he played under MS Dhoni quite a bit, the energy and the passion still seemed the same. I can't imagine it changing just because he's not the captain and just being one of the guys," Agarkar said on Star Sports after RCB's nine-wicket loss to KKR on Monday night.

Former India wicket-keeper-batsman Parthiv Patel said Kohli must be feeling relieved after relinquishing the RCB captaincy given the workload coupled with prolonged stays in bubbles.

"I think he looked more emotional than happy. I think when you're playing for one franchise for so many years, you get that emotional connect which was there in RCB. I think RCB actually invested in Virat Kohli's talent in 2008 and then showed a lot of trust in him as well because if you look at his and RCB's journey, it has been a rollercoaster one.

# Mithali retains number one spot in ODI Rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India skipper Mithali Raj continued to hold on to the number one spot while New Zealand's Amy Satterthwaite returned to the top five in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings for batters released on Tuesday.

While skipper Mithali, who has 762 rating points, retained her top spot, opener Smriti Mandhana was placed seventh.

Satterthwaite made her way back into the top five on the back of her unbeaten 79 in the first ODI against England.

South Africa opener Lizelle Lee, who had caught up with Mithali last week to share the mantle at the top, has slipped by a position at number 2 -- one rating point behind -- after missing the final two ODIs against West Indies.



England captain Heather Knight also made significant gains. Her match-winning 89 off 107 deliveries against New Zealand helped her enter the top ten, jumping five places to share the ninth spot with Natalie Sciver and Laura Wolvaardt.

Veteran Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami moved up a spot to fourth while senior spinner Poonam Yadav remained static on ninth among bowlers.

India's Deepti Sharma moved a rung to be fourth in the all-rounders' list led by Australia's Ellyse Perry.

In the bowling rankings, the England pair of Sophie Ecclestone and Katherine Brunt climbed up the ladder one position each at sixth and seventh respectively, shifting Ayabonga Khaka of South Africa down to number eight who missed the final two outings of the series against South Africa.

Kate Cross snared five wickets in the first two ODIs while Natalie Sciver picked up three. Effectively, Cross moved up two places to 15th and Sciver advanced up three places to 18th.

# Ramiz: Disappointed in England's withdrawal but was expected

IANIS ■ LAHORE

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ramiz Raja was left fuming after the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced that the tour of Pakistan in October by their men's and women's teams had been cancelled due to "increasing concerns about travelling to the region."

New Zealand too had called off their white-ball tour of Pakistan recently hours before the start of the opening match in Rawalpindi citing security threats.

ECB's decision to cancel the Pakistan tour has dealt a massive blow to the country's busiest home season in nearly two decades. In a video message released by the PCB on Tuesday, Ramiz said, "I am severely disappointed in England's withdrawal but it was expected because this western bloc gets united unfortunately and tries to back each other.

"So you can take any decision on the basis of security threat and perception. There was a sense of anger because first New Zealand got away without sharing information about the threat they were facing. Now, this [England] was expected but this is a lesson for us because we go out of our way to accommodate and pamper these sides when they visit. And when we go there, we undergo strict quarantines and we tolerate their admonishments, but there is a lesson in this.

**We will not only survive but thrive: Babar**

IANIS ■ NEWDELHI

After England announced the cancellation of their tour of Pakistan, skipper Babar Azam said that his nation has "always tried to accommodate the interests of the game" while "others simply don't".

England withdrew from the proposed tour of Pakistan by its men's and women's teams in October.

The decision came just days after New Zealand cancelled



# Knee injury rules Messi out of PSG-Metz game midweek



AP ■ PARIS

Lionel Messi will miss Paris Saint-Germain's next French league game at last-placed Metz after a knock to his left knee.

A scan confirmed "the signs of bone contusion," PSG said in a statement on Tuesday. Another assessment of Messi will be made in 48 hours.

Messi was taken off in the 75th minute of his home debut on Sunday, when PSG beat Lyon 2-1 in the league.

PSG coach Mauricio Pochettino said he took the decision to replace Messi after noticing the six-time Ballon d'Or winner repeatedly touched his knee. Messi, who hit the crossbar with a curling free

kick, looked angry at being taken off.

"I'm really happy with what he did during the match, he played a great first half," Pochettino said during a news conference.

"All the great champions don't want to leave the pitch." Messi is still chasing his first PSG goal following his shock move from Barcelona this summer.

PSG's win against Lyon extended the club's perfect start to the season ahead of Wednesday's trip to Metz. PSG has won its first six league matches to open a five-point lead over second-placed Marseille, which has one match in hand.

# Araujo saves a point for struggling Barca against Granada

IANIS ■ MADRID

FC Barcelona defender Ronald Araujo headed home an 89th-minute equaliser for his side to save a 1-1 draw at home to Granada, but the goal and an excellent performance from the Uruguayan does little to hide the fact that Barca are a club desperately struggling for form and confidence.

Under pressure after his side's 3-0 defeat at home to Bayern Munich six days ago and with a host of injuries in

his squad, Barca coach Ronald Koeman gave starts to B-team players, Yusuf Demir and Alejandro Balde, who covered for the injured Pedri and Jordi Alba respectively.

Barca needed a good start to the game but got just the opposite after just 90 seconds when Granada left-back Sergio Escudero crossed for Domingos Duarte to head home unopposed at the far post. The goal made an already nervous Barca more nervous and they were close to falling 2-0 behind when Jorge



Molina volleyed just over in the 11th minute, Xinhua reports.

Sergi Roberto hit the post for Barca with a snap-shot following a corner in the 11th minute, but Barca were struggling to find any fluency against a rival that looked to waste time at any opportunity and the visitors again went close when Marc Andre Ter Stegen produced a flying save to deny Monchu.

Barca's best chance of the first half came through an Araujo header which

was denied by a flying save from Granada keeper Luis Maximiano, but prior to that Koeman drew the ire of the crowd by replacing Balde (who appeared to be suffering from a back problem) with Oscar Mingueza.

Luuk de Jong replaced Sergi Roberto at the start of the second half as Barca looked for an equaliser, but although they were pegging Granada back, their only chance was an effort from Memphis Depay that went over the bar.

# Eye on AFC Cup inter-zone final, ATKMB take on FC Nasaf

IANIS ■ QARSHI

Indian Super League (ISL) side ATK Mohun Bagan will eye a place in the AFC Cup inter-zone final when they take on Uzbekistan's FC Nasaf in their inter-zone semifinal at the Markaziya Stadium on Wednesday.

ATKMB last played in August in their Group D-South Zone campaign in the Maldives and despite insufficient training in the lead-up, they gave a good account of themselves.

They beat fellow ISL side Bengaluru FC 2-0, Maldives' Maziya Sports & Recreation 3-1 and drew 1-1 with Bangladesh's Bashundhara Kings to top the group and



advance to the inter-zone semifinal.

However, the tie against the Uzbek side is going to be their toughest challenge yet. While they had only a week-long training camp in Dubai ahead of the all-important game, their

opponents have been busy with the Uzbekistan Professional Football League since March early this year where they play once every week.

Since March 13 when they featured in the 2020/21 ISL final against eventual winners Mumbai City FC, ATK Mohun Bagan, on the other hand, have played just three games.

This is the reason why FC Nasaf striker Andrija Kaluderovic -- who paired with ATK Mohun Bagan forward Roy Krishna at Wellington Phoenix in the A-League a few years ago -- is confident of his team's chances.

"If we win against ATK Mohun Bagan we have another home game, so we have a

good chance to be in the final," Kaluderovic, who also spent a season in the ISL with Delhi Dynamos FC in 2018/19, told the-afc.com ahead of the game.

"I think we're the favourites in this game. We play in the league every week, we're in good form? they didn't have a league game for a long time.

"We have an advantage -- but this can mean nothing, maybe they'll play their best game, you never know, but if you ask me, we are the favourites for this game," he added.

In a big setback to the 2020/21 ISL finalists, attacking midfielder Hugo Boumous won't be part of this match on account of injury.

# Jaipur to host int'l matches after 8 years; RCA chief thanks Ganguli, Shah



IANIS ■ JAIPUR

As the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) selected Jaipur as one of the venues for its matches, Rajasthan Cricket Association president Vaibhav Gehlot extended his gratitude to BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and

secretary Jay Shah for giving the desert state a chance to host New Zealand and Sri Lanka teams in November this year and February 2022.

The first T20I between India and New Zealand will be played on November 17 and the 2nd ODI between India and West Indies (50 overs) will be played on February 9, 2022 in SMS Stadium.

International matches will be played in the Pink City after a gap of eight years and would come as a shot in the arm for the RCA which is looking to revive cricketing culture in the state.