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UN must ensure nations don't exploit Af: Modi

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

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

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

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

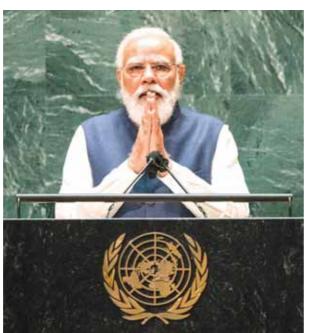
He said when Indian students in the 75th year of country's independence are readying up to send 75 satellites in space, the other side is going backwards and resorting to terrorism.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

"Our oceans are also our shared heritage. That is why we have to keep in mind that we

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

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

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

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

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

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

record of hosting the largest



Pakistan has misused plat-

forms provided by the UN to propagate false and malicious

propaganda against my coun-

try, and seeking in vain to

divert the world's attention

from the sad state of his coun-

try where terrorists enjoy free

pass while the lives of ordinary

people, especially those belong-

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

The entire world has suffered because Pakistan nurtures terrorists in its backyard, ties, are turned upside down," she added.

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

Shah Geelani. Labelling the Modi Government as fascist, Khan also said, "It is unfortunate, very unfortunate, that the world's approach to violations of human rights lacks evenhandedness, and even is selective. Geopolitical considerations, or corporate interests commercial interests often compel major powers to overlook the transgressions of their

Biden reiterates

permanent UNSC

berth, NSG entry

US President Joe Biden has reiterated America's sup-

port for India's permanent

membership on a reformed

United Nations Security

Council and its entry into the

Nuclear Suppliers Group dur-

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support for India's

affiliated countries. Continued on Page 4

CAPSULE

RIGHTS ACTIVIST KAMLA BHASIN PASSES AWAY New Delhi: Eminent women's

rights activist, poet and author Kamla Bhasin passed away on Saturday after a battle with cancer. She was 75.

MAJOR RESHUFFLE IN DELHI POLICE

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

DELHI REGISTERS 27 NEW CASES IN A DAY

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

PM to bring home 157 antiquities from US

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

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 $T^{
m he}$ USA has handed 157 artefacts and antiquities to Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his ongoing visit to attend the United Nation's General Assembly.

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

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



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

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

Their make spreads across

metal, stone and terracotta The bronze collection primarily contains ornate figurines of the well-known postures of Lakshmi Narayana, Buddha, Vishnu, Siva Parvathi and the 24 Jain Tirthankaras and the less common Kankalamurti Brahmi and Nandikesa besides

divine figures. Continued on Page 4

other unnamed deities and

Quad vows to save Indo-Pacific region from China's coercion

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

PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

ing his first in-person bilater-al meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. President Biden, in his talks with Prime Minister Modi, applauded India's "strong leadership" during its UN Security Council Presidency in 'In this context, President Biden also reiterated US support for India's permanent

membership on a reformed UN Security Council and for other countries who are important champions of multilateral cooperation and aspire to permanent seats on the UN Security Council," it said.

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

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

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

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

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

delegation to Italy.

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



denied me the clearance saying that it was not a right pro-gramme for a Chief Minister



invited to attend a world peace conference being held in Rome... the Italian Government had given special permission to me for attending the programme... which was likely to attended by the likes of German Chancellor and Pope Francis... but this Government

Taliban hang body at square in back-to-old-ways display

¬he Taliban hanged a dead body from a crane in the main square of Herat city in western Afghanistan, a witness said on Saturday, in a gruesome display that signalled a return to some of the Taliban's methods of the past. Wazir Ahmad Seddiqi,

who runs a pharmacy on the side of the square, told *The* Associated Press that four bodies were brought to the square and three bodies were moved to other squares in the city to be displayed.

Seddiqi said the Taliban announced in the square that the four were caught taking part in a kidnapping and were killed by police. It was not immediately clear if the four were killed in a firefight with police or after their arrest.

There was no immediate Continued on Page 4 | comment from the Taliban.



Mullah Nooruddin Turabi, one law when they last ruled executions and amputations of the founders of the Taliban and the chief enforcer of its

Afghanistan, told *The AP* this week that the hard-line moveharsh interpretation of Islamic ment will once again carry out

of hands, though perhaps not

Continued on Page 4 | Singh, Kuljit Singh Nagra,

some, drop some of Capt loyalists Punjab Cabinet induction today

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Channi to retain

PNS CHANDIGARH After several rounds of discussion with the high command, a couple of them extend ing till the wee hours, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Saturday met Governor Banwarilal Purohit here to submit the names of Ministers likely to be inducted

into the new Cabinet and take oath on Sunday. Party sources indicated that those likely to be dropped from the previous Captain Amarinder Singh Cabinet include Balbir Singh Sidhu, Gurpreet Singh Kangar, Rana Gurmeet Sodhi, Sadhu Singh

Dharamsot and Sundar Shyam

Arora. The new faces in the

Cabinet are likely to be Pargat



Kumar Verkā, Amarinder Raja Warring and Gurpreet Kotli. Sources indicated that the party has decided to retain

Vijay Inder Singla, Manpreet Singh Badal, Brahm Mohindra, Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Arunu Chaudhary, Razia Sultana and Bharat Bhushan Ashu from the Capt Amarinder Singh Government

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

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

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

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

■Despite negativity around her— from her grandmother— what keeps her motivated?

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

■ What were the challenges to play Meet and get the Haryanvi accent correct?

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

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



■I believe the track will lead to you— Meet marrying Meet. What happens next. Can you give us a sneak peek?

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

■ How did you end up in acting?

I don't remember really liking anything else apart from acting and dancing. The glamour industry has always attracted me since I was very small. I always wanted to be an actress and stars worked in my favour. I came to Mumbai for schooling, later my parents pushed me to do an acting course. But they also asked me to stop and I could not stop because they triggered my childhood wish and it was quite tough to lose all that. So, I just started giving auditions and stars worked in my

■You have done a fre music videos. How has this experience been? How much fun has it

It has been a good experience. In fact the shooting for music videos is a one day or two days shoot. I really like to meet people, I like to go out.

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

■ How much do you relate to Meet?

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



Plan Your Sunday



BUDDY - ONLINE PUPPET THEATRE

friendship between a lonely old man and a stray puppy dog. Told with String Puppets and Shadow Puppets. A lonely, friendless old man lives alone in a house. One day he meets a stray puppy dog in the garden where he goes for his regular

morning walk. Every

morning the puppy dog

charming story of

teases him and makes him uncomfortable. There develops a grudging friendship between them. One day a dog-catcher catches the dog, takes him away, and puts him in a cage. As usual the old man comes to the garden but the dog is nowhere to be seen. What ensues is the story of their separation, search for each other, and joyful reunion. This is a story that makes you smile and sigh. And shows you the wonder of puppet theatre. What: Theatre and Arts

Where: Online When: September 26, 2021 Time: 5 pm

WARPCORE & SOCIAL PRESENT: KAYAN DJ



SET

Delhi loves Kayan and warpcore loves Kayan so we had to have her behind

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

See you on Sunday because it's funday yaaa! What: Music

Where: Nehru Place Social, Delhi When: September 26 and September 27, 2021

Time: 8 pm and 1 am

'LOVE FREELY, SPREAD PEACE AND DREAM CRAZY'

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

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

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



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

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

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

KUMKUM BHAGYA'S POOJA BANERJEE ON SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

SALIM DIWAN ON HIS FATHER



Bollywood Diaries actor Salim Diwan recently celebrated the first death anniversary of his father, Dr. Salaudeen Chopdar, and says that he will always be alive in

On the first death anniversary of his father, a postal stamp was issued on his name. "I just feel blessed to have a father like him who raised me well and made me a successful man who is able to do such small things which he would have been proud of. I iust want that he stays always alive with us, watching my back and be my strength," said

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

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

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

SAVITA'S NAMKEEN SHOP AND LAABH

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

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



order bring a new ray of hope in

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

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

VEER'S FATE LIES ON THE THREE SINS

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

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

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

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

preparations, said, "I

can promise that the upcoming episodes will keep the audience on the edge of their seats, and I am sure all Hero supporters will

be rooting for Hero to not fall into darkness, and this new exciting storyline will take the fun and excitement quotient of the show up a notch" Abhishek Nigam, talking about his

am undergoing a series of changes and have been prepping as I want to explore every possible route to do justice to the character and this new iournev of him. It will be a learning curve for me. and my fans will be able to watch me in a never seen before avatar.

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On Friday, the strike was

called by the committee seek-

ing modification of security

norms inside all the seven dis-

trict courts premises here.

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Security upped in courts day after shootout in Rohini court



Delhi Police personnel check a vehicle at the Rohini court, a day after the shooting incident, in New Delhi on Saturday

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police heightened its security arrangements on Saturday in the courts across the national Capital, a day after jailed gangster Jitender Mann alias Gogi and two assailants were killed inside the courtroom in a dramatic shootout. Police said that only vehicles with allotted stickers will be allowed to enter the court premises and lawyers as senior police official. and litigants will be thorough-

"Adequate personnel have been deployed inside and outside the court to ensure no untoward incident takes place in the future. Concerns have also been raised about functioning of metal detectors in the court premises and the matter has been taken up with the court administration," said

Video footage of the incident, which exposed security lapses in the system, showed policemen and lawyers rushing out in panic as gunshots rang out inside courtroom number

Although metal detectors were at the gates of the court, it was not known whether they were working or not, and how the armed men could get past,

Relatives of Jitender Gogi, wait for his body at mortuary of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, a day after the shooting incident, in New Delhi on Saturday

raising questions about security arrangements.

According a police official, when it comes to checking and frisking, it has been observed that lawyers do not want to be frisked and that was a major problem faced.

"It is not limited to Rohini court alone as this has been observed in other lower courts as well. But we are in touch

Rohini court and they are also cooperating," he said.

On Saturday, following the incident, Bar Council of Delhi Chairman Rakesh Sherawat, along with other officials, had also met Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana on Friday to discuss the security situation.

"An elaborate review of

with the Bar Association of the existing security arrangements is being done and accordingly, a new set of security measures will be put in place very soon.

Emphasis will be laid on improving CCTV surveillance, frisking and deployment of armed police personnel on each floor of the court building is also being considered," said

"The courts, however, passed orders and judgments $F_{\text{shootout in Delhi's Rohini}}^{\text{ollowing the dramatic}}$ that were already scheduled

for Saturday," said Nasiar. A team of lawyers also met the commissioner of police on Saturday and discussed matters related to security, Nasiar said.

According to Sanjeev Nasiar, the spokesperson of Advocate Coordination Committee of Mathur, the secretary of all District Courts Bar Rohini District Courts Bar Associations in Delhi, no Association, said that the work took place in the disstrike was peaceful and no trict courts, except urgent information regarding any unpleasant incident was matters such as bail and custody extension, as the received from any of the seven lawyers did not appear before courts premises.

The advocates also did not take part in any virtual or physical hearings in other district courts - Rouse Avenue, Tis Hazari, Dwarka, Saket and Karkardooma.

Massive Covid serosurvey results in two weeks: Jain

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELH

With an aim to determine the prevalence of antibodies among the populace, as many as 28,000 samples will be collected from across the national Capital for the seventh Covid serosurvey, Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain said on

Jain said "A total of 280 wards will be surveyed and 100 samples will be collected from each ward. This serosurvey will take around two weeks to complete, wherein the sample collection will take one week and the results will take another week to come."

The samples will be collected in a week. It will take another week to prepare the report, Jain added.

The survey got underway on September 24. A large segment of the city population has already received anti-coronavirus vaccine doses. The previous survey was conducted a few months ago when Delhi was reeling under the brutal

Delhi has a population of over 2 crore spread across 11 districts. According to Delhi's vaccination bulletin issued on Friday, over 1.67 crore doses have been administered to date

and it includes over 1.1 crore first doses and over 51 lakh sec-

ond doses.

Capital records 27

new Covid cases,

positivity 0.04%

The fifth serosurvey which was conducted this year found that over 56% of Delhi's population was exposed to viral infection.

According to the experts, high seropositivity is expected to be found in this serosurvey. Talking about Corona in Delhi, September 24, with a positivity rate of 0.03 per cent.

Also, no deaths because of Covid were reported in Delhi

The first sero-prevalence

survey conducted last year from June 27-July 10 by the Delhi Government in association with the National Centre for Disease Control, had used 21,387 samples and found that around 23 per cent of the people surveyed had exposure to the novel coronavirus.

The exercise in August 2020 showed 29.1 per cent of people had coronavirus anti-September and October last year the figures stood at 25.1 per cent and 25.5 per cent respectively.

The exercises have been undertaken for a comprehensive assessment of the Covid-19 situation in Delhi and to formulate strategies based on its

C&D waste plant operator yet to respond to MCG notice

Gurugram: Following an enquiry into the matter in which the construction and demolition (C&D) waste plant operator who had completely sublet its work to a third party, is yet to respond to the showcause notice to the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) even after two weeks.

A notice was issued by the civic body asking IL&FS company to explain why action should not be taken against it. The company, instead of

replying, has sought more time to file its reply again. Corporation Commissioner Mukesh Kumar Ahuja has now given the company time to file its reply by September 27.

Apart from this, no action has been taken on behalf of the corporation till now against the company which is illegally lifting construction waste and

charging from the people.

The work of disposal of debris on behalf of the Municipal Corporation has been signed with the Company but the company sublet its work to some other agency which is against the agreewhich is against the agreement.During the probe it found that the company gave the contract to a third party, completely flouting the contract

Only Cong worked for Dalits: Anil

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar said that only the Congress worked for the progress and welfare of the Dalit community to enable joining the mainstream society, while others only tried to exploit them and marginalise

Addressing a Dalit Panchayat of intellectuals at the Ambedkar Bhawan, Kumar said that that from Mahatma Gandhi to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, Congress has a history of putting Dalits at key positions in the Government and in the party, and also enable them develop not only in the service sector, but also in many other areas of life, including busi-Kumar said that for the

past seven years, atrocities on Dalits have increased, and the BIP-ruled Municipal Corporations of Delhi and the Arvind Government made the lives of the Dalits miserable, as

the sanitation workers had to go on strike to get their wages and the Covid Warriors among the Dalits who died on the line of duty were not given any compensation.

AICC In-charge of Delhi Shakti Sinh Gohil said that under the present ruling disexploited and suppressed and the BJP Government was making every effort to undermine the constitutional rights of the Dalit community.

He said that youths are the future of the country, but they are now staring at an uncertain future due to rising unempensations, Dalits are being ployment, with Delhi topping

the list of the unemployed. On the occasion, Congres

Delhi unit vice president Jaikishan said that ever since the Modi Government assumed power at the Centre and the Arvind Government in Delhi, attacks on Dalits, particularly Dalit women and children have been on the rise and

attempts were being made to subjugate the community to prevent them from raising their voice against atrocities on them. Jaikishan said that it was the Congress Government which gave equal rights to the Dalit community and helped them progress through education after independence.

SAY NO TO SINGLE USE PLASTIC

NDMC organises Swachhata rally

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Under the series of programme to celebrate 75th years of Indian Independence in the form of 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on theme of 'Swachhata' activities, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) organised a Swachhata Rally focused on "Say No To - Single Use Plastic " in and around area of Sarojini Nagar market and residential colonies, New Delhi. NDMC Vice Chairman

Satish Upadhyay appealed to the traders' association to ensure every shopkeeper should drop the garbage in the nearby dustbin instead of footpath or roadside to make the city neat, clean and environment friendly.

He also urged the shopkeepers that they will neither litter nor let others litter, so as to set an example for visitors of

The member of NDMC Vishakha Sailani urged all shopkeepers and traders to be active in reducing the single use of plastic and help in achieving NDMC's first rank in the upcoming Swachh Sarvekshan



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As per the bulletin, out of 11,804 available beds in hos-

last 24 hours," it said. Three fatalities due to the coronavirus infection have been reported in the national capital this month -- one each on September 7, September 16 and September 17.

As many as 27 fresh cases of the Covid-19 reported

in the national Capital on

Saturday while the positivity

rate stands at 0.04 per cent,

according to data shared by the health department of the

According to the bul-

letin the total number of

fatalities stands at 25,085,

while the cumulative case

tally has reached 14386885.

At least 68,498 tests, includ-

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pitals, 219 are occupied as on Saturday while the rest are vacant. As many as 1413221 charged, have recovered or migrated out, it added.

Forty eight cases were reported in Delhi On Thursday with a positivity rate of 0.07 per cent, while on Wednesday, 30 cases were logged with a positivity rate of 0.04 per cent. On Tuesday, 39 cases were recorded with a positivity rate of 0.06 per

The daily case count had dropped to 17 on September 13, with no death being recorded, while the positivity rate stood at 0.04 per cent, according to official figures. In order to deal with the

possible third Covid-19 wave, the Delhi government has taken a number of measures including doubling the number of 'Intensive Care Unit' (ICU) beds since the last wave. The city government has been ramping up health infrastructure to prevent a repeat of the crisis witnessed during the peak of the second wave of the pandemic in



Digital de-addiction for children addicted to online games in Kerala

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

In a major child-friendly initiative, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday announced setting up of "digital de-addiction centres" in the State to bring children addicted to online games into the mainstream society.

He also declared 20 more police stations as 'child-friendly', taking the total of such stations to 126 in the southern state. Vijayan made the significant announcements while inaugurating the newly constructed or renovated buildings under the police department via online. The police force has been able to lay a special mark in terms of public service through their exemplary work, he said, adding that they could prove through experience that they were

through experience that they were ahead of others in serving people. "Digital de-addiction centres will be set up at the behest of police to bring children addicted to online games into the mainstream of society," the CM said while detailing various programmes of the ing various programmes of the police department. His statement assumes significance in the wake of a handful of incidents of children falling into the trap of online games reported in the state in recent times. Impressive achievements could be made in providing basic infrastructure facilities for police in the last five



Tourist pose for photographs during river rafting in the Beas river in Kullu district on Saturday

Quad vows to ...

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Besides pledging to ensure peace and security in the Indo-Pacific, the four nations announced a slew of new initiatives to take on common challenges, amidst muscle flexing by an assertive China in the strategic region.

In a way, Quad would play the role as "Force for Global good," Modi said in his short address and exuded confidence that this cooperation by the four democracies will ensure peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and the

Modi was the first leader invited by host President Joe Biden to address the first inperson Quad gathering in the East Room of the White

Opening the summit, Biden said the four democracies have come together to take on common challenges from Covid to climate. "This group has democratic partners who share world views and have common vision for the future," he said.

"When we met six months ago, we made a concrete commitment to advance our shared positive agenda for free and open up the session. Today, we are proud to say that we're making progress," Biden said.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his Japanese counterpart were the two other leaders in the historic East Room.

The vaccine initiative is on track, Biden said, adding that the Quad is taking action on climate change with a new partnership for zero emission shipping.
"Today, we're also launch-

ing a new quad fellowship for students from each of our five countries to pursue advanced degrees in leading science, technology engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programmes through the United States," Biden said. The four countries have a long history of get things done. And we are up

initiative to organise this historic first ever in-person Quad Summit, Modi said the four countries came together for the first time in 2004 to extend support to the Indo-Pacific

'Today, when the world is grappling with the Covid-19 pandemic, we are meeting once again as Quad and working in the interest of humanity," he said. The Quad vaccine initiative is going to provide a great help to the nations in the Indo-Pacific region," he said.

"Based on our common democratic values, Quad has decided to move forward with positive thinking," he said. Be it supply chain or security, be it climate action or Covid response, or cooperation in the field of technology, Modi said he would be very happy to talk to the leaders at the meet-

Morrison said the Indo-Pacific region should be free from coercion and disputes should be solved in accordance with international law, in veiled reference to

"We believe in a free and open Indo Pacific, because we know that the limits are strong, stable, and prosperous freedomâ⊠¦to realise their hopes and dreams to live in a liberal free society," he said.

Observing that there is no part of the world that is more dynamic than the Indo-Pacific at this time, a region that has extraordinary opportunity, Morrison said there are many challenges that must be over-

Suga also stressed the importance of the first ever inperson Quad Summit, saying "this event demonstrates strong solidarity between our four nations and an unwavering commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific".

"It gives me great pleasure discuss with my friends wide ranging topics from sup-ply chains to global security, from climate action to Covid response, to cooperation in the field of technology. A Quad, in a sense, will play the role of a force for global good. I'm confident that our cooperation, under Quad, will ensure prosperity and peace in the Indo Pacific and in the world," Modi

cooperation. "We know how to to the challenge," he added. Thanking Biden for his

arrested in J&K's Kishtwar Jammu: A former terrorist of

Ex-Hizb ultra

, Hizbul Mujahideen was arrested after a long hunt of 19 years in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Saturday.
Dulla alias "Jameel", a resident of Arnas village in Reasi, was

the third former militant turned absconder arrested by police in Kishtwar in the past 11 days, they said. A police spokesman said a special police party, on specific information, carried out raids at various suspected locations and arrested Dulla who was presently putting up at Kundwar village in Chatroo area. Dulla was wanted in a mili-

tancy-related case registered against him at police station Chatroo in 2002 but was evading arrest, he said.

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CHARDHAM YATRA

Registered yatris can fill in for those who fail to turn up



Religious Affairs on Saturday said the pilgrims registered for the Chardham yatra can fill in for those 'yatris' who fail to turn up on the appointed date despite being registered on the Devasthanam Board portal.

The order followed complaints that fewer than the prescribed daily limit for pilgrims for the four temples were visiting them, religious and pilgrimage secretary Hari Chandra Semwal said. The daily prescribed limit of yatris for Badrinath is 1,000, 800 for Kedarnath, 600 for Gangotri and 400 for Yamunotri. Commissioner Garhwal, Devasthanam Board CEO and the District Magistrates of Chamoli, Rudraprayag and Uttarkashi have been asked to comply with the order with immediate effect.

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'Arsonist' in 'firefighter' guise, India retorts to ...

As regards Kashmir, the Pakistani Prime Minister said, "New Delhi has also embarked on what it ominously calls the 'final solution' for the Jammu and Kashmir dispute." He also alleged "gross and systematic violations of human rights" by Indian

He specifically mentioned the "forcible snatching of the mortal remains of the great Kashmiri leader," Syed Ali Geelani, who died earlier this month at 91. Khan called upon the General Assembly to demand Geelani's proper burial and rites. He also said Pakistan desires peace, but it is India's responsibility to meaningfully engage

Imran said that post 9-11 there has been a design by some rightwing fascist forces to unleash hate campaign against Muslim all over the world. He especially named the RSS and the BJP among such forces.

The Pakistan PM urged the UN Secretary-General to convene a global dialogue on countering the 'rise of Islamophobia" to save the world from another kind of terrorism in the name of the rising phe-

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Government of toeing the "worst and most pervasive" form of Islamophobia by unleashing a reign of fear and violence against India's 200 million-strong Muslim community, Imran called for a "free and fair" plebiscite in disputed Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions to

resumption of long-stalled peace talks between the two neighbours on India. "The onus remains on India to create a conducive environment

She also reiterated that the entire Union Territories of Jammu &

Pakistan has an established history and policy of harbouring, aiding and Accusing the BJP-led Indian actively supporting terrorists. This is

Modi jealous of my Hindu identity...

Prime Minister Mario Draghi were likely to attend the pro-

gramme centred on Mother Teresa who lived and died in

Kolkata. Attacking the Prime Minister for denying a "Hindu

woman" the chance to attend the programme, Banerjee said the

Prime Minister always spoke about Hinduism but when it came

to practice he would not allow a Hindu woman to do her job.

but here you did not practice what you speak I am also a Hindu

woman who you stopped from visiting a world programme â⊠¦

this is because you are totally jealous (about me)," Banerjee said

Italy for tourism but for a specific purpose. "I was not going

there as a tourist â\! My visit to that country only would have

enhanced India's respect as a nation," she said adding unlike

many other Chief Ministers she always would make it a point

to seek central clearance for a foreign visit but "today the MEA

A visibly angry Chief Minister said she was not going to

this â\(\text{\vec{A}}\)! I will continue to do my work without fear."

You (read Modi) always talk about Hindus and Hinduism

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Pope Francis and Italian

a country that has been globally recognised as one openly supporting, training, financing and arming terrorists as a matter of State policy. It holds the ignoble record of hosting the largest number of terrorists proscribed by the UN Security Council," the diplomat said.

Underlining the democratic tra-ditions of India, she said unlike Pakistan, India is a country with free media and an independent judiciary that keeps a watch and protects our Constitution. "Pluralism is a concept which is

very difficult to understand for Pakistan which constitutionally prohibits its minorities from aspiring for high offices of the State. The least they could do is introspect before exposing themselves to ridicule on the world stage," she added. India also strongly reiterated

that the entire Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were, are and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India". This includes the areas that are under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. We call upon Pakistan to immediately vacate all areas under its illegal occupation," Dubey

From Page 1 India in June asserted that

the Inter-Governmental Negotiations (IGN) on UN Security Council reforms can no longer be used as a smokescreen, as the General Assembly decided to roll over the IGN work to the next UNGA session and agreed to include an amendment proposed by the G4 nations of Brazil, Germany, UNSC comprises five permanent members and 10 non-permanent member countries which are elected for a two-year term by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The five permanent members are Russia, the UK, China,

France and the United States and these countries can veto any substantive resolution. There has been growing demand to increase the number of permanent members to reflect the contemporary global reality.

During his meeting with Prime Minister Modi, President Biden also reaffirmed US support for India's entry to the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), the joint statement said.

The NSG is a 48-member uping which regulates g al nuclear commerce. Ever since India applied for the membership of the NSG in May 2016, China has been insisting that only those countries which have signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) should be allowed to enter the organisation.

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The motifs include reli-

gious sculptures from Hinduism Three-headed Brahma, Chariot Driving Surya, Vishnu and his Consorts, Siva Dakshinamurti, Dancing Ganesha, etc), Buddhism (Standing Buddha, Boddhisattva Majushri, Tara) and Jainism (Jain Tirthankara, Padmasana

well as secular motifs (Amorphous couple in Samabhanga, Chowri Bearer,

Female playing drum, etc). There are 56 terracotta pieces (Vase 2nd CE, Pair of Deer 12th CE, Bust of Female 14th CE) and an 18th CE sword with sheath with inscription mentioning Guru Hargovind

Singh in Persian.

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> However, five legislators -- Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot,

Ministers in the Amarinder Singh-led Cabinet are likely to be dropped, sources said.

A consensus on the names for the Channi-led Cabinet was reached during his meeting with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and other senior party members in the national Capital. Channi was summoned to Delhi by the Congress high command on Friday to discuss the Cabinet formation. The visit came with-

command was cautious to select the names for the Cabinet to avoid any further revolt or dissatisfaction among the party leaders, while maintaining balance among all sections, categories, regions, and castes. While deciding on the Cabinet expansion, the Congress party is working on three parameters strengthening its social base, taking on board MLAs from former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's camp, and countering the anti-incumben-

selecting candidates in a way that the party's social base is strengthened in Punjab to benefit it in the ensuing polls. Secondly, efforts are being made to reach out to the MLAs close to Capt Amarinder Singh so that there would be no protests in Punjab in future, especially when the former Chief Minister has already revolted openly against the party," said a senior party leader, privy to the developments.

Taliban hang...

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Since the Taliban overran Kabul on August 15 and seized control of the country, Afghans and the world have been watching to see whether they will recreate their harsh rule of the late 1990s. The group's leaders remain entrenched in a deeply conservative, hard-line worldview, even if they are embracing technological changes, like

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UN must ensure...

in hours of him returning from

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oceans are lifeline of international trade. We have to protect them from race for expansionism and exclusion. The world will have to raise collective voice against such moves for a rule-based world order," he said. China claims nearly all of

the disputed South China Sea, although Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, and Vietnam all claim parts of it. It has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea and also has territorial disputes with Japan in the East China Sea.

Modi said that it is essential to strengthen the United Nations to protect the global order, global laws and global values.

In mid-way his address, the Prime Minister quoted "Chanakya" of the book "Arthshastra" fame, saying if one does not act in time on an

issue, the time itself finishes it's relevance and asked UN to 'increase its effectiveness and reliability" as he said many questions are being raised

with issues like "Climate change, terrorism, proxy-war have seen "deepening of these questions". Prime Minister quoted

Modi said UN's dealing

Tagore to direct the worldbody to act "fearlessly" which would remove all doubts about its actions.

Alluding to the regressive thinking around, Prime Minister said his country is promoting scientific and progressive thinking among its citizens. Modi said that the dangers of regressive thinking and extremism are increasing in the world. "To strengthen science-based approach, India is promoting experience-based learning. We have opened thousands of Atal Tinkering Labs across schools," Prime

"In these circumstances,

Minister said.

said, "The strength of our democracy is demonstrated

the whole world has to make science-based, rational and progressive thinking, the base of their development pro-Earlier, the Prime Minister

prefaced his address by saying he represents a country "known as "mother of democracy" with a 1000 years heritage of democratic system, values and immense cultural Modi thereafter spoke

about humongous challenge thrown by Covid19 and the deaths and suffering caused by it around the globe. He paid his tributes to those who lost their lives in last one and a half year.

"For the last 1.5 years, the world has been grappling with the worst disease in 100 years," he said and detailed India's contribution to help-out civid19 situation around the world and it's production of vaccines.

While stressing that democracy is "the best", he by the fact that a little boy, who was helping his father at a tea stall in India, is addressing the UNGA for the fourth time as Prime Minister of India". The Prime Minister at the

video and mobile phones.

venue was accompanied by Foreign Minister S Jaishankar, National Security advisor Ajit Doval, Indian ambassador to the USA and a host of top foreign Ministry officials. Jaishankar described Prime Minister's speech "powerful and impactful". "Powerful and impactful

address by PM @narendramodi to the UN General Assembly today. 12 big policy takeaways: 1. Representing the Mother of Democracy and based on his own experiences, PM affirms that democracy can deliver, democracy has delivered", he tweeted soon after Modi's address. Modi met Indian diaspo-

ra outside his hotel at New York before leaving for the John F Kennedy International Airport from where he depart-

राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें

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resolve the long-running dispute.
He put the responsibility for the

for meaningful and result-oriented engagement with Pakistanâ⊠¦. " he said. Brushing aside these accusations, First Secretary Sneha Dubey said in her speech at the UNGA, Pakistan holds an ignoble record of hosting the largest number of terrorists proscribed by the United

Kashmir and Ladakh "were, are and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India". "Member States are aware that

Biden reiterates...

Rajnath calls for united HM to hold meet fight against terrorism



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

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

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

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

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



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voice in favour of liberalism,

inclusivity and respect for

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nance and behaviour," said

a peace-loving nation, but will

give a befitting reply to anyone

who threatens its integrity and

sovereignty. "Threats to inter-nal and external security will

no longer be tolerated. Our

actions in Balakot and Galwan

are clear signals to all aggressors," he said.

The NDC is the highest seat of strategic learning of the

country. The prestigious and

much sought-after interna-

tional course at this college

provides a trans-disciplinary

and comprehensive approach

He reiterated that India is

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

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

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

Nothing can be farther to all aspects of national secu-

with CMs of 10 Naxal-hit States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

The top officials from Union Transport and Highways Ministry and

rity and strategy.

ly foreign countries. The one-year course enables the officers Each course comprises of to qualify for an M Phil degree experienced one star rank and equivalent officers from the in Defence and Strategic Armed Forces, Civil Services Studies from the University of and also officers from friend-



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

movement to ensure that they play a crucial role in making

Îndia a USD 5 trillion econo-

Cooperative Conference, Shah

said, "This is the 75th year of

India's independence, there-

Mahotsava, we will begin draft-

ing the new cooperative poli-

Policy on Cooperatives was

introduced by the then NDA

Government in March 2002.

Conference is the biggest event

since the formation of the

Ministry of Cooperation on

July 6 2021. It was organised by

various cooperative organisa-

tions, including the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), National

Cooperative Federation of India, Amul, Sahakar Bharti,

Ministry, Shah also announced

that the Centre will soon

amend the Multi-State Co-

Sharing plans of his

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

About 380 security personnel, civilians and 900 Naxals have been killed in different instances of violence in LWEaffected areas from 2015 till

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

Days after creating the Union Ministry of Cooperation, its Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the Centre will soon come out with a new cooperative policy and work in tandem with States to strengthen the cooperative

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

Govt committed to strengthening

cooperative system, says Shah

make changes in their laws." Shah also sought to dispel apprehensions about the creation of the Ministry of Cooperation.

He said, "Many people say that this is a state subject. I don't want to get into the Centrestate fight, a legal answer can be given easily. I only want to say that the Ministry of Cooperation, formed under the leadership of Modi ji, is not to fight with anyone but to cooperate with all the states.
"Therefore, there is no

operative Societies Act, 2002 to need to think whether it is a facilitate the functioning of the multi-state cooperative state subject or a central subject. We can help everyone; we Observing that 63,000 will also help the states. we will

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

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

He also said that cooperatives make an important contribution to the country's development and the cooperative movement has to be taken forward by imbibing the spirit of

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

ED freezes ₹700 cr shares of Karvy Ltd

PNS NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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



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

and indirectly" by CMD Comandur Parthasarathy, his sons Rajat Parthasarathy and Adhiraj Parthasarathy, and their entities.

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

"Another FIR has been registered by central crime

Hyderabad Police for defrauding IndusInd Bank to the tune of ₹137 crore and one more FIR has been registered

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

The ED has clubbed all these FIRs as part of its probe These shares of the Karvy and has also recorded the

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

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

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

Cong extends support to 'Bharat Bandh' call by farmers' unions

PNS NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday extended support to the "Bharat Bandh" call given by farmer unions against the Centre's three agri laws and demanded that discussions be initiated with the protest-

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

process of discussion with the farmers should be initiated because they are sitting on borders Delhi for last more than nine months. We demand that

these three black laws, which were imposed without any consultation, should be taken back," he said at AICC Press conference. The Congress leader also

demanded that the MSP should be given as a legal right to every farmer "as they do not want only 'jumlas' (rhetoric)" referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise to double the farmers income by

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

IANS NEW DELHI

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

A bench headed by Chief

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

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



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

IMD warns of low-pressure systems in Bay of Bengal

PNS NEW DELHI

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

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

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

The National Crisis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PNS NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

Min bats for mandatory screening of infants for various ailments

PNS NEW DELHI

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

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

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

on a daily basis. The Directorate General of Health Services under the Union Health Ministry is commemorating the International Week of the Deaf People (IWDP) 2021 with the theme of "Celebrating Thriving Deaf

Communities" through various activities including the involvement of stakeholders. Underlining the need to revive the old fashion of infant care, Pawar suggested preparing a pocket-book with QR codes having information

about early screening and diag-

nosis of children as well as var-

ious help lines shared

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

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

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

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

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

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function organised by the BJP at its headquarters to pay homage to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) ideologue and leader of the Bharatiya Jan Sangh Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya here, Raina said the delimitation exercise is in progress and was expected to be completed by the

"On August 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the ramparts of the Red Fort announced that the



delimitation exercise will be followed by the assembly elections in J&K. The delimitation is likely to be completed by the year-end and so the elections to the J&K Assembly will be held early next year," he said when asked about the upcoming polls in the union ter-

In March 2020, the BJP-led Government had constituted a delimitation commission to redraw Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies in Jammu &Kashmir. The commission is yet to submit

However, the BJP leader said his party is fully prepared for the elections and would win the elecnext government in Jammu &

"The BJP-led Government at the Centre has benefited the people of Jammu & Kashmir by its schemes and developmental pro-grammes. The people are satisfied and will bless the party during the elections. The next chief minister will be from our party," Raina claimed

Earlier, he was joined by National General Secretary, incharge J&K, Tarun Chugh and other senior leaders to pay tributes to Upadhya Asked about the criticism of

the National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on the sacking of Government employees having terror links, he said, "The law is equal for everyone. If action is taken against an ordinary person found working as an overground worker of terrorists, there is no justification to spare a government employee having links with terrorists.

2 new airport terminals to be established soon in J&K: Min

Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M Scindia on Saturday said that two new airport terminals shall be established in Jammu & . Kashmir soon.

In another important announcement the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said the Union Minister and J&K Government agreed to start the first international flight between Srinagar – Sharjah soon, ending the long pending demand of the UT to have direct international connectivity.

"Similarly runway at the Jammu Airport has been enhanced and the 30% load penalty at Jammu airport will be removed from 1st October. It will bring huge relief to the airlines and passengers. We have also decided to build a new airport terminal adjacent to the existing airport at Jammu. The land measuring 122 acres has already been identified. It will soon be handed over to the Airports Authority of India to build a state-of-the-art 25,000 Sqm new terminal building," Lt Governor said.

As a major development, the Minister said that an airport 'terminal worth ₹1,500 crore shall be established on 25 thousand square metres in Kashmir, while another airport terminal worth Rs. 650 crore shall be established in Jammu on 22 thousand square metres land size.

He said that since a special focus is being given on development of both air and road connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, a major road network including highways, ring road, tunnels and other



projects are being constructed across Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh

The Minister said that the development of connectivity shall bring more tourists to J&K and promote local craft. He said that the promotion of tourism and crafts shall boost economic activity and prosperity of people of J&K.

Scindia said that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, an era of peace, progress and development has already started in Jammu and Kashmir and all the three regions including Ladakh have come on track to become number one in construction and development in the country.

He said that among other major projects, work was going on in full swing on the ring road worth Rs 3000 crore, while as 100 percent households are being supplied electricity now, made possible by current dispensation.

The Minister said currently 82 percent of the population is connected and being supplied tap water, however, the Government is committed to cover all households in near future.

Political merchants of votes deceived minorities for 75 years, says Naqvi

Mumbai: In a veiled swipe at Congress, Union Minister and BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Saturday cautioned minorities against the "political merchants" of their votes who he said are wearing the veil of secularism.

Addressing the State executive meeting and the training camp of BJP's Minority Morcha for Maharashtra here, Naqvi said during the last 75 years post Independence, "the political merchants of minority votes played 75 tricks on their political chessboard to deceit minorities"

"Creating the atmosphere of fear, raising a bogey of intolerance, spinning a web of religion, and spreading rumours is their expired formula to politically exploit minority communities," the Deputy Leader in the Rajya Sabha said.

Naqvi said minorities must remain cautious about such "political merchants who are wearing the veil of secularism while roaming around with a cart of conspiracies to hijack minority votes" In his speech, the senior BJP leader slammed "pseudo-secularists" for their double standards.

"The height of hypocrisy of pseudo secularists is that the Shiv Sena gets a communal stamp when it remains with the BJP and gets a certificate of secularism when it goes with the Congress. This pseudo-secular syndicate is running a certificate centre which makes someone secular and someone communal within minutes," he

Celebrity Chhabria's son arrested in cheating case

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

Sharma had approached the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

Subsequently in December 2020 Bonito had raised a bill of ₹1.20 crore to Kapil Sharma as parking charges for the vanity van, a development that prompted Kapil Sharma to approach the police and register his complaint.

Having conducted a preliminary enquiry (PE) vanity van case, the crime branch arrested Chhabria in another case pertaining to fraud last year. The PE was then converted Bonito's involvement in the

Kapil Sharma cheating case came to light during the EOW investigations. On Saturday, he was called for questioning and he was arrested immediately after the CBI completed its investigations

It may be recalled that October 29 last year, the Mumbai police crime branch sleuths had arrested Bonito, while the Crime Intelligence Unit (CIU) intercepted the vehicle, laid a trap near the Hotel Taj Mahal at

no progress made till 2019, Mr. Colaba, intercepted the vehicle and seized it.

> However, during the investigations, the police found that there was another car with the same engine and chassis number registered with Haryana RTO. The investigations have revealed Chabaria's alleged involvement in the car finance and fake registration racket involving high-end luxury

> Sr Chhabria -- whose brand DC Design involved in modifying cars into luxury lounges launched India's first sports car "the DC Avanti" and also showcased its second product - the TCA at the Auto Expo ---has been booked under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120(B) and 34 of the Indian Penal

> IPC. The investigations have also revealed that Chhabria's firm Dilip Chhabria Designs Pvt. Ltd. (DCDPL) produced 127 DC-Avantis and sold them to customers in India and

> The Crime branch sleuths suspect that many of these vehicles might have been involved in the car finance and fake regis-

e-rickshaws for tourists

Ahemdabad: In a boost to

women empowerment, the

Gujarat Government has

allowed the deployment of all

TN CIVIC POLLS

to 'high-handed'

election officials

Chennai: The Opposition AIADMK in Tamil Nadu on

Saturday objected to the "highhanded" manner of election

officials concerned and questioned the rejection of nomination papers of the party candidates for the civic polls in

Kallakurichi district, while urg-

ing the State Election

Commission (SEC) to take

immediate "remedial steps."

manner of

All women-driven

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tration racket.

The police said that multiple loans, averaging to ₹42 lakh per vehicle, had been taken with respect to 90-odd cars by DCDPL, allegedly posing as customers for their own manufactured vehicles.

The modus operandi was to take loans, sometimes even multiple loans from financial institutions on cars and sell these hypothecated cars to other customers before or after availing the finance through the fraudulent means. The investigators estimated that the loss to the state exchequer could be around

The investigators suspect that the DCDPL, which was set up in 1993 but went bankrupt in 2018, might have cheated many automobile finance companies and banks.

Apart from designing the lounge for the Mahindra Marazzo, DC Designalso released the lounge conversion of a slew of new car and it had several high-profile clients like Madhuri Dixit and Hrithik Roshan who reportedly had their vehicles customised from this brand. Some popular

designs from DC Design include the lounge design kits of the Mahindra XUV500, Duster, Toyota Fortuner and Innova. Chhabria has also modified cars in the international market like Rolls Royce and Land Cruisers. His new brand DC2 has plans for launching electric cars in

Sr Chhabria -- who came into limelight in the nineties after he produced some fancy modified private cars for celebrities and vanity vans of Bollywood personalities - went onto design concept cars, luxury passenger buses, and even aircraft interiors.

DCDPL rolled out its first indigenously-made sportscar"the DC Avanti" in 2016, a year after securing approvals from the Automotive Research Association of India

However, DCDPL ran into rough weather before the first sports car was launched, as cricketer Dinesh Karthik moved a Chennai-based Consumer Courts over the car dealer's failure to refund the booking amount of ₹5 lakh for a car cost ing nearly ₹35 lakh.



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

Bars, hotels to open ın Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

women-driven electric three-Kerala has thrown open its bars and hotels which were wheelers in Kevadia for easy mobility of the tourists visiting the Statue of Unity. The move in lockdown mode due to the in this regard has been taken unabated Covid-19 situation in after the Prime Minister had on the State. This was announced World Environment Day declared Kevadia as the first true electric vehicle (EV) zone in the country. The PM is scheduled to inaugurate the electronic rickshaws of ETO modalities. Motors on October 31. Around 100 local young unemployed

being reopened for dining out and consumption of spirits. Those who have taken both the jabs would be allowed in the bars and hotels," said Vijayan. He said 16,671 persons were tested positive for Covid-19 on Saturday out of the 1.14 lakh samples tested during the last 24 hours.

received the first dose of vaccine and efforts were on to provide the jabs to the entire population of Kerala. Vijayan disclosed that there

has been an 8 per cent reduction in the number of persons afflicted with Covid this week compared to that of last week. 'The observation that the youth in the State are more vulnerable to the pandemic is a matter of concern," said Vijayan. The Chief Minister also disclosed that the administration is making elaborate arrangements for the reopening of educational institutions. "The Station House Officer in each police station in the State would convene meetings with headmasters and principals of schools and colleges to discuss the modalities to be followed while reopening the institutions. We are opening the educational institutions after 21 months," said Vijayan.

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

fatalities caused by viral fever have been recorded in Agra district this month so far, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) said on Saturday.

dengue cases in this season till now, of which 51 are still active, he said. "In Agra district, one death is due to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pune: The country needs at least 600 medical colleges, 50 AIIMS-like institutions and 200 super-speon Saturday as he called for the need to replicate the infrastructure development sector's public-private partnership model in the health care and education

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

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

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

broke out in the country," Gadkari said.

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

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

Bhavani Devi: Sword fighting girl from TN

Bus stands in all 33 districts

Jaipur: A day ahead of the scheduled Rajasthan Eligibility

Examination for Teachers-2021 for the recruitment of third-grade

teachers, a heavy crowd of candidates was seen at bus stands in

The candidates were seen catching buses for the district where

The state government has announced free travel for REET

The exam is being held on a large scale on Sunday as around

This is the biggest exam in the state in terms of the number

candidates in both state roadways and private buses while the

North Western Railway is also operating 26 special trains cov-

ering almost all important stations from September 25 to 26 to

help candidates reach their exam destinations and back home.

of Rajasthan see heavy

all 33 districts of the state on Saturday.

16.51 lakh candidates have enrolled for it.

their exam centres are located.

rush of REET candidates



New Delhi: Bhavani Devi did wonders that day. She became the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics. And then made history by winning her first match at the Tokyo Olympics. Before her, no Indian female swordsman had shown this charisma in the Olympics. Although she crashed out of the medal race in the next match, it was enough to lift India's mind as

far as she reached. The full name of Bhavani Devi, who hails from Tamil Nadu, is Chadalavada Ananda Sundararaman Bhavani Devi. She started her sports career in 2003 but she had no distant relation with fencing. In fact

when she came to take part in school games, the names of six children from all the classes were being taken for the games. When Bhavani came to write her name, the children had already been selected in all the games. Only in sword fighting, no child had got his name written. Bhavani enrolled in this new game and started training. Later she focused her attention on this game.

She was an eight-time national champion in fencing. Bhavani, who created history by winning her first match in the Olympics, was welcomed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on her return to

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

by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan while briefing the media late Saturday evening after the review meeting convened by him to discuss the "All hotels and bars are women have been trained to drive the e-rickshaws. **PNS**

AIADMK objects

The State also logged 120 deaths on Saturday which took the total fatalities in Kerala to 24,248. More than 91 per cent of the State's population have

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

Dalit made to spend ₹11,000 on feast for entering temple in K'taka

PTI ■ KOPPAL (K'TKA)

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

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

Saturday.
According to him, the incident came to light only on Friday and since then the temple management led by the priest raised an alarm and forced the man to organise the Sreedhara said a few months ago, a theft had taken place in the village and it was

decided that no one should enter the temple except the However, the Dalit man,

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

8 DEAD IN SOMALIA AS AL-SHABAB CLAIMS BLAST

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

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

ICELANDERS VOTE IN VOLATILE ELECTION

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

EU WARNS RUSSIA OVER CYBERATTACKS

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

Under Taliban, thriving Afghan music scene heads to silence

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

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

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

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

The profession was already

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



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

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

Afghanistan has a strong musical tradition, influenced by Iranian and Indian classical music. It also has a thriving pop music and dancing, most often segregated between men's and women's sections. At three halls visited by the

AP, staff said the same thing. Taliban fighters often show up, and although so far they haven't objected to music, their

presence is intimidating.

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

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

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

Many musicians are applying for visas abroad.

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

Roadside bomb hits Taliban car At least one person injured

AP ■ KABUL

Taliban official says a road-Aside bomb has hit a Taliban car in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province wounding

at least one person.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Hossain Amir Abdollah

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

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

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

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

year-old debts.

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

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

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

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

AP UNITED NATIONS

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

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

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

AP NEW YORK

 $P^{\text{resident Joe Biden is losing}}_{\text{support among critical}}$

groups in his political base as

some of his core campaign

promises falter, raising con-

cerns among Democrats that

the voters who put him in

office may feel less enthusias-

tic about returning to the polls

in next year's midterm elec-

push to change the nation's

immigration laws and create a

path to citizenship for young

In just the past week, the

many countries which are prosperous today have been built through successive waves of migrants and refugees,

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

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

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

Biden risks losing support from

the country as children faced a

serious setback on Capitol Hill.

Bipartisan negotiations to over-

haul policing collapsed and

searing images of Haitian

refugees being mistreated at the

U.S.-Mexico border under-

mined Biden's pledge of

humane treatment for those

seeking to enter the United

opments threaten to disillusion

African Americans, Latinos,

young people and indepen-

dents, all of whom played a

Taken together, the devel-

Democrats amid DC gridlock

Bodies of 9 suspected migrants found in Panama

AP ■ PANAMA CITY

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

The bodies, including one child, were found near the Tuqueza and Canaán Membrillo rivers in the Emberá Wounaán indigenous region, according to the Darien province prosecutor's office. Chief prosecutor Julio Vergara said he believes they

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

that gave Democrats control of

Congress and the White House

last year. That's creating a sense

of urgency to broker some

type of agreement between the

party's progressive and mod-

erate wings to move forward

with a \$3.5 trillion package that

would fundamentally reshape

Failure to do so, party

the nation's social programs.

strategists warn, could devas-

tate Democrats in the 2022 vote

and raise questions about

Biden's path to reelection if he

decides to seek a second term.

Huawei executive returns as China releases 2 Canadians

music scene, adding electron-

ic instruments and dance beats

Both have flourished in the

Asked whether the Taliban

government will ban music

again, spokesman Bilal Karimi

told The Associated Press,

"Right now, it is under review"

and when a final decision is

made, the Islamic Emirate will

already feeling the pressure

since the Taliban swept into

scene to large gatherings with

Kabul on August 15.

But music venues are

Wedding halls are usually

to more traditional rhythms.

past 20 years.

announce it."

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

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

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

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Under China pressure, Taiwan Opposition choses new leader

AP TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Taiwan's main Opposite.

Nationalist Party chose foraiwan's main Opposition mer leader Eric Chu as its new chairperson on Saturday in an election overshadowed by increasing pressure from neighbor China. Four candidates, including

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

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

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relationship with China, rather than direct moves toward unification between the sides, which are bound by close economic, linguistic and cultural ties. Chu ran and lost in a landslide against Tsai in 2016, prior

ments, the Nationalists have

advocated a less acrimonious

to which he had served as party chair and head of the region just outside the capital Taipei. He may emerge as the party's candidate in the next

presidential election in 2024, although that selection process has yet to begin. Tsai is constitutionally barred from running for a third term. Under Chiang Kai-shek,

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

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OFFICE OF THE PROJECT MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION UNIT, UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM COLLECTORATE COMPOUND, RUDRAPUR, DISTT. UDHAM SINGH NAGAR

Ref no. 1296/Nivida/184

E-Tender Notice

 Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF REMAINING WORKS OF GOVT BAL SAMPREKSHAN GRIHAT RUDRAPUR (UDHAM SINGH NAGAR). Estimated Cost: - Rs. 74.68 Lakh

Period of Completion: 04 Month

Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 25.09.2021 (17.00 hrs)

(17.00 ns)
Last date/Time of receipt of bids in the portal: -16.10.2021 (17.00 hrs)
Date & Time of Technical bid Opening : -19.10.2021 (11.00 hrs)
Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid: - Er. A.K. Tyagi, Project Manager Collectorate Compound, Rudrapur (Udham Singh Nagar)

Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place:- 04.10.2021 (11.00 hrs

9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

JODHPUR BUS SERVICE LIMITED Regd Office : Jodhpur Municipal Corporation Bu Inside Polytechnic College, Gaurav Path, JODHPUR - 342001 RAJASTHAN, INDIA E-mail: jbsljodhpur@gmail.com

CIM: U60210RJ2015SGC047304 | PAN: AADCJ4850D Ref No. JBSL - 2021-22/65

> ONLINE NOTICE INVITING BIDS **UBN DLB2122RFP0039**

Jodhpur Bus Services Ltd. invites online unconditional bids under Single stage Two

Envelope System through e-procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from eligible/experienced bidders as per criteria mentioned in bid document, for "Reques for Proposal (RFP) for Operation, Maintenance and Revenue Collection of City Bus Services in Jodhpur City under JBSL." Bids are to be submitted duly digitally signed n electronic format only on website http:/eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. The bid document is available for downloading on website http:/eproc.rajasthan.gov.in www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.nnjnorth.raj.nic.in from 20.009.2021 at 6:00 P.M and the last date and time of online submission of bid is 20.10.2021 up to 02:00 P.M. Director JBSL & Commissioner

Municipal Corporation Jodhpur North ad/C/6521/2021-22

Volcanic ash cloud closes La Palma airport

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

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



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



immigrants brought illegally to vital role in building a coalition

Office of the Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle, Public Works Department, Nainital-263002

Phone/Fax: 05942-235728/ 232030 Email: sepwdntl@rediffmail.com

Letter No.: 4377/ 41M 2/2020-21 Dated: 25/09/2021

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering) Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, Public Works Department Nainital on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites item rate e-tender (two bid system). For the following work in the anticipation for sanction of work. For further details please log on to

https://www.uktenders.gov.in from 07.10.2021									
SI. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Lakh Rs)	Cost of Tender	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
1	Construction of Heliport work near Khurpatal in Vikaskhand Bhimtal, District Nainital under RCS (Udaan-2) Scheme. (Civil Work)	8.20	5000.00 + 18% GST	120 Days	8 Month	Category A/A+ for Building work in any state/ Govt. of India/ or Govt. undertaking.			

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd.3rd Floor, Plot No-23, Shal Tower

New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

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

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the belowmentioned 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.		of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
	Mugis Uddin Ahmad/	Plot Pertaining To Khasra No. 172/1/2, 172/1/3/1	June 19, 2021	Aligarh/
	Shamim Fatima/	& 174/2/1/1, Dodhpur Mafi, Pargana & Tehsil Koil,	Rs.	Gurgaon/
	LBALI00001535664	Aligarh Uttar Pradesh/ September 21, 2021	9,45,730/-	Delhi
	Mugis Uddin Ahmad/ Fija	Plot Pertaining To Khasra No. 172/1/2, 172/1/3/1	June 19, 2021	Aligarh/
	Khan/ LBALI00002422767	& 174/2/1/1, Dodhpur Mafi, Pargana & Tehsil Koil,	Rs.	Gurgaon/
	LBALI00003111979	Aligarh Uttar Pradesh/ September 21, 2021	31,44,476/-	Delhi

the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: September 24, 2021 Place: Delhi/NCR Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

GST REFUND

Aadhaar authentication mandatory for taxpayers



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

to eliminate the cases

report their supply

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a policy aimed at ensuring faster turnaround of contain-

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

He was speaking at the first 'Sehkarita Sammelan' or National Cooperative Conference here. In the Union Budget 2021, the government had announced setting up of Ministry of Cooperation. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has been given the additional charge of the ministry.

Kumar said the government will also take steps to popularise the cooperative movement and quality products manufactured by cooperatives in the international mar-

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



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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

Centre to soon announce new cooperative policy: Amit Shah PTI ■ NEW DELHI sserting that cooperatives

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

Union Home Minister, also announced that the number of primary agriculture cooperative societies (PACs) will be increased to 3 lakh in the next At present, there are about

active 65,000 PACs. Further, the Government is

working on setting up cooperative common service centres,



Union Home Minister Amit Shah attends the 'National Cooperative Conference' at

national database besides a national cooperative university, he added.

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

Addressing the gathering comprising over 2,100 representatives of different cooperatives and nearly 6 crore online participants, Shah said some people wonder why the Centre created this new ministry as the cooperative is a state subject.

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

Import duty norm relaxed to improve containers availability

The Centre has relaxed import duty norm on empty export cargo containers to improve their availability.
At present, keeping con-

tainers beyond a period of six months attracts an import duty.

The policy was designed to discourage long dwell time of containers and to promote faster turnaround. However, an official com-

munique, cited that the policy has been reported to "sometimes create perverse incentive among shipping lines to export empty containers to evade duty payment on containers which are lying empty".

As per the communique, the problem was brought out in



stakeholder consultations held by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

"Working on one of the action tracks identified by the government to ease the problem, the CBIC has issued a guidance to field offices to extend this period by three months where the container is being taken out of the country

in laden condition provided the 6 month period falls before the end of FY22." "Extension is to be sought by the concerned importer." Accordingly, the move is expected to reduce the export of empty containers from the country on ground of imposition of import duty, thus, "increasing the availability of containers for the trade".

Semiconductor shortage to further impact PV sales in Sep

INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(RAILWAY BOARD)

E-TENDER NO. 2021RSI8741TC

Director, Railways Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India invites e-tender for procurement of 1,45,532 Nos. Low Torque Grease Seal to

RDSO Specification No. WD-63-Misc-2020 of Oct 2020 or latest amendments, if any

for AAR Standard Upgraded Class 'E' (6" x 11") Cartridge Tapered Roller bearings

2.0 The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website http://ireps.gov.in fo

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

 $S_{\text{age is expected to further}}^{\text{emiconductor supply short-}}$ impact passenger vehicles (PVs) sale volumes in

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

is used in variety of functions which play a critical part in the production of internal combustion engines. Besides, they are an inte-

gral part of all kinds of sensors and controls in any vehicle.

details of the tender and submission of their e-bids.

3.0 No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender 4.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 28.10.2021.

used in freight stock.

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

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

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

Director, Railway Stores (W)

Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India

₹750 crore PTI NEW DELHI

Infra to raise

Reliance

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

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

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

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

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

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

IANS CHENNAI

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

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

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

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

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

Seaweed farming will help boost economy, reduce climate impact

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

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

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

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

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

And on the ambitious plan in the marine fisheries sector, he said that India is eying doubling the seafood export in

the next five years. 'We are hopeful of achieving this target by exploring innovative ways to increase the production that will certainly upscale the country's capita income. Technological development is crucial in this regard especially for areas such as seed production and other hatchery

He further pointed out

infrastructure for diversified mariculture activities," said Swain.

E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

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

Work:- Providing and fixing S.S. Dust bin and Blue & Green Plastic Dust bin at various locations in Bijwasan Constituency AC-36. EC. Rs. 39,99,582/- period of Completion 45 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 01.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 P.M respectively.) NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2021-22/41 (ID No. 2021_IFC_208824_1)H.O.A:- 4217-Plan (MLALAD), Name of

Work:- Providing and installation of 40 Nos. Automatic Boom Barrier at various locations in Vikas

Puri Assembly Constituency.(AC-31). E.C. Rs. 57,27,200/- period of Completion 60 Days. (Date of submission

- & opening of bid on 01.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 P.M respectively.) NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2021-22/42 (ID No. 2021_IFC_208625_1) H.O.A:- 4217-Plan (MLALAD), Name of Work:-Providing and installing of 50 Nos. electromechanical swing type barricade/Automatic boom barriers at various locations in Bijwasan Constituency AC-36. E.C. Rs. 71,59,000/- period of Completion 45 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 01.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 P.M respectively.)
- NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2021-22/43 (ID No. 2021_IFC_208628_1) H.O.A:- 2217-Plan (MLALAD), Name of Work:- Installation of Swings with Play Staion in the C5A, C2, A2, A-1 and C-4 Block Janak Puri Assembly Constituency AC-30. E.C. Rs. 69,27,130/- period of Completion 90 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 01.10.2021 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 P.M respectively.) Note :- 1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site

https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov, in Amendment(s)/ alteration(s) / corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.

sd/-**Executive Engineer** Civil Division-I Irr. & Flood Control Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi



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

Short Term E-Tender Notice

SI. Name of Work | Earnest | Cost of | Validity Period Contractor's Money Tender Category of of of (in Lac) (in Rs.) Tender Completion Registration 5 6 Renewal work with SBDC of Category 'A' pithoragarh and above Jhulaghat for Road motor road in 5000.00 45 works in any km 6,7,8,13 to 4.00 + 18% 6 Month 16 and 19 to Days State Govt./ GST 22 under Govt. of Annual India/Govt. Maintenance Undertaking (Length 11.00

Wildlife Board clears PMGSY road projects in border areas

IANS NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

DIP/Shabdarth/0327/21-22

e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax : 011-24368639 P.S., Nand Nagri, Delhi : 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph.: 011-22137761 Extn No.: 2101 DP/1040/NE/2021 NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2021-22/40 (ID No. 2021 IFC 208623 1) H.O.A:- 4217- Plan (MLALAD), Name of

undersigned at following phone numbers.

Nazreen

SEARCH FOR MISSING

at PS, Nand Nagri, Delhi.

Name: Nazreen, Husband's Name: Kadir, Age: 22 years,

Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built:

Medium, Wearing: Grey Colour Sarara and Chappal in

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the

General Public is hereby informed that a

lady namely Nazreen W/o Kadir R/o

H.No. E-1/476, Nand Nagri, Delhi has

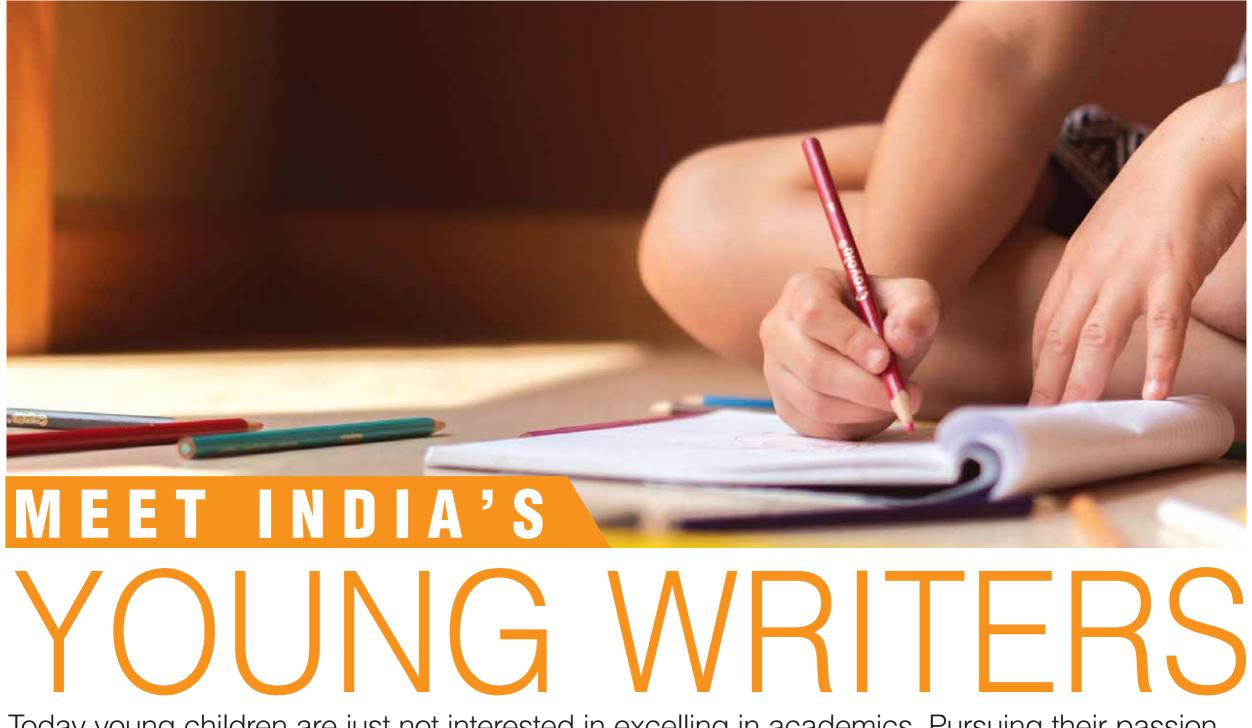
been missing from her house since

25.08.2021. In this regard a DD No. 58-

A, dated 26.08.2021 has been lodged

The description of missing lady is as





Today young children are just not interested in excelling in academics. Pursuing their passion and dream gets them going — be it to become entrepreneurs or authors. SHALINI SAKSENA chats up a few such children who talk about their novels

Artistically inclined

Ishanvi Jain 11 years old **Author of:** Throne of the

ou expect 11-yearfriends and doing kid stuff. What you don't expect is that they will have a day cramped with school classes and then Art of Communication course that teaches with how to perfect their English grammar. Not only this, the classes at Camp K-12 also teach the kids how to write - write novels.

One such student is Ishanvi Jain, an 11-year-old studying in Delhi Public School, Durgapur. She is in Class VI and loves reading books, listening to music, doodling and travel-

ling.

Her novel, *The Throne of the Sea* that is available on Amazon and Kindle is about underwater creatures and the story is how true love finds its way and true friends help each other in every phase of life through thick and thin. When I was planning on

what to write my six-year-old sister told me that I should write on her favourite topic, the mermaids and the underwater world. She is so fascinated by both. So I gave this theme a shot and the novel was born, Jain

daily booster sessions, her men- writers. Her favourite subjects



way she explained things and the way she taught was very fascinating. She explained how to write as well. All this was very inspiring. So I decided to take the class full-time. Once we had taken a certain number of classes, we were invited to write a story. I was one of the lucky ones to be chosen. And here I am today, an author," Jain tells

Her friends who have read her book are inspired and want It was during one of the to join the class and become

are English and history. "I love to read and know about facts. History is all about facts, about people and how they lived back then. It is fascinating to read that despite not being very educated they were able to achieve so much," Jain says.

She tells you that she loves to read novels that have fantasy as a theme. She loves Sudha Murthy novels. She was introduced to these by her mentor. How I taught my Grandmother to Read is her favourite.

"I love the way she writes. Also, her life inspires me. She

had lived a very humble life. I am told that she is a very down to earth person. Of course, there are other authors I read as well; Ruskin Bond is one of them. My tutor also tells me what books I should read to increase my vocabulary. She tells me that these will help me improve my language skills. more and more books will give me an insight about how authors take a subject and weave their stories. This helps me to have a perspective as well," Jain says.

It has been over a year since she joined these classes and plans to continue to take them since she loves the classes. Also the personal attention that she and other kids get, keeps her going. There are many changes that she has seen in her writing since she started.

"To begin with I didn't know how to be descriptive. Now, I can. I have learnt how to be a better writer. I have a better grasp of the language. This helps me to weave the stories," Jain explains who also loves listening to music.

"I love all kinds of music. I also listen to Tamil and Telugu songs as well. I do have a few favourite English songs like Yummy by Justin Bieber and Jalebi Baby by Tesher," Jain

She also does a lot of mindless doodling. Once again she took a class for this and even made a Unicorn using mandala art. "It was my mother who introduced me to this art form and I love it," Jain says.

Fantasy world beckons her

Nevaeha Palkar 10 years old **Author of: Adventure** on the Other Side

he was born in the US. When she was three years old, her parents decided to come back to Class V student of PICT Model School, Pune, this 10-year-old decided to join the Art of Communication course with Camp K-12 because she loves English. Meet Nevaeha Palkar.

She tells you that a few months back, her mother came across an ad in the newspaper. There was an announcement for a competition in English. Palkar enrolled and she ranked No 3. It was a competition that tested us on grammar and vocabulary. It was after I participated in this competitive exam that we came to know about Camp K-12. It was my mother's decision to enroll me for these

classes since she knows that I love English," Palkar says. While she loves reading books and novels, she doesn't have a single book that is her favourite. However, she tells you that she does have a favourite author, Sudha Murthy who has written

many kids novels. "I absolutely love her novels; they are truly amazing. I love the way she writes. I read her first book when I was much younger. I don't really remember how old I was. But my mother gave it to me and I instantly fell in love with them. I also love to read Enid Blyton and Roald Dahl books as well," Palkar says.

She tells you that her debut novel, Adventures of the Other Side, is about three friends who embark on a journey that takes them on the other side of the world and now they have to figure a way out to get back home.



My debut novel, **Adventures of the** Other Side, is about three friends who embark on a journey that takes them on the other side of the world and now they have to figure a way out to get back home

"I love to read adventure, fantasy and mythological stories. My passion to write has also encouraged me to write poems as well. These however have not been published but my mother shares these on her Facebook page. So when I had to submit a story for the Art of Communication course, I decided to write it on this topic. Once I submitted it, the mentors really loved it and that's

It was the workshop that helped her shape her novel. "In the workshop we are taught how to write and how to develop a story. I loved the course and decided to continue to take the classes. For now, I have not written anything else. But I plan to write another novel or write a sequel to my debut novel," Palkar says whose novel is available on Amazon and

But this is not all. Palkar is a girl of many talents. When she was six, she found that a kids clothing company was looking for kid models around her age. I decided to participate. I had so much fun doing it," Palkar tells you. She is also into singing, and is learning western

She is also an animal lover, especially cats. While her parents have not allowed her to keep one as a pet, she hopes that she will be allowed to keep one in the near future. She tells you that while she is an author at heart, she wants to pursue medicine when she grows up. However, she will not give up her passion for writing and will continue to write. "I don't know what I will write about in the future. Maybe it will be a book about medicine or it can be on mythology. It is difficult to say what I will do in the future," Palkar says. Her friends have loved her novel which has

84 pages. "My parents have encouraged me all through my journey," Palkar says.

'I want to base all my stories on animals'

Parvathy Ramnarayan 11 years old **Author of: The Great Escapade of Vegla The Polar Bear**

his student of Class VI is not your average school-goer. From horse riding to playing basketball to drawing to even writing a novel is what keeps her occupied. Though her day calendar is filled with extracurricular activities and competitions, she does manage to take time out for her pet — a mongrel, Brownie, that she has adopted. If this was not enough on her plate, this 11-year-old has also joined

writing classes at Camp K-12 and loves participating in the spelling bee and other competitions organised by them.

This student of Kendriva Vidvalava from Kanhangad, Kerala tells you that she loves to read and write. She tells you that taking online classes has been a tad difficult because she is unable to meet her friends. "I miss meeting them and seeing them online and talking with them is not the same. Also, where I stay, sometimes there are Internet problems. There are many interruptions," she

Looking at her interest in reading and writing, her mother told her about a workshop where she could enroll. "The best part of this class is that they teach us something new



every time. This keeps me interested. Also the teacher ensures that the one-hour session is never boring. I have been taking these classes for the last four months and I plan to keep taking them. Even though my day is full since I enjoy these classes it is never a chore to attend them," Ramnarayan says.

Her novel, The Great Escapades of Vegla The Polar Bear, is about a female polar bear who decides to explore the world. "She is bored of her pristine white world and wants to add colour to her life and to roam the world that see what it has to offer. She is not aware of the dangers that the outside world poses. All her friends try to dissuade her from embarking on this journey but Vegla is determined. She doesn't listen to them and

goes on this journey," Ramnarayan says. Her novel is available on Amazon and Kindle.

She decided to write a story on polar bears after extensive research on these wonderful animals that live in the ice cold regions of the world. "I read so much about polar bears. There was so much information on them. When I looked at their pictures, I found that they were cute looking, especially the cubs. Also, not many people know about their world. Not many people have explored their world. These animals shun human presence. This was another reason why I chose to make Vegla the hero of my novel,"

Ramnarayan tells you. Interestingly, nobody told her to choose this subject. She decided on her own.

"My teacher taught me about speeches and how to improve my vocabulary. I was taught so many things that I didn't know about," Ramnarayan says.

This also includes horse riding. At that time the family lived near a horse riding academy. Her father encouraged her to take the classes. "It was fun," she tells you.

For now, she is in the process of deciding what to write next. One thing she is sure of is that it will be related to animals only. She plans to continue with the classes since her dream is to be a writer. Not only this, she wants to pursue archaeology. "I love history and to know all about our past. There are so many things about it that we don't know and I would love to explore it," Ramnarayan says.

OSTRAVA OPEN: SANIA MIRZA IN DOUBLES FINAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



New-look Indian team ready for Sudirman Cup challenge

PTI VANTAA

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

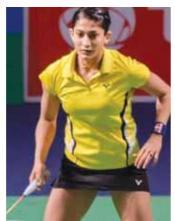
India have been drawn in Group A alongside defending champions China, three-time semi-finalists Thailand and hosts Finland in the BWF tournament, which comprises two singles and three doubles matches in a tie.

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

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

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

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



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

First up for India will be

Thailand, who have reached the semifinals thrice — 2013, 2017

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

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

After Thailand, India will

face China on September 27 and Finland on September 29. China have won the title 11

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

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



India claim two silver medals in Archery World Championships

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

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

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

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

In the Compound Mixed Team final, the Indian team of Jyothi and Abhishek Verma lost to Colombia's Sara Lopez and Daniel Munoz 150-154. The Compound Women's Team final started as a close affair with both India and Colombia shooting 58 out of a possible 60 in the first end (set), the Indians shooting three 10s, one X, and two 9s in six arrows while the Colombians came up with three 10sm two Xs and an 8.

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

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

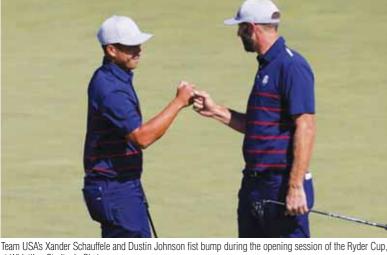
In the Compound Mixed Team final, Jyoti Surekha Vennam and Abhishek Verma got off to a good start as they took a one-point lead (39-38) after the first end, shooting three 10s and a 9 as compared to three 9s and a 10 by the Colombian pair of Sara Lopez and Daniel Munoz.

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

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

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

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



at Whistling Straits, in Sheboygan

AP ■ SHEBOGYAN

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

Woods was even born. That didn't seem to be big enough to satisfy US captain Steve Stricker.

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

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

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

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

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

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

everywhere. "There's obviously still 20 points to

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

They are looking for a fresh start

after a quarter-century of losing, and its youngest team in history took a big step to creating their own memories. They fought hard every single shot

out there, from what I saw," DeChambeau said after he and Scottie Scheffler earned a halve in fourballs. This is a great start, but the job's not

over. We have two more days. A lot more golf. And we cannot lose our mindset to win." The first point of the 43rd Ryder Cup, postponed one year by the pandem-

ic, went to Europe and its new "Spanish Armada" of Rahm and Garcia. The final match ended in a halve when Justin Thomas delivered a late eagle putt that allowed him and Patrick

Cantlay to come all the way back from a 3-down deficit. Through the morning chill, the midday warmth, a ferocious wind in the afternoon and even a little rain, the one

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

constant was American red scores filling

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

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

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

Tiger Woods' text helps inspire US team RYDER CUP **AP** ■ SHEBOGYAN $T^{iger\ Woods\ isn't\ at\ Whistling}_{Straits,\ but\ several\ US\ players}$



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

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

"We know he's got our backs, of used that energy today."

players were excited to hear that Woods was cheering hard for them from his home in Florida. "We knew he was fist pumping from the couch," Schauffele

Xander Schauffele said the

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

guys and these guys look up to back at Brookline.

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

"So it was great to hear from him and provide some words of encouragement to these guys." Woods was an assistant cap-

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

Weather could force Russian GP qualifying session to be moved today

IANS SOCHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Olympics since I started playing hockey. This was my first time, so I did not take too much pressure upon myself and tried to enjoy the moment. "I also gained some confidence in our tours of Argentina and Germany before the Olympics, where I felt that we were able to compete well with some really good teams," she said.

Lewandowski's scoring streak for Bayern ends after 19 games AP BERLIN Since promotion, made a reasonable Julian Green, who would have been

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

Lewandowski, who hit the

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

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

start but was caught cold when Thomas Müller opened the scoring in the 10th minute.

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

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

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

But Bayern still had enough offensive power to extend its lead in the 68th, when Sebastian Griesbeck scored an own-goal under pressure from Lewandowski, who looked disappointed not to have scored himself.

Cedric Itten got a late consolation for Fürth in the 87th.

Bayern consolidated top spot after taking the league lead with a 7-0 rout of another promoted team, Bochum, last weekend.

'We're happy with how it's going but we mustn't lose touch it's about always taking the next step. That's the most fun, to keep improving," Müller said after scoring his second league goal of the

Durand Cup: Bengaluru FC overcome gritty Army Green to enter semis minute to give them the lead.

IANS KOLKATA

 $B_{\text{from behind to beat Army}}^{\text{engaluru FC (BFC) came}}$ Green 3-2 in the final quarterfinal encounter of the 130th Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK) on Saturday and set up a lastfour clash with FC Goa on Wednesday. Wungngayam Muirang, Leon Augustine, and Namgyal Bhutia struck for BFC while Lallawmkima and Vibin T. V. struck for the Greens, both incidentally via penalties.

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

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

long to go ahead in the second session as Leon Augustine scored the second goal for his team just minutes after the



PTI SHARJAH

Joung leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi snared three wickets as Punjab Kings dished out a clinical bowling display to beat struggling Sunrisers Hyderabad by five runs in a lowscoring but entertaining Indian Premier League match here on Saturday.

The 21-year-old Bishnoi (3/24) ran through the SRH middle order after veteran India pacer Mohammed Shami rocked the run chase early on by dismissing both David Warner (2) and captain Kane Williamson (1) cheaply in the first and third overs respectively. Chasing 126 for a win on a slow Sharjah Cricket Stadium track, SRH ended at 120 for 7 in 20 overs to end their hopes of making it to the play-offs.

Punjab, however, kept their hopes alive as they grabbed the fifth place with 8 points from 10

West Indian Jason Holder raised hopes of a dramatic win for SRH with a late onslaught of

47 off just 29 balls with the help of five sixes but in the end SRH were short by five runs.

SRH needed 21 from the final two overs and Arshdeep Singh conceded just four runs from the penultimate over. Needing 17 runs from the final over bowled by Nathan Ellis, Holder hit a six in the second ball but SRH needed a six to tie the score and take the match to Super Over.

But Holder, who had taken three wickets for 19 runs in the Punjab Kings innings, could score just one run from the final

SRH were 20 for 2 after Power Play and Bishnoi took the centre stage from then onwards as he removed the next three batsmen to stifle the SRH run First, he had Manish Pandey

(13) in the eighth over before dismissing Kedar Jadhav (12) and Abdul Samad (1).

From 43 for 3 at the halfway mark, SRH were 60 for 5 in the 13th over. The arrival of Jason Holder at the crease gave some hopes to SRH as the West Indian hit two sixes to take 16 runs from the 16th over bowled by Nathan Ellis.

SRH needed 35 from the four overs and final Wriddhiman Shah (31) was set at the other end but he got run out in the 17th over in a horrible mix-up. Earlier, Holder's impressive

spell of three wickets for 19 runs helped SRH restrict Punjab Kings to 125 for 7 after being sent in to bat. Punjab Kings batsmen struggled to get going on a slow wicket and failed to stitch any big partnership, the highest being the 30-run stand between Chris Gayle and Aiden Markram, who top-scored with a 32-ball 27, for the third wick-

Captain KL Rahul had scored 49 in the previous match but got dismissed early this time as he fell to Holder's first ball for a run-a-ball 21 in the

The other opener Mayank Agarwal (5), who had scored 67 against Rajasthan Royals on

Tuesday, was out four balls later as he sliced a Holder delivery to Kane Williamson at mid off.

Punjab Kings were 29 for 2 after Power Play and could have been three wickets down the next over but David Warner dropped Markram off Khaleel Ahmed. The Mohali-based side were 55 for 2 at halfway mark.

Chris Gayle shunned playing his trademark big-hitting shots but got dimissed for 14 off 17 balls off the bowling of Rashid Khan.

Nicholas Pooran (8) followed his senior West Indian colleague to the dressing room the next over, while Markram's promising innings ended in the 15th over while looking for big shots to accelerate the

Deepak Hooda (13) hit some lusty blows before substitute fielder J Suchith plucked the ball out of thin air in an outstanding fielding effort to dismiss the batsman. Punjab Kings took 14 runs from the final over bowled by Bhuvneshwar Kumar to end their innings at 125 for 7.

PUNJAB BEAT SRH Bowlers script Delhi Capitals' 33-run win over Rajasthan



Delhi Capitals players greet each other after winning the match against Rajasthan Royals

PTI ABU DHABI

Delhi Capitals bowlers made up for the team's underwhelming display with the bat to hand Rajasthan Royals a 33-run defeat in their Indian Premier League match, here on Saturday.

The Capitals bowling unit restricted the Royals to 121 for six after the team put on board 154 for six on the back of Shreyas Iyer's 43 and a late flourish provided by Shimron Hetmyer, who scored 28 runs off 16 balls.

Rajasthan skipper Sanju Samson looked in sublime touch, scoring an unbeaten 70, but with wickets tumbling at regular intervals from the other end, the Royals innings failed to get the momentum it needed.

South African pacer Anrich Nortje (2/18) led the Delhi bowlers who performed as a cohesive unit. Avesh Khan (1/29), Kagiso Rabada (1/26), Axar Patel (1/27), Ravichandran Ashwin (1/20) snapped a wick-

With the win the Capitals returned to the top of the table while the Royals moved down to

Defending a modest total, pacers Khan and Nortje provided the electric start that the Capitals needed, sending back both openers — Livingstone (1) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (5) in the first two overs.

Skipper Rishabh Pant made a bowling change by bringing in Ashwin and the senior Indian spinner got rid of the dangerous David Miller (7) to leave the Royals tottering at 17 for 3. With the required run rate

increasing, Rajasthan needed 107 runs in the last 10 over. Samson and young Mahipal

Lomror (19) seemed to be reviving the innings but the everreliant Rabada nipped the partnership in the bud. Riyan Parag (2) and Rahul

Tewatia (9) couldn't provide a valuable contribution either. Samson was going strong,

hitting boundaries at will but the Delhi bowlers came back strongly. Earlier, the Royals pacers led by Mustafizur Rahman (2/22), Chetan Sakariya (2/33) and Kartik Tyagi (1/40) shared five wickets while spin all-rounder Rahul Tewatia

(1/17) dismissed one batsman. Tyagi, the star of the match

shot during match between Delhi Capitals and Rajasthan Royals IPL web

against Punjab Kings, drew first blood with his very first delivery in the fourth over, cleaning up Orange Cap holder Shikhar Dhawan (8).

The Delhi opener looked to play a good length delivery but the ball rolled back to hit the timber. Prithvi Shaw (10) soon followed his opening partner back to the dugout, slicing the

ball off Sakariya to Liam Livingstone at mid-off.

At the end of the powerplay, the Capitals were precariously placed at 36 runs for the loss of two wickets.

With spin introduced in the seventh over Shreyas Iyer (43 off 32 balls) and skipper Rishabh Pant (24 off 24 balls) started to repair the damage caused by the loss of the openers. The duo, who stitched a 62-

run partnership, kept the scoreboard ticking, while also hitting the occasional boundaries at the huge Sheikh Zayed Stadium. The stylish İyer then hit the

first maximum of the match over long off in the 10th over off left-arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shamsi (0/34). As the two Delhi batters

found their footing, Rahman was brought back into the attack and the move immediately paid dividends as Pant, looking to hook the ball away, ended up getting an under edge.

Samson then showed his skills with gloves to stump Iyer, who failed to stretch his back foot inside the crease as wicket continued to tumble at regular

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IPL 2021 Sept 26 7:30 pm **Royal Challengers** Bangalore **Mumbai Indians** Dubai International Stadium, Dubai Total IPL matches played: 212 Highest total: 223/6 Head-to-Head in IPL Matches played: 28 Won: 11 Highest total

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MI hopeful of Hardik's return against RCB on Sunday, says Zaheer

dence that star all-rounder Hardik Pandya would be fit to play in their next game against Royal Challengers Bangalore after missing the title holder's first two games in the second leg of the ongoing Indian Premier League.

MI did not have the best of starts in the second phase of the tournament, losing their first two games against Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders. But Zaheer is optimistic about Hardik's return in the playing eleven in their next game on

"Well, we have a practice session today lined up, so after we finish the press conference we are going to go there and will take an informed call on that. He (Hardik) has started practicing, that's what I can share with you guys right now. So, we are hopeful that he

(Hardik) will be fit and available. That's what we are hoping," the for-Mumbai Indians Director of Cricket Operations, Zaheer match conference.

Jayawardane had said that the Baroda all-rounder missed the game against CSK due a little niggle. He also the missed the next game against KKR.

"As you know, IPL is a very highly competitive tournament, so teams are always trying to have a one up on each other and they are getting smart in their preparation and these days every team is analysing every other team. So we have to stay on the top.

'The focus has always been on us, this team has been so successful because we have been focusing on our processes, our strengths and our players who are taking the field. And these are the players who have got us the championship, so we have that kind of approach and we have had quite a lot of good conversations around those things," he

Bowlers gear up to prevent clean sweep vs 'Southern Stars'

Tndia's under-fire bowlers will need to I put up a much-improved show as they face the ignominy of a clean sweep against an Australian team, which is looking for its 27th win on the trot, during the third and final women's ODI here on Sunday. A marginal no-ball call off the final delivery bowled by Jhulan Goswami found India won the wrong side of the indeed was a humdinger but not being able to defend a total as big as 274 after having the home team on the mat for the better part doesn't speak highly of Mithali Raj's outfit. There is a trend in cricket, the sides

that snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in close games like India did on Friday, end up losing both momentum and confidence in their next few games.

The manner in which Beth Mooney, who opened in absence of Rachel Haynes along with Tahlia McGrath and Nicola Carey, snatched the game away would it with ease without any contribution from one of their best batters Alussa Healy and the iconic captain Meg

Lanning.
India's bowling attack barring
Goswami, who is in a league of her own, hasn't delivered throughout 2021. A lot of it is due to the fact that the Indian cricket establishment failed to find a worthy new ball partner for Goswami once Amita Sharma left the scene a decade back.

Shikha Pandey is very hardworking cricketer but could never measure up to Goswami and neither the likes of Mansi Joshi, Puja Vastrakar, Monica Patel could

Dhoni should play at No.4 once CSK qualify for playoffs: Gambhir

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Former Kolkata Knight Riders captain Gautam Gambhir has said that Chennai Super Kings (CSK) skipper MS Dhoni should move himself to No.4 position when the team qualify for the playoffs in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021.

He further added that Dhoni should be playing at that position regardless of whether CSK are chasing or

defending a total. "MS Dhoni should bat at No.4 once CSK qualifies for the playoffs, irrespective of whether you are chasing or batting first so that you are able to spend time in the middle. I will want to see that, hopefully it happens. The best thing about a captain is that it is his own wish, he can bat anywhere he wants," Gambhir

said on Star Sports.

ABU DHABI: Delhi Capitals spinner Ravichandran Ashwin added another feather to his illustrious cap when he dismissed Rajasthan Royals batsman David Miller to grab his 250th wicket in T20 cricket. Ashwin became only the third Indian after

Ashwin bags 250th T20 wicket

Amit Mishra and Piyush Chawla to do so. The 34-year-old spinner has 140 wickets to his name in the IPL while he bagged 52 wickets for India in 46 T20Is. The rest of his wickets came in the domestic circuit. He is the sixthhighest wicket-taker in the IPL. Veteran pacer Lasith Malinga leads the chart in IPL with 170 scalps followed by Amit Mishra (160), Piyush Chawla (156), Dwayne Bravo (154), and Harbhajan Singh (150). Apart from Malinga, all the top five wicket-takers are currently playing in the IPL. Malinga announced his retirement ahead of the start of the 14th edition of the tournament while in the last season he made himself unavailable due to personal reasons.

Our players have understood their roles and responsibilities: Dhoni

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hennai Super Kings skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni on Friday attributed

■ Singh Dhoni on Friday att his team's remarkable turnaround this IPL season to the players' hard work and understanding their roles and responsibilities. Three-time winners CSK endured their worst

outing last season when they finished seventh in the eight-team league, a far cry

from the manner in which they are dominating in this edition, including their latest six-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore. "Our players have worked hard,

they have understood their roles and responsibilities. Over here, the three grounds are different. This is slowest (so far) of all. Dubai and Abu Dhabi are different. So the players have been adapting," Dhoni said after the comfortable six-wicket win over

RCB skipper Virat Kohli (53) and young Devdutt Padikkal (70) struck

brisk half-centuries in an impressive 111-run stand but CSK pulled the strings to restrict them to 156 for six after electing to bowl.

The in-form Ruturaj Ğaikwad, then, came good again with a quick 38 while Faf du Plessis made 31 at the top to lay a strong foundation for CSK to chase the modest target in 18.1

> CSK's decision to bowl first was prompted by the dew We were worried about the

dew, so whenever there's chances of dew we want to bat second. 'They got off to a good start but

after ninth over wicket slowed down. You still had to bowl tight, and Jadeja's spell was important with Padikkal batting from one "After that Bravo, Josh (Hazlewood), Shardul (Thakur), Deepak (Chahar)

were brilliant. It's always on the back of your mind on which bowler can be effective over here," the former India skipper said. Even as RCB got off to a great start, Dhoni brought into play his years of experience to effect a turnaround.

Didn't show much courage: Kohli

match of the

second leg of

Royal Challengers Bangalore Skipper Virat Kohli was left dejected after a second loss in as many matches here and said that another 15-20 runs on the board would have given the side

a winning total. that much courage I guess RCB came up with a much improved performance the Mahendra Dhoni-led Singh Chennai Super Kings on Friday, notching up 156/6 thanks to half centuries from Devdutt Padikkal (70) and Kohli (53), but still lost by six wickets after some incisive bowling by Dwayne

Bravo and Shardul Thakur. RCB, who have never won an IPL title, had earlier lost The 32-yearold stated that to Kolkata Knight Riders by nine they "have to wickets in the show more o p e n i n g courage

the tournament here where they could only score a dismal 92 runs.

"The wicket did slow down a bit. But I feel we left out 15-20 runs out there. 175 would've been a winning total. Didn't bowl consistently. Didn't show

> with the ball. They (ČSK) bowled well in the back end of the innings, executed the slower balls and yorkers nicely," Kohli said after the match.

crunch

game less, could push RCB further down if they win the next game.

'We spoke of areas we didn't want them to hit and we didn't do that. That little bit of X factor was missing in the first 5-6 overs. Got to get on that winning run again. This one is a bit more disappointing. The first one we just weren't in the game. Have to show more courage in crunch moments. This tournament goes by quickly," he added. Up next, RCB take on the defending champions Mumbai Indians on September 26 at the Dubai International Stadium.

back on that winning form

RCB's fortunes dip sharply and

they are currently third on the

table with 10 points from nine

games behind CSK and Delhi

Capitals who hold the first and

second place respectively with

14 points apiece.

Rajasthan Royal,

who have played a

The two losses have seen





■ What's your role in Nakaab?

It is an investigative thriller. An actor has died and there is an enquiry how she died whether it is a sucide or a murder; what is happening around this death. I play Zohra Mehra, an entertainment producer. She is a very ruthless and ambitious kind of a person who doesn't care for anything. All she wants to do is make her empire. If you see, in real life also, the kind of things that are happening, — so many actors dying — *Nakaab* is extremely relevant today. What was the attraction of playing this

character? It was because of the relevance that this film has - the relevance of all these unnatural deaths that have taken place. The script is very strong; it talks about the pressures that one feels when you are in the entertainment industry. This industry is so different from the person who has a 9 am to 5 pm job; he would not be able to relate to the lifestyle

that the entertainment has nor the pressure pressure to look good, pressure to be perfect, to look perfect; pressure to be a certain way. But how do you deal with it. Some people take to drugs, some become alcoholics, some commit suicide. What I read, the effect and role of social media and how the media sensationalises everything. I knew that we had to do this film.

You were away for a couple of years. What was keeping you busy?

I was travelling the world. It was the best time to travel. The airports were empty, air planes were empty. Roads were almost empty There were no long queues at immigration. went to all the countries which were allowing

■ How tough was it?

It was not so tough. Sanitising is good for us

— it keeps us protected, doing COVID tests is for our safety. It is about conditioning yourself and becoming used to the protocols that one has to follow. It is good in fact. Everything is so much cleaner now.



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■ How tough was it to shoot?

The challenge was that we had to take the COVID test every two days. We also followed very strict protocols. While shooting you become involved in the scene that you forget the protocols, it is challenging to keep them in mind and follow them. The staff is wearing PPE kits and doing their work. This is tough.

How was the experience of working on an investigative thriller?

I loved the role I was given in Nakaab because there is nothing fake here. The director, Soumik Sen, wanted to keep thngs real. My character is a chain smoker. I have never smoked in my life. I had to practice a lot on how to hold a

cigarette. Such roles are tough to write.

Is it possible for commercial and realistic cinema to meet at a point?

It is impossible to have a meeting point for the two. Commercial Bollywood films have a set formula. Realistic films take big risks. Zohra in Nakkab is sans make-up; she doesn't

What kind of camaraderie did you share with Esha Gupta and Gautam Rode given the present pandemic and social distancing?

There was a lot of camaraderie. We didn't go crazy; we maintained social distance. Since we took tests every other day, we knew we were safe. ■ How has the journey been?

It has been amazing. Imagine, I came from Haryana. Bollywood gave me everything name, fame and even failures. It has given me super hits and flops as well. It is part of a great

How has the OTT worked for you?

It has been wonderful. For an actor, it is important to reinvent. The kind of roles that are being written on the OTT platform, the writers are also coming up with challenges roles for

■ What next?

I am working on a project with Rajat Kapoor, RKRKAY. I play the lead — an actor of the 1950s.

Bolly

Sushmita's 'Aarya' for Emmy

The Sushmita Sen-starrer 'Aarya' has been nominated at the 49th International Emmy Awards in the 'Drama Series' category. Sushmita said: "It is surreal to know that 'Aarya' has been recognised globally amongst the Best Drama series in the world and to be nominated at a platform as prestigious as the International

Emmy Awards is phenomenal." She added: "I am overwhelmed with the love and faith viewers across the world have put into our labour of love and want to thank each one from the bottom of my heart for the encouragement.' Helmed by director Ram Madhvani, the Hotstar Specials show succeeded in weaving a narrative around a dynamic woman who

gives her all to save her kids and family. It marked the debut of the former beauty queen in the digital space.

'I am here to act'

Actor Amit Jairath, who considers director Nikkhil Advani his mentor, says that it's his passion and love for the craft of acting which is the prime factor that attracts him to be a part of Indian cinema. Talking about his experience and role in 'Mumbai Diaries 26/11'



he says: "It was an interesting experience. I had only heard and seen the horrific act on television. But now I was enacting it and the surroundings and the atmosphere around was made so real that this time it felt that it was actually happening all over again - the real horror that Mumbai felt that night, I could feel it in my spine while shooting."

The actor known for his works in 'Batla House', 'Jagga Jasoos' and few short films like 'Moksha', 'Nayi Ammi' says: "Being a good actor is my focus, I am here to act."

Timing it perfectly

The THFF is a touring film festival with its first edition in Ladakh and films being screened in an inflatable theatre. It aims to bring together the talent of aspiring filmmakers. SUPRIYA RAMESH tells you more

our idle movie time might be a day out with your friends or family at a theatre. But have you imagined watching a movie in the Himalayas? Well, Himalayas are no more just about trekking or stargazing. The five-day-long Himalayan Film Festival is taking place in Leh capital city as part of the celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' for com-memorating 75 years of India's Independence.

It aims to create an interactive and exposure platform to promote aspiring local filmmakers and to showcase Ladakh as an attractive film destination with people participating from all the Himalayan regions of India, Tibet and Nepal.

The festival is being organised by Leh in collaboration with the Directorate of Film Festivals under the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and is held at the Sindhu

Movies in the Himalayas? That too in an inflatable cinema theatre? That sounds quite strange as well as exciting. The administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh has collaborated with Picturetime to screen films in one of the Picturetime theatres. It is an inflatable cinema theatre company that just launched the world's highest altitude cinema theatre in Ladakh, installed at a height of 11,562 feet.

In India, where there are less than 10,000 screens, with such an innovation, screening is no longer an issue. "When I looked at the travelling cinema I realised if we can build a cinema theatre following the same concept but using the building material or design which will not compromise the cinematic experience, I designed an

RAI ARIUN, who recently did

Natkhat on VOOT, speaks with

he got into acting and his

upcoming projects

own ideologies and philoso-

phies. He is a straightforward

person who has a very clean and

neat idea for the upliftment of

Tamil Nadu. His vision is to help

people and build his party with

the help of MGR. He loves his

country, especially his State.

How did you come onboard

Yudhra. Any project, which I am

a part of, I don't want to reveal

Thalaivii?

SHALINI SAKSENA about how



inflatable cinema theatre screen. We got the patent for this design and currently, our vision is to set up 3000 cinema screens across India," says Sushil Chaudhary, founder and CEO of Picturetime Digiplex.

Speaking about why India has fewer screens he says, "The two main reasons why India doesn't have cinema screens are because of the high real estate price and regulatory constraint, that is the permission to set up a cinema theatre?

Inflatable theatre seems like a future for such touring festivals as it would not just be about grabbing your seat at a four-walled theatre and sticking to it until the movie is over. It takes the whole experience of watching a movie to the next level. However, for smooth viewing, it is important to have the right technical specification and the right film. "Physical infrastructure and ambience can be created but the right format and right standards are very important. At Picturetime we follow all those standards and we ensure that viewers have a smooth experience," says Chaudhary.

Well, setting up the inflatable theatre didn't come easy. At first, it was difficult to put across the whole idea of the inflatable cinema to people. The locals who long for cinema found this concept quite different and took some time to accept it. It was difficult for people to comprehend what an inflatable theatre would be like or what a mobile digital movie theatre is. Chaudhary says that this challenge is taken care of once they step inside the theatre.

"Another challenge is convincing the administration that this theatre will give multiplex par experience," he tells you. Popular films from the Himalayan states viz Assam, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh besides Indian panorama selected films

will be showcased during the festival. Film 'Shershaah' directed by Vishnuvardhan was chosen as an opening film as it was shot in that region and people resonate well with it. "Film has a great response and people really wished to see it on the big screen. Watching a film like Shershaah on the big screen will be an experience so many have been waiting for," he tells you.

He further adds that the closing film is 'Shepherdess of the Glaciers', a brilliant Ladakhi film shot in Leh. With this, the idea is to showcase the talent of Ladakh to the world.

There will also be a competition section for short films and documentaries to recognise talented filmmakers in the Himalayan region of India, connect to the sparsely located film-making community of the region and encourage fresh talent. While RajKumar Hirani's '3 idiots',

Raja Shabir Khan's 'Shepherds of Paradise', Bedabrata Pain's 'Chittagong' and S Nallamuthu's 'The World's Most Famous Tiger' are some of the Hindi films that shall be screened at the Picturetime theatre, films from various other regions that shall be screened are 'Yathavat' directed by Tribeni Rai (Nepali), 'Mane De Phere' directed by Sanjeev Rattan (Himachali), 'Yarwng' directed by Joseph Pulinthanath (Tripura), Dorjee Thongdok (Arunachal Pradesh), 'Ishu' - Directed by Utpal Borpujari (Assamese), Naga Documentary - "The Pangti Story" directed by Sesino Yhoshu and 'Iewduh' Directed by Pradip Kurbah (Khasi, Meghalaya). To ensure everyone's safety dur-

ing the festival, Picturetime has decided to abide by all COVID-19 SOPs laid down by the government. With maintaining adequate distance, they will be sanitising the theatre after screening every movie. "We will make that people wear masks throughout the fest. We are not giving any relaxation to people who got vaccinated, the rules are the same for them too," Chaudhary concludes.



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The director Vijay is a very old friend. He saw me in Secret Superstar and his belief in me has only grown since then. It took me some time to come on board as there were a lot of actors already lined up for the same role. Casting director Mukesh Chhabra also pushed my name. **❖** Whats your role in Yudhra? It is very early to talk about

for the project?

♦ What's your role in things about that project in the beginning. Because then there is Those who have not seen the no mystery and no excitement film, I play RM Veerappan, who for that role. It is also an injusis a politician and a manager and tice to the people involved with producer for MGR. He has his the project.

❖ Is there a role you loved? I am at that stage right

now where every role I choose, I fall in love with it. There is no role in the last two-three years, which I have not loved, or I have not died for. Every role I do, I think at that particular moment that this is perhaps the best I have got. Then I start living with that character. After Secret Superstar, every role I played, gave me a phenomenal amount of satisfaction and by the grace of God I have got different roles each time. And I sometimes surprise myself too that I could manage to do this role, now

❖ What was the role that changed your career graph? Secret Superstar, Farukh, is

career graph as well as my life, living style. I personally take it as my first film. It has given me everything I wanted, existence, respect, roles I wanted and lots the role which has changed my of work and balance in life.

'I long for a story that touches my heart'

How did acting happen?

When I was in school,

realised interest in acting. I took

part in plays in school. and once

Dashrath in which he was sup-

posed to shoot the deer but acci-

dently hits Shravan Kumar. My

friends bursted out laughing

and only then I realised that

whatever I do, I want to do it

with perfection. Later, I joined

the Bhopal theatre group. After

working with Habib Tanvir sir in

❖ What's your checklist of

Bhopal, I moved to Mumbai.

was given a role of Raja



choosing a project? I long for a story which touches my heart or give me goosebumps. I see if it is a logical story and if it is going on the right path. It is important for a movie to be relatable, realistic and convincing — plot which can make people believe in it.

♦ What next? There is Love Hostel, Yudhra, Telugu web series called Jhansi, and a Hindi web series as well.

Sound of MUSIC



Music is the best medicine. Here are the top 10 songs of the week that will lift up your weekend mood

BOLLYWOOD VIBES

Dekhte Dekhte (Atif Aslam) Chogada (Darshan Raval, Asees Kaur) High Rated Gabru (Guru Randhawa) Lo Safar (Jubin Nautiyal)

Patola (Guru Randhawa)

ENGLISH VINGLISH Lottery (Jade Bird) Singles You Up (Jordan Davis) Four Out Of Five (Arctic Monkeys) Love Lies (Khalid, Normani)

Bad Bad News (Leon Bridges)

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



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

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

WHAT IS ACTIVE PARENTING?

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

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

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

CHALLENGES POSED BY REOPENING OF

First let us list out the challenges to be

Both parents and children may have fear of

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

ety and stress for both parents and children.

• For both children and parents, reopening means changing routines drastically. For children, it means having to get up earlier by sometimes as much as 60 to 90 minutes, getting ready, giving up on snacking any time they want, coming back from school feeling tired etc. For parents, it again means having to get up earlier to get children ready, ensuring breakfast/snack is ready on time, sometimes having to drop and pick up children from the school or bus stop etc. These can induce stress and also create conflict between parents and children.

• For children, school reopening will create academic stress. After perhaps 18 months, they are going back into a formal classroom. While most schools had organised for online classes, in is a less-than-perfect mode of learning and it is likely that the topics covered in the last eighteen months haven't been absorbed well enough. Even worse, surveys have shown that there is even some slippage of concepts learned before the pandemic. Many children will feel overwhelmed by the workload in the first few months as schools try to cover lost ground.

 Social stress is another problem that some children will need to deal with, especially the more introverted children. Children who have been subjected to bullying in the past and who have had a safe cocoon at home in these eighteen months will be suddenly confronted with the prospect of facing their tormentors again. There could also be children who are apprehensive of certain teachers who would dread the prospect of facing them face to face again.

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

APPLYING ACTIVE PARENTING PRINCIPLES

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

In fact, they need to be proactive in bring-



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

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

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

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

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

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

RESPECT, TRUST AND EMPATHY

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

STORY-TELLING

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

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

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

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ATTACHED TO NONE

Renunciation is a critical part of the journey towards enlightenment. The way to look at it is what makes it different, writes HINGORI



iragya, in Sanskrit, roughly translates as dispassion, detachment, or renunciation. The big question on renunciation is what is it that we are

Is tyaag (sacrifice) of all our worldly possessions the same as renunciation? To understand this, I would like to draw from Yog Vashistha. There is a wonderful story of a king and queen who eventually realised the truth. While the queen realised it very early, the king decided that the way to enlightenment was austerity and penance. He left his kingdom in the care of his wife, gave up all his worldly possessions and moved to the forest where he performed severe penance for many years — so was this the right path to enlightenment? Not really, it just resulted in him being extremely frustrated and unhappy. This is a common confusion with initiates on the path to spiritual growth.

True renunciation does not lie in becoming a swami, going to the mountains, living in a 'dharamshala' and sleeping on the floor. Further, it can be attained by anyone — whether a multi-millionaire, yogi, student, farmer, doctor, prisoner or anyone else. it's your state of consciousness. This, of course, sounds very profound but let's discuss what it really means. The renunciate is someone who rests in the joy of the spirit rather than that provided by the senses. A true renunciate enjoys what comes to them unsought, and does not chase desires in this illusionary world. In fact seeking enlightenment and forcibly renouncing worldly pleasures as the king also translates into intense desire as does the setting of milestones to measure spiritual progress.

If I were to put it in a single statement — someone who has overcome the attraction of the senses and is detached in terms of possessions, relationships and desires is a true renunciate.

Renunciation is a critical part of the journey towards enlightenment, however the way to look at it is not that you don't 'own anything' rather it is to not let anything 'own you'. Not your senses, not your mind, not your possessions, not your relationships and most of all not your 'identity'. Remain established in the 'self'. So how does one renounce all these 'thinks' and

A simple way to look at it is equanimity. When we remain unaffected by joy and sorrow, pain and pleasure, likes and dislikes, we achieve equanimity. this article we will examine one of the ways to get there, and that is the way of 'acceptance'. When we see things just

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'as they are' and not as they 'should or should not be' we develop acceptance. Apart from situations and scenarios that may occur externally, this also pertains to accepting ourselves. This does not mean inaction or making no effort towards correction and change. But once acceptance has permeated within, it lacks the emotion and you learn to accept yourself on an 'as-iswhere-is' basis. I am not recommending a sense of futility or fatalism, which are both negative in connotation. Rather, saints often talk about 'contentment', the root of which lies in 'acceptance' which stems from a positive mindset.

Rabia of Basra, was a well-known Sufi mystic. Her approach to spiritual life won respect from many contemporaries. When people asked her, "When are servants of god content?" She replied, "They are content when they are as grateful for pain, as they are

for pleasure."

It's a long journey, a journey which we have traversed across many lifetimes, and as we continue the path. Let me share a great tool to build acceptance of oneself and others. It is known as pratipaksh bhavana. This is one of the yogic mind practices that thought every time a negative one enters the mind. In other words, it is a device to create an opposite attitude

towards thoughts or feelings that cause a disturbance in your mind.

In simpler words, it reflects an opposite viewpoint. When you receive thoughts about something your intellect does not like, you select an opposite thought to superimpose the disliked original one. For example, if someone is rude to you, instead of naturally developing animosity towards them, pratipaksh bhavana teaches you to look at them in the opposite manner. You can convince yourself that maybe the person was going through stress and did not realise how they were speaking, or that perhaps it was your destiny to face a crude reaction from someone, or you can ask yourself if something you said initiated this reaction. These are just a few illustrations of how you can stop the other person's behaviour from hurting you.

As a golden rule instead of looking at the rate of success, look at the rate of decreasing failure.

Maharishi Patanjali remarked,

"Expose the mind to constant thoughts of anger and resentment, and you will find these anger-waves build up anger-samskars, which will predispose you to find occasions for anger permeating your daily life. A man with welldeveloped anger-samskars is said to have a bad temper."

Once a guru was questioned , "What should I do if I get sensual thoughts while treating women?" He smiled as if he had been asked that question a hundred times before. He said, "While treating women visualise her as an infant and then an old lady." This was a unique example of a kind of pratipaksh bhavana, where you superimpose not an opposite emotion but a variation of visualisations to avoid a negative one.

I urge you to think about a game of cricket. Technically, it is almost impossible to see a ball at 100 miles an hour and then decide how to play it. Few batsmen can do that. So how do they hit a ball that moves faster than one can think? It is called practice. It

Also leads to muscle memory.
You have to go to the nets and keep practicing till you know what to do. You need to understand that you will improve, but only a little at a time. And so it is with spiritual practices.

Even when struggling to accept yourself, you can look at the flip side and say, "These days, I dislike myself less" and then say, "I hardly dislike myself", which will eventually lead to a feeling wherein you will not dislike yourself at all. From here on, I pray that unquestioningly

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Gandhi as I see him

fashion for some. But there is another class that has emerged on the scene, the Gandhi baiters. Though still insignificant in numbers, the group is aggressive, vocal and kind of social media activist who believe that a storm can be created in a tea cup. For such activists attempts to demean Gandhi is a pastime they enjoy. Whether it is a perception or a propaganda, misinformation or disinformation, the campaign is more impulsive than objective. But there is need to let the right knowledge reach the vast young popneed to let the right knowledge reach the vast young population who get carried away by social media. Maybe, the recent research publication by an authentic source like the Sage throw some light on the nature of social media misinformation and serve as an eye opener. The study has rightly found that India is one of the most misinformation affected country and also produces the largest amount of misin-formation. Obviously, because social media is a full time pastime for a large number of people. Against this backdrop, and even at risk of coming in the firing range of the troll brigade let's talk about Gandhi on his yet another birthday. More so, because we are celebrating 75 years of Indian independence in a big way. Though it must be acknowledged that there were many who fought for and contributed towards India's freedom, yet it was Gandhi who played the stellar role. Many before his advent on the scene tried to make the British Government listen, but it was Gandhi who succeeded. It was Gandhi who proved that the British were not invincible. It was Gandhi who converted the Congress into an organ of mass movement from a motley group of passionate people dominated by lawyers. And it was Gandhi who influenced the world's opinion against the British that ultimately paved way for their retreat. From Champaran to Dandi it was Gandhi who involved the common Indian in the fight against the British. The greatest misstatement on Gandhi is about his Hindu credentials. The fact is that he was a more devout Hindu than the many who are championing the cause today. Gandhi not only understood Hinduism in its real sense, but he also practiced it religiously. He followed the principles of Geeta and believed in the philosophy of the religion so lucidly advocated by Swami Vivekananda. His understanding of Ram was much better than many of the claimants of Ram's legacy today. A perfect blend of tradition and modernity, Gandhi was an example of ethical leadership, so popular in Management classrooms today. In fact, no course on ethics can be complete without a mention of Gandhi. He not only preached ethical conduct, but he epitomised it. Ethics for him was not about right behaviour when you are in temple, but also when you are alone and no one is watching. He believed in truth and nonviolence, he believed in upliftment of the poorest, he believed in cleanliness as Godliness. For him simple living and high thinking was the credo and he practiced what he preached. For him means and ends were interchangeable. His economic ideas were endorsed by the World Bank time and again. Little wonder, he still is one of our most popular global brands. Rightly was he adjudged man of the milhim: forgive them O'lord, for they know not what they do.

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Turn to art for progress

Creativity in any form helps to relieves stress, enhances mental health, and strengthens the immune system, says AARRTI ZAVERI



nyone can be an artist, regardless of their talent. Using art, creativity, and imagination in your daily life may lead to bravery, breakthroughs, and uniqueness, all of which can pave the path for genuine success. Understanding how art makes you more creative and capable of thinking outside the box will push you out of your comfort zone and make you willing to face any challenges that come your way Here are ways that incorporating art and imagination into your regular work will result in

productivity and accomplish-

ment in the long run. It's simple to assume that looking at art makes us happy. Whether one prefers modern subjects, classic styles, sculptures, still life, or ceramics, the love for art is universal, even among people who do not consider themselves artists. This reciprocal emotion, though, isn't just for show. Exposure to art influences our health, success, and our life. Let's take a deeper look at some of the ways art may improve

ART AFFECTS OUR LIFE Did you realise that gazing

your life.

London reported in 2011 that when individuals saw attractive artwork, blood flow to the brain increased by up to 10%. Perhaps the word 'art' is hidden within the term 'smart' for a reason! Art can heal both the mind and the physical. This fact has garnered attention, as physicians have discovered that looking at and producing art has many health advantages. It relieves stress, enhances mental health, and strengthens the immune system. Art reduces patient

recovery time and increases

at art has a direct impact on the

brain? The University of

hospital staff productivity. There is so much proof that art improves health that we now have trained art therapists.

ART FACILITATES COMMUNICA-

When words fail to express something, the visual arts are a method to communicate it. It's a method for us to express ourselves and think about the human predicament. We make an image with a message based on what we think or feel and share it with others to see how they perceive it. In this sense, art might be the ticket that allows us to build a more peaceful environment in which to

ART IS A FUEL THAT IMPROVES ONE'S QUALITY OF LIFE

Art not only improves our physical and mental wellbeing, but it also gives us a feeling of direction. The creativity that comes with creating and viewing art may transform our perspective on life and assure us that there are brighter days ahead. Do you get a sense of impending doom? Take a look at some art, or pick up a brush or pen and try your hand at it. Art provides a respite from the daily grind and an opportunity to tackle difficulties in a healthy way. Do you want to see more art in your life? Take advantage of those little perks by stopping by an art gallery on your way home or while doing errands.

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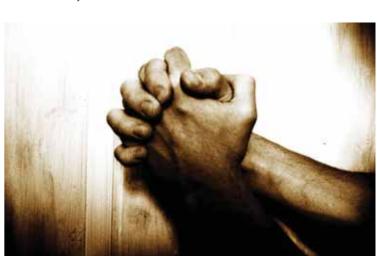
If we wish to lead a quality life, we must be prepared to listen to God and try to please Him, writes AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

God is easily pleased

od is always on a lookout for ways to help us, reward us. That is why He is always watching us, listening to us and He even knows what we are thinking. The purpose is to respond to us as necessary. Such is the cosmic design. He pleased when someone is dutiful, i.e. one performs one's duties. Of course, God is much more pleased if someone acts according to dharma' for which reason He incarnates. He appreciates those engaged in welfare activities to an extent that He has assured no 'durgati' (bad end) for such persons. Lord Krishna has specifically commended Janakaji for his selfless working with public welfare.

God has commended even those who approach Him due to distress; Lord Krishna has called such persons noble. (7.18) Same view He holds about seekers of wealth. There is nothing wrong in seeking wealth; God's only requirement is that it should be according to 'dharma'. If seeking wealth was not desirable, the entire world will be disqualified. Can you expect God to have such a mindset? Then, where is our problem in pleasing God? What we want must be bona fide and God will be pleased if we approach Him. And spiritual acts, even a little, are highly pleasing to God; He promises protection from great fear. (3.40) It is impossible to imagine if anyone of us is pleased so easily and readily.

But we have plenty of excuses both not to approach God and also not to try to please Him by our acts. The most common excuse is that others are not doing it. Yes, they are not, because they won't as Lord Krishna has pointed out when he stated, "Due to the illusion



caused by hate and duality of wish, all living entities get illusioned." (7.27) If we wish to be one of the masses and go through the cycle of birth and death and spend an ordinary life and return for another ordinary life, that is our decision. But if we wish to lead a quality life in this one and the next, we must be prepared to listen to God's instructions and try to please Him. Is he not the one who holds all the cards?

Another excuse is that we will do what God says in old age. Noble idea, but it does not work. By that time our habits become rigid and bodies weak. The reality is that any effort required to approach God and please Him becomes increasingly difficult with age. The third excuse is that mind does not agree. Of course it won't because we have embraced a child's mindset, who refuses to eat a fruit because he does not like it. Has he tasted the fruit? No, he

hasn't. This explains the fourth excuse, which is: who has seen God? Surely, you haven't because you didn't make the requisite effort. But how can you be sure that others have also not seen God? Have you checked with everyone before making such a statement? The list of excuses is endless. So where does it get us? The Lord has answered: in illusion. I am sure some of us are smart enough to admit that the present life is not that great and something should be done about it. God is very merciful. As the saying goes, you take one step, He takes 99 towards you. This one baby step will also please God and He will reward adequately much more that our expectations. It is no wonder that devotees of God write such praise for God, because they are overwhelmed by what God does for them.

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OUTLOOK-

Politics of caste census: From historical lenses

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



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

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

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

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

Against this background, Dr BR Ambedkar, a great icon of social reform in the 20th century, presented the caste census in a new perspective in colonial India. He made it a base for social mobilisation and politics. But soon, he identified the limitations of the representational politics and framed the issues and questions in the broader framework of social justice. Subsequently, the social justice became the core value of the Indian Constitution which was manifested in the enactment of the provision of reservation for SCs and STs in proportion to their share in population as per the caste census.

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

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

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

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

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

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Promising future of Central Bank Digital Currencies

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

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

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

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

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

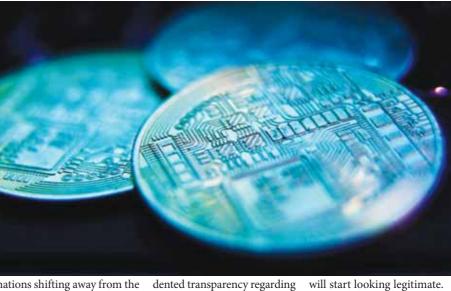
A recent survey by the Bank for International Settlements indicates that 86 per cent of the central banks are actively researching digital currencies. And almost 60 per cent of banks are in the testing phase.

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

Dollar & Changing Financial Landscape

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

Some cite a combination of



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

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

Digital currency based on blockchain looks promising

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

CBDCs based on transparency-enhancing blockchain are a promising way to achieve payments' system from rentiers, guaranteeing unprecehow much money is plucked from the money tree, and democratising access to the tree's fruit. At the retail level, a CBDC

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

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

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

The viable alternative for

the central bank is to allocate deposits to member banks, which would then continue to function as sources of credit. In this case, there would need to be strong fractional reserve requirements.

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

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

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

The Road Ahead

These international questions are of particular importance for the United States because the dollar has served as an international reserve currency, a unit of account, and a means of payment for the past CBDCs based on transparency-enhancing blockchain are a promising way to achieve three objectives: liberating the payment system from rentiers, guaranteeing unprecedented transparency regarding how much money is plucked from the money tree, and democratising access to the tree's fruit



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

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

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

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PERSPECTIVE

Abolishing retrospective tax law to boost economy

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Overall, phasing out retrospective tax means restoring India's reputation as a fair and easy to predict regime which believe in putting an end to unnecessary and expensive litigation without spending crores in these neverending legal tussles. The step will also promote cross-border merger and acquisition. Last but not least, the scrapping of such draconic law will be helpful in enhancing India's national ranking in World Bank Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) index under 50 (it is presently 63).

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

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

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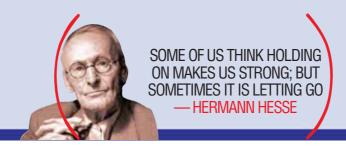
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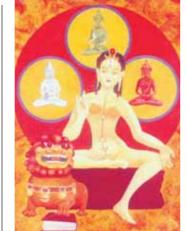






You are a carefree and enthusiastic person who wants to enjoy every moment of your life. The abundance of energy will not allow you to sit idle, no matter how busy you are. This is the right time to utilise this energy in creative pursuits for your benefit. Careerwise, not everything is smooth in your professional and financial prospects in life. Disappointment with the job is likely. You may plan to change your job. It is advised not to take a hasty decision. Personal life is peaceful. You constructively use your authority and power. In a love relationship, your partner may likely experience boredom in your company or vice versa. Find ways to smooth your relationship by bringing moderate change in your style.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Pastel Blue Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

To be fit, ensure you are eating at regular intervals and doing physical exercises. Money, career is important to you now. However, in the fast pace of life, health is ignored. Do not forget that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. If you are not serious, you could invite many health issues and make a big hole in the pocket. Professionally, sudden reversals can happen now. The energy of this time will take you towards arguments. You may feel humiliated, undervalued in the hands of your colleagues and superiors. If you feel your job is unrewarding, give serious thought to make a change. You deserve to be happy. Those in a relationship will have greater moments of life in the company of each other.

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Off-White Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

There is a need to bring change in your diet and exercise routine. You are bound to join some sort of group or institution. Take the advice of a nutritionist and exercise under the guidance of a gym trainer. On the career front, work with your mind rather than your heart. You are likely to get sentimental on small issues and this won't be for your benefit. You are flexible and casual in professional matters, there is a need for a firm stand. You are likely to be more inclined to pursue creative projects that act as a form of self-expression like art, music, drama and poetry. Those in the literary world will achieve excellence. On the relationship front, you need to work together to get through any rough spots and to work on the bonding.

Lucky number 9 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Tuesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

Your health & creativity is good. It is a period of great insight. You may feel a breakthrough moment where suddenly conscious understanding reaches its peak. This is a perfect time to clear away the haze that has kept you from seeing the inner truth. Avoid anger, aggression, and rush as these can affect your health. Money inflow will be good. Investments done in past will pay rich dividends now. You appreciate what is now available to you, knowing that the difficulties are over. You also know that with confidence, selfdiscipline, and patience, you can complete any task. On the personal front, your intuitive sense is providing you with useful and helpful information and is helping you to get in touch with your subconscious mind.

Lucky number 1 Lucky colour Indigo **Lucky day** Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week tension over small issues is on the cards. You are in an unusual mood. Worldly pleasures and activities are no more your agenda. You want isolation and relaxation. You need privacy to deal with your current situation. However, facing the challenges with enthusiasm and creativity is indicated. On the work front, work seems to be somewhat complicated. But, you are determined to achieve the set targets. You may have to make a tough choice with regard to money or love. Don't sacrifice your integrity for money. Money can't buy you self-esteem & spiritual well-being. Your dreams and the desire to manifest those dreams in the material world will come true this week. You are full of hope and enthusiasm

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week you will be happy and full of enthusiasm. You will feel as if you are suddenly in the spotlight and people are waiting to hear your views. Your overall health remains good. You may plan to step out for a long drive to experience some change. It is also possible that you contact people from different places. On the career front, you will get the opportunity to kick start your career. Students need to prepare well in advance to stay in tune with their curriculum. You have the skills, intelligence but need the correct guidance to improve them and prepare for a brighter future. Research related work is on the card. You will have the ability to influence your near and dear ones. Relationships may suffer if you don't have control over your verbal communication

Lucky number 17 Lucky colour Silver **Lucky day** Saturday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Re-inventing old traditions will work for you well. You may connect with a childhood friend and share experiences accumulated over time. You will be inspired to go ahead in life with creative ideas. On the career front, with your determination and will power. you can now achieve what seemed to be unattainable earlier. An outburst of creative spark comes to you unexpectedly and it will commence the journey of a new creative vision. However, it could be premature to discuss the details of your plans today. On your relationship front, you are high-spirited and chirpy and could win the heart of your loved one. If you're currently in a romantic relationship you may need to be refocused toward the future

Lucky number 16 Lucky colour White **Lucky day** Sunday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week your health needs immediate attention. You feel low in energy. Physical and mental blocks could make the pace of life slow. Due to health issues, you may miss important and enjoyable events. Prevention is better than cure. This week your career will shine. Promotion, recognition, and acknowledgement are on the cards. For those in business, goodwill will increase in the market as they come out with some brilliant ideas. On the personal front, your irritation and frustration are reflected in the relationships as well. The week will bring mixed emotions in relationships. You are not in the mood of compromising and live on your conditions. Initially, your loved ones may be offensive but gradually they will realise the depth of your ideas.

 ${\bf Lucky\ number\ 7}$ Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Thursday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Take care as this week as water-borne diseases could trouble you. Moderate changes in your lifestyle are required. Be mindful of the food you eat as digestion, acidity, gastric problems are likely to arise. Avoid excess tea, coffee, and spicy food. Professionally, you will be a little impulsive at work which is not good. Push yourself to the limit. Mix your theoretical thinking with a practical approach. If things do not work, do not criticize others and find faults in them. You must work sincerely and intelligently. On the personal front, domestic issues will draw your attention. Reschedule your timings so that you can pay attention to the people who matter. Do not mix your personal life with your professional life. Avoid any emotional trauma in your relationships.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Rose Gold Lucky day Tuesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week you will enjoy good health. You will be more involved in your community. You have a strong desire to contribute to give back or to use a special talent to help others and to make the world a better place. On the career front, you have energy and want to show the world your talents. Written communication needs attention. Be gentle and soft in your approach and expression. This week you will reflect sharpness in your mental abilities. You participate in various activities. On the personal front, action and discussion are necessary to elevate your love life. The company of innovative people will fill you with positive thoughts. Go ahead and connect with the person you have been thinking about.

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour Golden Lucky day Sunday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week you must take action to improve your health. Even if you are unwell, focus on healing. Every action makes a difference. Read more spiritual books and interact with those who come from belief systems other than your own. You will benefit a lot from it. On the career front, you are likely to get in a situation to choose work. Before taking any decision, analyse all the available information. It's possible that what you initially considered as a bad thing will turn out to work in your favour. Be cautious about mixing business with personal life. A committed relationship will get strengthened and balanced. Give some space to your partner and at the same time, make sure that you are doing your fair share of giving to the relationship.

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Camel Brown Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

You are playful and full of energy this week. Use your creativity and imagination to envision a new future for yourself, and then make it a reality. Your health will be good. Take all precautions for own benefit. Spend time and money to maintain your health and lead a quality life. On the career front, you work with a belief in yourself, and this confidence will win you favour of your superiors. Luckily, you are in tune with your values and traditions. Positive results may be delayed. Be patient. Your calm and positive approach will fetch you stability and help you make a mark for yourself in the future. Relationship-wise, you are outspoken & straightforward in expression. Give space to your partner and avoid any kind of conflicting perspective in a close relationship.

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Peach **Lucky day** Saturday

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Living in demanding mode

e, invariably try to live in a demanding mode. We expect from others to behave. Very few would be living exclusively in a giving mode. Some of course, though wish to live in a demanding mode but turn out to be accommodative to other's concerns and sensibilities also. Majority, seldom cares to figure out if there is something wrong in their own approach. This tendency is in evidence at all levels of societal existence and so chaos prevails all across. No wonder, marital, familial, societal discord has been growing beyond proportion. Many develop a 'sense of victimhood' particularly the weaklings, who habitually blame others for all that would be going wrong with them.

I came across one such case, the other day, while counselling a girl, whose family atmosphere is, if not turbulent, at least discomforting. I was trying to make her aware that to unfold the best in oneself, one needs to first explore, identify, and then acknowledge one's habitual weaknesses. If you try to resolve them, the indwelling potential will play out unhindered, and evidently to your advantage. If, however, you

remain in a denial mode, the problem will persist, and you will suffer. She then asked me to list out her weaknesses.

Your anger level seems to be quite high. You seem to be erratic and temperamental. Your ego level is very high. That limits your vision, which makes you bound by your self-defined beliefs and perceptions. With such a restricted vision, you don't seem to be open to listening or counsel of elders. You will rather habitually distrust their intent, and more often for no valid reasons. You may not be keen to look beyond for a reality check or better options if any available either. If something happens beyond your expected lines, it would be difficult for you to digest, when you may lose your sense of control and go wild to force your point of view. While admitting her fault lines, she also tried to justify her actions in recent past. She then asked me to explain how I could figure out so aptly?

Before I could explain, her mother quipped: "Her daughter doesn't behave well with parents." That was enough to trigger the girl's long drawn pent up feelings. She started uncontrollably sobbing. Began shouting on her mother: "How



can you undress and insult me before a stranger? Why would you share domestic issues with an outsider? You have been torturing me for long. I have penned down all that you have done to me so far." It took time for her to calm down. I was just taken aback at her conduct, but I was happy that she exhausted, otherwise her stress level would have continued to swell further.

Once, she was calm, I intervened and said, I don't want to sit on judgment, as to who amongst you is to be blamed more. I will suggest all of you to behave sensibly. You have a long way to go. Very soon, you will be married and leave your parent's house. But your habit tendencies will keep chasing you in the next course of life, and even on your career front. So, better address your attitudes before it is too late, following the method I suggest.

Let us now look at the astrological pointers to her habits and attitudes. Lagna lord Sun is debilitated, which implies that her health profile as well as confidence level is low. Given a difficult situation, instead of combating it in stride, she may begin self-pitying, and try to blame external factors for what would be happening. The Sun is placed

adverse to Uranus and Neptune. This in the first place, makes her stuck to her fanciful dream perception, often distanced from ground realities. She may not acknowledge truth on its first appearance, and would rather passionately pursue her beliefs till pushed to the

Second, she would be temperamental and erratic, who would be habitually tempted to defy elders. Saturn conjunct Ketu and Moon makes her an escapist, who may never be satisfied with what she has in hand, and start looking for a change. Also, she would be suspicious by nature, carrying grudging and grumbling tendency. Mercury placed ill-disposed off to Neptune accounts for her insensible reasoning and judgment. If that would not be enough, Mars placed adverse to Jupiter gives her an inflated ego. The result is there to see.

The positives in her are no less. That, however, will play out unhindered, only when she addresses her inherent weaknesses.

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