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GOSWAMI RISES  
TO NO.2  
12 SPORTArmy captures  
young product  
of Pak Army's  
terror factory

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Indian Army on Tuesday once again exposed the Pakistan Army's connivance in abetting infiltration inside the Indian territory after it successfully captured a 19-year old Lashkar-e-Tayyeba terrorist, trained by Pakistan Army personnel inside one of the terror factories across the Line of Control (LoC).

The young terrorist who hailed from district Okara in Pakistan Punjab during preliminary investigation revealed how Pakistan Army regulars are imparting training to a fresh crop of terrorists in the terror factories and army personnel in the forward posts desperately trying to push a large group of infiltrators inside the Indian territory.

According to a senior Army officer, who supervised the entire operation on ground zero in Baramulla on Tuesday told reporters, "A 19-year-old Pakistani terrorist, Ali Babar Patra, son of Late Mohd Lateef R/O Dipalpur, District Okara Punjab (Pakistan) had decided to surrender before the Indian Army after one of his close associates was eliminated by the Indian patrol while foiling a major infiltration bid in the Uri sector on September 26."

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LAC under review  
after China's forayMore than 100  
Chinese troops  
intruded over  
4 km inside  
Uttarakhand

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Security forces are reviewing their operational readiness and deployment pattern on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Uttarakhand after the Chinese intruded into the Indian territory in last week of August. They also reportedly tried to damage a makeshift bridge on the Indian side.

The LAC in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh facing China is known as central or the middle sector while the Ladakh front is known as western sector and the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim is called eastern sector.

The transgression in Barahoti district of Uttarakhand took place when more than 100 Chinese troops intruded more than four kms inside the Indian side on horseback. They were in the area for more than two hours and returned after trying to dismantle a bridge, sources said here on Tuesday.

There was no face-off with



the Indian troops, including the Army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). The Indian forces rushed to the site after learning about the transgression, sources said, adding the local commanders were now reassessing their patrolling patterns and deployment.

Barahoti region has seen transgressions in the past few years but no serious incident resulting in face-offs took place. This area saw the first intrusion in 1954. The incident in August saw the Chinese coming through Tun La (pass).

The ITBP and the Army guard the nearly 450 km LAC in Uttarakhand. Officials claimed transgressions take place in Barahoti due to difference of perception about the LAC. The Chinese and Indians have exchanged maps in the central sector some years

back and things have not moved since then.

The incident in Uttarakhand rang alarm bells in the Indian security establishment as the face-offs in eastern Ladakh persist for the last one and half years. The two sides have held 12 rounds of Corps Commander-level talks since trouble erupted in May last year. The talks saw the two armies withdrawing their troops from Pangong Lake and Gogra.

However, troops are facing each other on three other flash points and the 13th round of talks in the next few weeks may see some forward movement, sources said. Moreover, the Chinese have started preparing for winter months by erecting shelters at some places near the flash points in Eastern Ladakh, they said.

Sidhu keeps Cong's pot  
boiling for 'Punjab sake'Quits as PCC  
chief; 3 resign  
in solidarity

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

After the lull, the storm! Just when the Congress in Punjab was striving to bring about some stability by balancing power, caste and regional equations, "super Chief Minister" Navjot Singh Sidhu on Tuesday triggered political tremors in the State by quitting as the Punjab Congress president. Another Cabinet Minister Razia Sultana stepped down in solidarity.

Within hours of Sidhu's resignation, PPCC treasurer Gulzar Inder Chahal and general secretary Yoginder Dhirra too resigned from their posts. The two were recently appointed in the State Congress unit.

Sidhu announced his resignation minutes after the allocation of portfolios to the Ministers — and this was apparently the last straw! In a cryptic resignation letter to party supremo Sonia Gandhi that came in less than three months of taking over the



party reins, Sidhu wrote, "The collapse of man's character stems from the compromise corner. I can never compromise on Punjab's future and the agenda for welfare of Punjab. Therefore, I hereby resign as president of Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee. Will continue to serve the Congress."

The tremors, activated by Sidhu's surprise resignation announced via Twitter, were felt some 250 kilometres away in New Delhi also with the party high command putting its head together to resolve the new crisis. It has been learned that Congress senior central leaders, including KC Venugopal and State party affairs in-charge Harish Rawat, held an emergency meeting to discuss the developments in the Punjab unit.

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Capt's Delhi  
visit sparks  
speculation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid the turmoil in Punjab Congress, former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh landed in Delhi on a two-day visit triggering wild speculation about his next move.

The political grapevines were abuzz with talks of his possible meetings with BJP chief JP Nadda and Home Minister Amit Shah, not ruling out a call on Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

However, Amarinder tried to set aside the speculation while speaking to the media at the Delhi airport: "I am here to vacate Kapurthala House (the official residence of Punjab Chief Minister in New Delhi). I am not going to meet any politician."

Amarinder had resigned



Former Chief Minister of Punjab Capt. Amarinder Singh arrives at Kapurthala house in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

amid a bitter power tussle with party leader Navjot Singh Sidhu paving way for the anointment of Sidhu as head of the party.

His media adviser Raveen Thukral too called these reports of his political meetings in the national Capital a "speculation".

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## CAPSULE

HC GIVES GO-AHEAD FOR  
BHABANIPUR BYPOLL

Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday gave the go-ahead for the September 30 bypoll to Bhabanipur Assembly seat, from where West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is contesting, saying it does not want to interfere with the Election Commission's decision at this stage.

SC ADMITS BENGAL'S  
PLEA AGAINST CBI PROBE

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre and others to respond to the West Bengal Government's appeal against the Calcutta High Court order directing court-monitored CBI probe into the cases of rape and murder during the post-poll violence in the State.

SUSPENSION OF INT'L  
FLIGHTS EXTENDED

New Delhi: The coronavirus-induced suspension of scheduled international passenger flights has been extended till October 31, India's aviation regulator DGCA said.

BYPOLLS TO 30 ASSEMBLY,  
3 LS SEATS ON OCT 30

New Delhi: Bypolls to three Lok Sabha seats and 30 Assembly constituencies spread across 14 States will be held on October 30, the Election Commission announced on Tuesday.

Leftist Kanhaiya turns  
right to embrace CongCountry can't  
survive without  
Cong: Kumar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Communist Party of India (CPI) leader Kanhaiya Kumar joined the Congress on Tuesday in the presence of former party chief Rahul Gandhi, Gujarat Dalit leader and Independent MLA Jignesh Mevani, who also was scheduled to be inducted in the grand old party but did not due to technical issues.

Mevani extended his support to the Congress and

announced he will contest the next year's Gujarat Assembly polls on the Congress symbol.

Kanhaiya said, "I am joining the Congress because it's not just a party, it's an idea. It's the country's oldest and most democratic party, and I am emphasising on 'democratic'...Not just me, but many think the country can't survive without Congress."

His induction in the party was, however, not appreciated by certain quarters in the Congress, as former Union Minister Manish Tewari put out a cryptic tweet saying it would be worthwhile to look at the history of Communists' presence in the party.

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Former CPI member Kanhaiya Kumar speaks to the media after joining the Congress, at AICC office in New Delhi on Tuesday Ranjan Dimri / Pioneer

Taliban slap  
'no shave'  
Sharia order

AP ■ KABUL

The Taliban banned barber-shops in a southern Afghanistan province from shaving or trimming beards, claiming their edict is in line with Sharia, or Islamic law.

The order in Helmand province was issued on Monday by the provincial Taliban Government's vice and virtue department to barbers in Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital.

"Since I have heard (about the ban on trimming beards) I am heart broken," said Bilal Ahmad, a Lashkar Gah resident. "This is the city and everyone follows a way of living, so they have to be left alone to do whatever they want."

During their previous rule of Afghanistan, the Taliban adhered to a harsh interpretation of Islam. Since overrunning Kabul on August 15 and again taking control of the country, the world has been watching to see whether they will re-create their strict governance of the late 1990s.

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Zindagi ke saath bhi, Zindagi ke baad bhi

246-year-old Ordnance Factory  
Board to reincarnate as DPSUs

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The 246-year-old history of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) will come to a halt on Friday when the 41 factories under it will be subsumed into seven Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs, wholly owned by the Government).

The seven new entities will be styled as Munitions India Ltd, Armoured Vehicles Nigam Ltd, Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Ltd, Troop Comforts Ltd, Yantra India Ltd., India Optel Ltd, and Gliders India Ltd.

The decision to dissolve and corporatise the OFB was taken by the Union Cabinet on June 16. The OFB functioned under the Department of

Defence Production under the Defence Ministry. The corporatised entities will function under the Directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services).

According to the latest order of the Department of Defence Production issued on Friday, "...The Government of India has decided to transfer with effect from 1st October, 2021 (Appointed Date), the management, control, operations and maintenance of these 41 production units and identified non-production units to 7 Government companies (wholly owned by the Government of India)."

The seven companies incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, wholly owned by the Government



Union Defence Minister during Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) Annual General Meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

with limited liability by shares and will be known as DPSUs.

"Accordingly, on and with effect from the Appointed Date (October 1, 2021), OFB which has been set up vide Ministry of Defence letter no. 1(82)/78/D

(Fy.I) dated 09.01.1979 shall cease to exist as a body. Further, the Board position of Member (Finance) OFB shall also cease to exist on and with effect from the Appointed Date," it said.

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EXCLUSION OF HINDI IN STAFF SELECTION EXAM

PIL in JharKhand HC against Govt decision

**Ranchi:** The exclusion of Hindi from the list of mandatory languages that candidates appearing for Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC) exams have to clear was on Tuesday brought under the scanner of the Jharkhand High Court. A PIL was filed by Ekta Vikas Manch during the day.

The court is yet to give a date for hearing. The Manch, a non-governmental organisation headquartered at Seraikela, filed the PIL claiming that the rules formulated by the government to conduct the examinations are violative of Fundamental Rights.

A state Cabinet meeting on

August 5 had okayed a proposal that candidates desirous of jobs in the state should have knowledge of local culture, language, and tradition and they should attain at least 30 per cent marks in a regional or tribal language which will be added in the scores while preparing merit list.

A government spokesperson had said as far as English and Hindi were concerned, these would be qualifying papers, and marks obtained in the subjects would not be added while preparing the merit list.

It was decided that the candidates could opt among Mundari, Kharia, Ho, Santhali,

Khortha, Panchpargania, Bangla, Urdu, Kurmali, Nagpuri, Kurukh, and Odia languages for state-level examination.

The Manch in its petition said that exclusion of Hindi is a drastic step which will adversely affect the fate of a large number of candidates. With Urdu as an option, a select group of students will be favoured which is against the spirit of the Constitution, the petition said.

It also contended that Urdu is not widely taught in the state and is restricted to 'Madrasas' which cater to the education of students belonging to the minority community. **PTI**



Dark clouds hover over the Ganga in Kolkata on Tuesday

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Leftist Kanhaiya turns...

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Reacting to the development, CPI general secretary D Raja said Kumar expelled himself from the party and alleged that he was "not truthful" with the CPI leadership and also not "straightforward" in his demands from the party.

"Kumar expelled himself from the party. He was not truthful to the party. The CPI existed long before he came into the party's fold and will continue to exist after his exit," Raja said in a statement. Raja also questioned Kumar's faith in the Communist ideology. "He must be having personal as well as political ambitions and aspirations. It shows he has no faith in the Communist ideology," Raja said. The moves by Kumar and Mevani have come at a time when some prominent leaders have left the Congress in recent months. While Kumar had joined the CPI ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha election and had unsuccessfully contested from Begusarai in Bihar against Giriraj Singh of the BJP, Mevani, who is MLA from Vadgam constituency in Gujarat, is the convener of the Rashtriya Dalit Adhikar Manch (RDAM).

Kumar felt that a particular ideology was trying to ruin India's values, culture, history, and future. He also claimed that "crores of youngsters" feel that the country "can't be saved without saving the Congress".

"The Congress party is like a big ship. If it's saved, I believe many people's aspirations, Mahatma Gandhi's oneness, Bhagat Singh's courage, and BR Ambedkar's idea of equality will be protected, too. This is why I have joined it," said the former JNU Students' Union leader. Kumar was jailed over alleged "anti-national slogans" raised at an event in 2016 to mark the death anniversary of Parliament attack mastermind Afzal Guru. Mevani is a lawyer-activist and a former journalist. Mevani's entry into the Congress comes at a time when it is wooing the scheduled castes community after handpicking the first Dalit Chief Minister of Punjab Charanjit Singh Channi.

"I could not join the Congress formally due to technical reasons. I am an independent MLA, if I join a party, I may not continue as an MLA...I am part of the Congress ideologically but I will fight the upcoming Gujarat polls from Congress symbol," Mevani said on the

occasion at AICC headquarters.

"To save democracy and the idea of India, I have to be with a party that led the Independence struggle and dragged the British out of the country. This is why I am here with the Congress today," Mevani said. Welcoming Kumar, AICC general secretary KC Venugopal said his party was looking forward to working with him and Mevani to defeat "fascist forces" ruling this country. "Kumar is a symbol of the fight for freedom of expression in this country. He fought against fundamentalism as a student leader. The joining of kind of dynamic personality will fill the entire cadre of Congress with enthusiasm," said the Congress at a joint Press conference. Earlier in the day, citing a book by Mohan Kumaramangalam, Tewari said "the more things change, the more they remain the same". "As speculation abounds about certain Communist leaders joining Congress it perhaps may be instructive to revisit a 1973 book 'Communists in Congress' Kumaramanglam Thesis. The more things change the more they perhaps remain the same. I re-read it today," Tewari said in a tweet.

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North Eastern Space Applications Centre helping in flood control: Amit Shah

**New Delhi:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC), a wing of the ISRO, has been helping the government in flood control through space technology.

Addressing an event on the Foundation Day of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Shah said that a big new experiment has been initiated in the Northeast where a society has been formed to harness space science through the NESAC, which was set up by the Department of Space and the North Eastern Council.

"We have started using the space technology in disaster management by doing advance planning from last year," he said. The Home Minister said in the Northeast, the Brahmaputra is often flooded, but the topography there is such that it is very easy to transfer the

water of the river to a lake of thousands of hectares before it floods. He said if a lake can be built, the chances of flooding will be reduced by 40 per cent.

"The NESAC is working to find such type of location and it has also been successful. So far, 19 locations have been found, where big lakes will be built and energy will not be used to send water there as water will reach through topography. This is a new beginning and we have taken it one step further," he said.

The NESAC helps augment the developmental process in the Northeast by providing advanced space technology support.

The home minister said after Narendra Modi became the prime minister, the winds of development have come to the Northeast and many roads are being built, because without connectivity the development of the region is not possible. **PTI**

13 employees suspended over irregularities in teachers' recruitment exam in Rajasthan

**Jaipur:** Thirteen employees of the education department were suspended for their alleged involvement in irregularities during the Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET)-2021, a state minister said on Tuesday.

The role of thirteen employees of the education department was found suspicious during the conduct of the exam held on Sunday. Therefore, they were suspended after FIRs were registered against them, School Education Minister Govind Singh Dotasra said.

He said the employees will be terminated from service after allegations are found true in police investigation. Those suspended included 10 teachers, one lecturer, one physical education teacher and one junior assistant. They were posted in Sriohi, Jalore, Barmer, Nagaur, Dungarpur, Rajsamand, Bharatpur and Bundi districts. Special arrangements were made to check cheating during the examination for which 16.51 lakh candidates had enrolled.

Capt's Delhi...

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"Too much being read into @capt\_amarinder's visit to Delhi. He's on a personal visit, during which he'll meet some friends and also vacate Kapurthala house for the new (Punjab) CM (chief minister). No need for any unnecessary speculation," Thukral tweeted. Sources said Amarinder arrived at the Chandigarh airport at the same time on Tuesday when Congress president Sonia Gandhi and party leader Rahul Gandhi also reached there from a vacation at Himachal Pradesh. Sources said while three of them boarded the same flight, they merely exchanged courtesy and did not talk. It is Captain's first visit to the national Capital after he resigned on September 18. After quitting as Punjab CM, Amarinder had indicated he was still keeping his political options open, saying he was talking to his friends before deciding on his future course of action. "You can be old at 40 and young at 80," he had said, making it clear that he did not see his age as a hurdle.

After resigning as Amarinder had said he felt "humiliated" and then he had also called Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra "inexperienced". He had also dubbed Sidhu as "anti-national" and "dangerous", saying he would pit a strong candidate against the State party chief in the upcoming Assembly polls.

Sidhu keeps Cong's...

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It is also believed that party's national general secretary Priyanka Vadra, who has all along backed Sidhu right up to his elevation to the Congress top post in Punjab, may also talk to the former cricketer.

Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, who was addressing the media at his office, was unaware of the development. Declaring that he could not be "upset with me", Channi said he would "sit and talk" with Sidhu, while adding that he has "complete trust in him".

Minutes after, he convened an emergency Cabinet meeting, attended by all Ministers, that is where Cabinet Minister Sultana tendered he resignation from the Cabinet. Soon, his husband and Sidhu's chief strategic adviser tweeted her resignation letter saying, "So proud of my wife Razia Sultana for her principled decision to resign in the best interest of Congress and its leadership, on particular Rahul Gandhi, our benefactor."

Later, several party leaders, including legislators, reached Sidhu's Patiala residence in an effort to placate him. Among those who met Sidhu include Cabinet Ministers Dr Raj Kumar Verka, Pargat Singh, Razia Sultana; Punjab Congress working presidents Kuljit Singh Nagra and Sukhwinder Singh Danny; MLA Inderbir Singh Bolaria; AAP MLA turned Congress leader Sukhpal Singh Khaira; among others. Soon after Sidhu's

459 rescued in two days in Osmanabad district, water released from Manjara dam

Maha Rain

**Aurangabad:** As many as 459 people were rescued from flood-affected areas in the last 48 hours across Osmanabad district of Maharashtra and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) even deployed a helicopter to reach those stranded in floodwaters, officials said on Tuesday evening.

Water was released from Manjara dam during the day, causing flooding in downstream villages and parts of neighbouring districts, they said.

Six persons including two children were rescued by the NDRF by deploying a helicopter at Dautpur village in Osmanabad tehsil, while ten persons were similarly rescued from Saundane Amba village in Kalamb tehsil.

The Osmanabad-Ausa road was blocked as water was flowing over the Kamegaon-Samudrawani bridge.

The Manjara dam was filled to the capacity which

necessitated opening of eighteen gates of the dam, an official said.

Twenty persons were rescued from a house in Wakadwadi village of Kalamb tehsil. Some 125 persons were rescued in Ramwadi, 114 in Irla, 35 each in Ter and Borkheda and 90 in Dautpur, the official said. Balaji Kamble (30), resident of Irla, was washed away and search was on for him. At least 20 big and 17 small cattle perished in the floods while 80 huts were damaged. Two teams of NDRF participated in the rescue operations.

The collector of the neighbouring Latur district, Prithviraj B P, told PTI that a family of three including a child was reportedly stranded at Pohregao in Renapur tehsil of the district, but rescue teams could not reach the spot due to the bad weather and low visibility.

"We are trying other ways to

rescue them. The helicopter (used by the NDRF) has halted in Latur. It will fly tomorrow morning to rescue them," he said. The Osmanabad district has received 824.90 mm of average rainfall this monsoon, 204 mm higher than the 620.60 mm recorded last year, with Bhoom tehsil receiving 961.60 mm rain this season so far, an official said.

After several years, the district, part of the generally parched Marathwada region, has received such robust rain, which stands at 136.78 per cent of the annual average, he added.

"Dams like Sinakolegaon, Chandani, Manjara, Terna, Lower Terna, Ruibhar, Kurnoor and Bori are overflowing. Ujani Dam, which is the main source of water for Osmanabad city, is also overflowing. Heavy rains have affected Kharif crops like soybean, moong, urad, tur, cotton and bajra," he said. **PTI**

Man held for raping law student, making video viral

**Vadodara:** One of two people accused of raping a 24-year-old law student in Vadodara and then leaking a video of the act online was held from Junagadh on Tuesday, Gujarat police said.

A rape case was filed in Gotri police station here on September 19 and Raju Bhatt, a former trustee of a temple in Pavagadh who was on the run since, was held from Junagadh, while efforts were on to nab co-accused Ashok Jain, an official said.

"Bhatt will be formally arrested after his COVID-19 report comes in. The victim was pursuing a law course in a university here and was interning in the CA firm of accused Jain. Who first raped her at a pent-house after spiking her drink and then made a video.

He then introduced her to Bhatt, who too raped her," the official said. "Bhatt and Jain leaked the video online. Bhatt was held a day after we detained one Kanji Mokariya for helping him flee. Bhatt has also been charged under the Prohibition Act as a bottle of liquor was found in his Nizampura house," he said.

resignation, former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh tweeted, "I told you so. He is not a stable man and not fit for the border State of Punjab"

No official reason has been given for Sidhu's sudden act, but it is believed that a series of events apparently undermining his authority culminated into his decision to step down from the party's top post.

Available information suggests that Sidhu has been upset with the promise given to Dera Baba Nanak legislator Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa by appointing him as Deputy Chief Minister and then finally allocating an all-important Home portfolio to him.

Randhawa, who vigorously backed Sidhu in his fight against the former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh which finally concluding with the former's appointment as Punjab Congress president and latter's resignation as the State Government's head, lost the race to the Chief Minister's post because of Sidhu's strong opposition.

Sources informed The Pioneer that Sidhu had earlier also made up his mind to resign as PPCC chief when the central leaders, including Rawat, were in Chandigarh to elect the leader of Congress Legislative Party (CLP), following Capt Amarinder's resignation as the Chief Minister.

Sidhu vehemently opposed Randhawa's name as Capt Amarinder's replacement, and even left the meeting in a huff midway. Soon he was on his way

to the national capital, reportedly to hand over his resignation to the party high command. In fact, he argued that in case the party wanted to appoint a Jat Sikh as Chief Minister, it should be him. It was only after Charanjit Singh Channi's name was put forth that Sidhu returned from midway.

Later, Sidhu also opposed appointing Randhawa as Deputy Chief Minister, but to no avail. Then again, he wanted Channi to keep the Home portfolio with him, being the Chief Minister. But, when the list of portfolios was made public on Tuesday morning, Sidhu's resignation bomb was dropped within minutes.

Sidhu, also a Jat Sikh, is believed to have viewed Randhawa's elevation as a threat to his Chief Ministerial ambitions after the 2022 Assembly polls.

Another possible reason for Sidhu's resignation seems to be the selection of Ministers, inducted in Channi's Cabinet. Sidhu wanted to secure a berth for Kuljit Singh Nagra and Surjit Singh Dhiman, while opposed the names of Aruna Chaudhary and Rana Gurjit Singh.

While Dhiman's name could not be included, Nagra's name was dropped at an eleventh hour replacing him with Randeep Singh Nabha. Also, Chaudhary and Rana Gurjit were elevated as Ministers.

The party high command listened to Channi, who shuffled between New Delhi and Chandigarh, to decide on his Cabinet formation.

246-year-old...

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While the OFB was set up in 1979, the history of the Board dates back to 1775. During 1775, British authorities accepted the establishment of the Board of Ordnance in Fort William, Kolkata. This marks the official beginning of the Army Ordnance in India.

In 1787 a gun powder factory was established at Ishapore which started production from 1791 (at which location Rifle Factory was established in 1904). In 1801 a Gun Carriage Agency at Cossipore, Kolkata (presently known as Gun & Shell Factory, Cossipore) was established and production started from 18th March, 1802. This is the first Industrial establishment of Ordnance Factories which has continued its existence till date, according to OFB website. While the British set up 18 ordnance factories, the rest have come up post-Independence.

The Government has also decided to transfer all the employees of OFB (Group A, B and C) en masse to the New DPSUs initially for a period of two years in accordance with Rule 37A of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules 1972.

"The service conditions of the absorbed employees would not be

inferior to the existing ones. A committee would be constituted by the DDP for guiding the new DPSUs in this regard so that the absorption package given is attractive," it said.

The Government has also decided that all the employees of OFB belonging to OFB Headquarters Kolkata, OFB New Delhi office, OF Schools and OF Hospitals will be transferred en masse to the Directorate under DDP.

Insiders in the OFB said the ordnance factories lost out to competition due to both unionism and stringent procurement rules for the acquisition of materials for production. The private sector on the other hand had a free hand in the procurement of materials for timely completion of orders.

Additionally, the modernisation of OFB production units was not apace with the times.

"There is a need to have a fine balance between the public and private sector for defense-related production given the sensitivities involved in manufacturing war stores," an official said.

Earlier, other defence PSUs like BEMIL, MIDHANI and Bharat Dynamics Ltd. ended up being listed on the stock exchange and all the business secrets are out in the public domain through filings in the bourses, he added.



MUKHYAMANTRI COVID-19 PARIVAR ARTHIK SAHAYATA YOJANA

Camps held to help kids, women apply for aid

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government has received 5,935 applications for monthly financial assistance under the Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Parivar Arthik Sahayata Yojana. The city Government has also received 11,219 applications for one-time ex gratia payment.

The Delhi Women and Child Development Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam on Tuesday said that camps had been organised in the city to assist women in applying for various welfare schemes, which include the Laadli Scheme that provides financial assistance for girls' education, widow pension, Delhi Family Benefit Scheme and Widow-Daughter Marriage Scheme.

According to Government officials, a total of 2,553 cases have started to receive the monthly financial assistance of Rs 2,500 while 5,323 cases have received one-time ex gratia of Rs 50, 000.

Sanction has been issued in 1,431 cases for one-time ex gratia to date, Rs 92,53,000 has been disbursed by the Delhi Government as financial aid to the beneficiaries. Under the Covid-19 financial assistance scheme, Rs 50,000 one time ex gratia is given to the family along with Rs 2,500 monthly



pension in case of death of a breadwinner.

"Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many women faced the problem of applying for several Government schemes online. Therefore, these camps are organised to assist them in their documentation and application for the above-mentioned schemes.

Furthermore, the camps are also identifying and assisting children who lost their parent(s) due to Covid-19 in applying for the Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Parivar Arthik Sahayata Yojana," the Minister said.

Many children who lost their parents due to Covid-19 are unable to apply for the scheme. It was decided by the

Department to organise special camps for these children. Each Child Welfare Committee (CWC) along with the District Magistrate, DCPCR are identifying children who have lost their parents and are assisting them in applying for the financial relief scheme. The officials are assisting in the entire process of documentation which is required for applying without causing any hassle to the child.

"The application process should be seamless. We aim to reach out to all children who lost their parents/guardians due to Covid-19 and we will make sure that the child gets proper financial support from the Delhi Government," he added.

National-level taekwondo player held for robbery

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has arrested a 28-year-old national-level two-time gold medalist taekwondo player, who also participated in the hit TV show Indian Idol, for allegedly being involved in over 100 cases of snatching and robbery in the national Capital.

The accused has been identified as Suraj alias 'Fighter', a resident of Vikas Nagar in West Delhi's Uttam Nagar area. Suraj has done his graduation from Delhi University and is a two-time national gold medalist in taekwondo. He is also a good singer and had participated in Indian Idol Season 4 in 2008 and was among the top 50 contestants, police said.

According to a senior police official, on Wednesday, police were patrolling at Najafgarh Road, Rama Road, Moti Nagar

and saw a suspicious-looking person on a scooter, following which he was intercepted.

"Police checked and found the scooter was stolen from Kirti Nagar area. During interrogation, he confessed to snatching many mobile phones and robbing of 2.5 kg gold articles from the Subzi Mandi police station area in North Delhi," said the senior police official.

"He committed robbery with his two associates by using a countrymade pistol and a knife, on a motorcycle. He also confessed to committing over 100 snatchings in different parts of Delhi, especially in west, outer, central and north districts, the official said.

One countrymade pistol, along with one live cartridge, 55 mobile phones and five two-wheelers were recovered from his possession, police said.



BJP moving to polarise EDMC elections by demolishing temple



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) senior leader Saurabh Bhardwaj said that the Delhi BJP-ruled East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) has given approval to demolish a temple and erect a building in the Muslim-dominated area of Chauhan Banger and suspended 15 AAP councilors over "indecent" behaviour and "obstruction" of the proceedings of the House after they protested against the move.

Bhardwaj said that the BJP is trying to spread hatred among communities so that they can seek votes on the basis of religion in the forthcoming municipal elections.

A board has been put on the hundred year old temple at Chauhan Banger that EDMC has passed the map for construction of a building in place of this temple, Bhardwaj said,

adding that the BJP will use this demolition to spread hatred on WhatsApp before the MCD elections in order to polarise votes.

The AAP Councillors questioned and exposed the BJP's conspiracy of breaking temples for electoral gains. They were suspended for 15 days in a blatant abuse of power, Bhardwaj alleged.

The AAP leader said "MCD elections are due in March next year and just like every election, the BJP has started preparing for this one as well. "Whether there be UP elections, Delhi elections of 2015 or the Delhi elections of 2020, the BJP uses the same set of tricks to polarise Hindus against Muslims and Christians. Their strategy is to polarise them to such an extent that they would be able to get votes just on the religious lines," he added.

WORLD RABIES DAY  
NDMC organises free vaccination camp for dogs

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the aim to raise awareness about the impact of Rabies on humans and animals, the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) organised a free vaccination camp against rabies.

The camp was organised at the NDMC Veterinary Hospital, Moti Bagh to mark the World Rabies Day.

On the occasion, the Chairperson of NDMC Dharmendra inaugurated a free vaccination camp against rabies in which 51 dogs were vaccinated and issued the rabies vaccination certificate.

The NDMC veterinary department distributed free food packets for puppies and adult dogs. In the camp, the informative printed material on the prevention and control of rabies were given to all pet owners.

World Rabies Day is observed each year on September 28, the anniversary of the Death of Louis Pasteur, who developed the first efficacious rabies vaccine in the world.

It is a United Nation Observance and endorsed by International human and Veterinary Health Organisation such as World Health Organisation.

Delhi reports 35 new Covid-19 cases, 2 deaths

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Two deaths were reported in the national Capital due to Covid-19 on Tuesday in Delhi while the positivity rate stood at 0.05 per cent, according to a health bulletin issued by the health department of the Delhi Government.

With the 35 new cases reported on Tuesday, the Covid case tally in Delhi reached 14,38,780 of which over 14.13 lakh patients have recovered. The death toll has risen to 25,087.

The national Capital has recorded five fatalities due to the viral infection in September before Tuesday.

As per the bulletin, the city has 373 active Covid-19 cases, up from 366 on Monday. As many as 105 patients are in home isolation, down from 107 the previous day. The number of containment zones in the city stands at 94, according to the bulletin.

At least 65,101 tests were conducted a day ago, including

41,359 RT-PCR ones. The rest were rapid-antigen tests, it said.

Delhi had recorded 32 Covid-19 cases and zero deaths due to the disease on Monday while the positivity rate stood at 0.06 per cent. The city reported 29 cases of the infection on Sunday, 27 on Saturday and 24 on Friday.

Delhi battled a brutal second wave of the pandemic in April and May that claimed a massive number of lives with the issue of oxygen shortage in hospitals adding to the woes.

On April 20, Delhi had reported 28,395 cases, the highest in the city since the beginning of the pandemic. On April 22, the case positivity rate was 36.2 per cent, the highest so far. The highest number of 448 deaths was reported on May 3. Amid apprehension of a third wave, the Delhi Government has been ramping up its health infrastructure to prevent a repeat of the crisis witnessed during the peak of the second wave of the pandemic.

MANDOLI JAIL  
25 inmates suffered minor self-inflicted injuries: Officials

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Around 25 inmates lodged in prison number 11 of the Delhi's Mandoli Jail sustained minor injuries, which they inflicted on themselves, after two of them were not allowed to go out of their ward. The incident took place on Monday evening.

All the inmates sustained minor injuries, which were self-inflicted, the jail officials said, adding that one of them was sent to the hospital, but he is back in the jail after treatment.

According to Sandeep Goel, the Director General of Delhi Prisons, two inmates wanted to go out of the ward without any reason. On not being permitted, they caused injuries to themselves and also instigated some others to self-inflict injuries. All of them sustained minor injuries, he added.

Post-Covid heart attack, stress on rise



Gurugram: There is a steep rise in the number of young recovered Covid patients between 17 to 35 who have suffered from heart problems such as chest pain, blood clots, heart attack, heart rhythm, cardiac arrest, heart-swelling, heart failure, low pump capacity, abnormal heartbeat and also suffered from obesity, stress and depression.

Speaking about the problem, Dr T S Kler, Chairman, Fortis Heart & Vascular Institute, Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram said, To keep the heart's normal functional post-covid patients after two months should go for a regular heart screening, exercise or yoga for at least half an hour, walking, stick to a healthy diet, stay physically active and take medication as suggested by the doctor.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with Kanhaiya Kumar, MLA Jignesh Mewani and others while paying tribute to legendary freedom fighter Shaheed Bhagat Singh, at Shaheed Samarak in New Delhi on Tuesday  
Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer Photo

Conservation campaign to be held at Asola Bhatti sanctuary



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government is all set to launch a week-long wildlife protection programme from October 2 at Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary. Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Tuesday said wildlife contributes a lot to the balance of nature and the system created by nature is slowly breaking down to maintain this balance. Addressing the media, Rai said, "In addition to the active tree-plantation drive in Delhi, the city Government is now planning to sensitise the masses about the importance of wildlife protection. To spread awareness about the same, Delhi government will launch a wildlife protection programme from October 2 that will last till October 8 at New Delhi's Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary."

Rai also mentioned that the Delhi Government has also set a target of planting 33 lakh

saplings for this year.

In a meeting with forest officials, it was also decided to plant more trees to escalate green cover area. "Of our target of 33 lakh saplings, 22 lakh 32 thousand saplings have already been planted from the week of 'van mahotsav' (forest festival) kicked-off by the Delhi government in the month of June," he added.

"In the last five years, a total 1 crore 15 lakh saplings have been planted in the national capital. Our city's greenbelt area today stands at 21.88 per cent, which is 1.88pc more than the prescribed green limit for a plain area like Delhi," he added.

According to the Forest Survey of India, greenbelt area for a mountainous region should be 60 per cent of its total area and 20 per cent for a plain area.

"In the year 2015-16, 16,51,000 saplings were planted, in 2016-17 - 24 lakh, in

2017-18 - 16 lakh, in 2018-19 and 2019-2020 - 28 lakh, amounting to over a crore saplings," Rai said.

A third-party audit by the Forest and Research Institute, Dehradun, and Pusa Institute will be done to ascertain the above-mentioned figure, Rai said: "These audits reports will provide and exact figure of the success rate of these plantation drives telling us how many plants have survived till now and in which area."

Officials from the Delhi Forest Department, Delhi Development Authority, Municipal Corporations of Delhi, Delhi Jal Board, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited, State Industrial and Infrastructural Development Corporation, Northern Railways, Cantonment Board, North Delhi Power Limited, Delhi Transport Corporation and Horticulture Department attended the review meeting on the tree plantation campaign.

Ellenabad bypoll will change political equations in Haryana

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

With the announcement of the schedule for the by-election in Ellenabad Assembly constituency of Sirsa district, Abhay Singh Chautala, the former MLA from Ellenabad in a press conference held at his residence in Gurugram on Tuesday said that with this election, the political equations of Haryana will change.

He also said that this election will reveal who is against the three agriculture laws and who is in support.

The former MLA also asserted that who will be the candidate of Indian National Lokdal (INLD), will be decided by the people of Ellenabad on 3rd October.

According to the schedule announced by the EC, a notification will be issued on

October 1 and the nomination process will start on the same day. The last date for filing nominations is October 8. The nominations will be scrutinised on October 11 and the last date for withdrawing them is October 16. Polling will be held on October 30 for the Ellenabad constituency.

Political experts said the bypoll will be a litmus test not only for the ruling BJP-JJP coalition but also for the INLD and the Congress.

As per the norms, the by-election was necessitated after INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala resigned from the Assembly on January 27 in support of the ongoing farmers' agitation.

Chautala alleged that an effort was made by the ruling BJP and JJP to postpone the by-election of the Ellenabad seat.



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1.	13/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-II/2021-22/ET	Annual Maintenance of Staff Quarter, Sector-14A, Noida.	43.36
2.	14/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-II/2021-22/ET	Annual Maintenance of Street light, High Mast light in Noida Stadium sector-21A, Noida.	43.22
3.	15/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-II/2021-22/ET	Annual Maintenance of Window/Split type Air-Conditioner in Staff Quarter, Sector-14A, Noida.	42.54
4.	17/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-II/2021-22/ET	Annual Maintenance of Transformer and Electrical Maintenance of Sport Complex Building, sector-21A (Squash, GYM, Badminton & Table Tennis) Noida.	43.55
5.	18/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-II/2021-22/ET	Annual Maintenance of Window/Split type Air-Conditioner in Sport Complex Building at Noida Stadium, sector-21A, Noida.	32.18
6.	19/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-II/2021-22/ET	Strengthening of Noida Stadium, Sector-21A, Noida.	33.15
7.	1477/GM/Sr.M.(E/M)-I/II/2020-21	Providing High Mast light on Main crossing of main road in sector-76, 77, 78, 79, & 112, 115, Noida.	48.46
8.	08/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-I/II/2021-22	Internal Electrification of newly constructed of Barat Ghar in sector-117, Noida.	36.57
9.	09/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-I/II/2021-22	Providing street light arrangement on Parallel road of Nala from SD Public School sector-49 to Samshan ghar village-Barola, Noida.	40.06
10.	10/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-I/II/2021-22	M/o Street light (Strengthening of street light due to construction of footpath by civil department on road between sector-74 and 77 & 116 from Sarfabad crossing to 33/11 KV Sub-Station sector-79, Noida.	39.58
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11.	04/CGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-I/II/2021-22	M/o Part Light (Annual Maintenance of Park light in Meghdutam Park sector-50 & New light installed at Newly Constructed footpath), Noida.	41.25
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# PM launches climate resilient 35 crop types

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched 35 crop varieties with special traits — developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) — to address the twin challenges of climate change and malnutrition. The new crop varieties were dedicated to the nation through a video conference organised at all ICAR institutes, state and central agricultural universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

Addressing farmers and other stakeholders through video conferencing after the launch, Modi said climate change is a big challenge not only for the farm sector but also for the entire ecosystem, and efforts needed to be stepped up to address the problem. Modi called for collective efforts and continuous intensive research to deal with the climate change, which is adversely impacting the output of agriculture and allied sectors, thereby causing huge losses to farmers.

In the last six-seven years, science and technology are being used on a priority basis to solve the challenges related to agriculture, he said, adding that the joint efforts of farmers and scientists will give better results. Modi also said that modern technology and new farming tools are at the core of future farming and stressed on use of drones and sensors to collect high-quality farm data and real-time solutions.

“Indian agriculture has always remained scientific. The synergy between agricul-



ture and science should continue as it is important for India in 21st century,” Modi said in his address. “Our focus is very high on more nutritious seeds, adaptable to new conditions, especially in changing climate,” he said, adding that 35 new crop varieties will address the problem of climate change and help in the Government campaign to make India malnutrition free. Expressing concern over challenges of climate change, Modi said, “Not only agriculture, climate change is a big challenge to the entire ecosystem.”

The 35 crop varieties with special traits like climate resilience and higher nutrient-content were developed by ICAR this year. These include a drought tolerant variety of chickpea, wilt and sterility mosaic resistant pigeonpea, early maturing variety of soybean, disease resistant varieties of rice and biofortified varieties of wheat, pearl millet, maize and chickpea, quinoa, buckwheat, winged bean and faba bean.

Modi said, “More than 1,300 seed varieties have been

developed. Today, 35 more crop varieties have been dedicated to farmers. These crop varieties or seeds will address the challenge of climate change and malnutrition.”

Modi also interacted with five farmers from different States. In his interaction with Zaitoon Begum of Ganderbal (Jammu & Kashmir), Modi asked about her journey of learning innovative agricultural practices and how she trained other farmers and how she is working for the education of girls in the Valley. He also mentioned that even in sports, girls from J&K are doing well. The Prime Minister stressed that the needs of farmers with small holdings are the Government’s priority and that they are getting all the benefits directly. In all he spoke to five farmers one-by-one.

Talking to Kulwant Singh, a farmer and seed producer from Bulandshahr (Uttar Pradesh), Modi asked him how he was able to produce a diverse variety of seeds. The Prime Minister praised Singh for processing his crops and doing value-additions.

# Assets worth ₹578 cr of Wadhawan Global Capital (UK) attached

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has provisionally attached assets worth ₹578 crore (GBP 57 million) of Wadhawan Global Capital (UK) Ltd (WGC-UK), a company owned by Kapil Wadhawan and Dheeraj Wadhawan under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in DHFL-UPPCL fraud case.

The attached assets are in the form of investment made by Wadhawans through WGC-UK in UK-based companies.

The ED had initiated a money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by Lucknow police against some officials of Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. (UPPCL) under the sections of the Indian Penal Code for illegal investment of GPF and CPF funds of the employees of the UPPCL into a private company namely DHFL in sheer violation of the Government Notification and directives, the agency said.

The ED investigation revealed that DHFL in connivance with UPPCL officials had illegally received ₹4,122.70 crore of GPF and CPF funds of UPPCL employees in fixed deposit in DHFL, it said.

Out of this total investment of Rs 4,122.70 crore by UPPCL in DHFL, ₹2267.90 crore of principal amounts of provident fund (GPF+CPF) of UPPCL is still outstanding to be paid by DHFL.



“These illegal investments had been received by the DHFL during the period, where DHFL was engaged into disbursement of high value loans to its promoter related companies. All such unsecured loans had been sanctioned as per the directions of the Chairman of DHFL, Kapil Wadhawan and many of such loans have turned into NPA (Non-Performing Assets),” it said in a statement.

Investigation has also revealed that many of these loans have been siphoned off without utilisation of the same for the purposes, it was sanctioned. Part of the proceeds of crime, amounting to more than ₹1,000 crore, generated in this case has been siphoned off to UK by the Wadhawans by way of seven levels of layering and laundering through more than 30 beneficially owned/controlled Indian companies of Wadhawans, it said.

The ED has already attached properties worth Rs 1,412 crore of Wadhawans in Yes bank DHFL fraud case and has arrested Kapil Wadhawan and Dheeraj Wadhawan, who are still in judicial custody.

Further, the ED has also seized five high-end vehicles of Wadhawans having approximate value of ₹12.59 crores in this case.

# Have to win fight against rabies: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday launched the “National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination from India by 2030” aiming to win the fight against rabies by the targeted year.

Launching the action plan, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is also working on reducing the cost of rabies vaccines. “We have to win the fight against rabies by 2030. It should be a comprehensive effort of the Health Ministry and Animal Husbandry Ministry, we should also include AYUSH Ministry. When we talk about “One Health”, there is an impact on the whole organism and the environment as well,” said the Health Minister.

Mandaviya said, “Today, as people move from one place to another, the virus also goes with them. Many diseases have increased, many diseases have decreased, if only the Ministry of Health will try, the result will not come, we have to make efforts together.”

He further said we are moving forward in ending Tuberculosis (TB) because an ecosystem has been created to end it. Similarly, for rabies, we have to campaign aggressively.

Ministry of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar and Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala were also present during the launch event.

# Forced religious conversion can't be testament of expansion of any religion, says Naqvi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Tuesday said that forced religious conversion cannot be a testament of expansion of and trust on any religion in a country where both, believers and atheists coexist.

Interacting with prominent people of the Christian community from across the country here, Naqvi said that both the believers and the atheists have equal constitutional and social rights and protection in India.

The Union Minister said that while on one hand, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis, Jews, Baha'is, and believers of almost all other religions of the world live in India; on the other hand, crores of atheists also exist in the country with equal constitutional and social rights.

Naqvi said that India is the only country in the world where festivals and other joyous occasions of all the religions are celebrated together.

“We need to keep this shared cultural heritage and legacy of co-existence strengthened. Any attempt to disturb this fabric of unity and harmony will hurt the soul of India,” said Naqvi.

He said that followers of almost all the religions of the world live in India and constitutional and social guarantee and safety of their religious, social, economic, educational rights is the beauty of our strength of “Unity in



Diversity.” Naqvi said that it is our collective national responsibility to ensure that India’s culture of tolerance and commitment of co-existence is not allowed to get weakened under any circumstances.

“Religious bigotry and intolerance can never hurt India as our country is the world’s largest centre of spiritual-religious knowledge, and also the source of inspiration for ‘Sarva Dharma Sambhav’ and ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’,” he said.

Minister of State for Minority Affairs Shri John Barla; National Commission for Minorities Chairman Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura; Ministry of Minority Affairs Secretary Renuka Kumar; Arch Bishop Anil Joseph; Bishop Subodh C. Mandal and other prominent people from religious, social, educational, health, art and culture fields from across the country were present on the occasion.

# SC calls for implementation of green cracker code



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Urging for the implementation of the green cracker code, the Supreme Court on Tuesday said it cannot infringe upon the right to life of other citizens “under the guise of employment of few” while considering a ban on firecrackers.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and A S Bopanna said its prime focus is the right to life of innocent citizens. “We have to strike the balance between employment, unemployment and the right to life of the citizen. Under the guise of employment of few we cannot permit others to infringe the right to life of other citizens.

“Our prime focus is the right to life of innocent citizens. If we find green crackers are there and accepted by the commit-

tee of experts we will pass suitable orders,” the bench said, adding that in our country, the main difficulty is implementation. “Laws are there but ultimately implementation has to be there. Our order should be implemented in true spirit,” the bench said.

Senior advocate Atmaram Nadkarni, appearing for manufacturers’ association of firecrackers, said that Diwali is approaching on November 4 and they want Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) to take a decision on the issue of firecrackers. He said the Government should decide the matter as lakhs of people are unemployed in the industry. The senior advocate said contempt must be heard and taken to a logical end but the plight of lakhs of people who are working in the industry should also be looked into.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for the petitioner Arjun Gopal, said a series of orders has been passed by the top court and directions have been given that PESO will give final clearance to firecrackers which are safe. When Nadkarni interrupted Sankaranarayanan, the bench in a lighter vein said, “We don’t want any bursting of crackers in the courtroom. Everybody will get a chance. Also, I’m afraid of firecrackers.”

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Ministry of Environment and Forests, said an affidavit was filed by the ministry in October 2020 and if the top court takes note of it all the interim applications will be covered in that. All the experts have come together and suggested formulations on the issue of green crackers.

# EC announces bypolls to 3 LS, 30 Assembly seats

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday announced the bypolls to three

Lok Sabha seats and 30 assembly constituencies spread across various states on October 30. The decision was taken after reviewing the situations related to the pandemic, floods, festivals, cold conditions in certain regions and feedback from local authorities. The counting of votes will take place on November 2.

“The Commission has reviewed the situation related to a pandemic, flood, festivals, cold conditions in certain regions, feedback from concerned States/UT and taken into consideration all facts and circumstances and it has decided to hold by-elections to fill vacancies in three Parliamentary Constituencies of UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh and 30 vacancies in Assembly constituencies of various states,” the EC said in a statement.

The 30 Assembly seats going to bypolls include one each from Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland and Telangana; two seats each in Bihar, Karnataka and Rajasthan; three seats each in Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Meghalaya; four seats in West Bengal; and five in Assam. The

# JD(U) authorises Singh for talks with BJP for UP election tie-up

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The JD(U), which is not averse to contest Assembly polls in five States early next year all by itself if it does not get a fair deal of seats from the BJP, on Tuesday authorised its former president RCP Singh, currently a Cabinet Minister in the Narendra Modi Government, to hold talks with the BJP for an alliance between the two parties in Uttar Pradesh.

JD(U) president Rajiv Ranjan ‘Lalan’ Singh held a meeting in this regard in which his predecessor was also present, the party said. Lalan Singh had earlier said that the party will contest on select seats in UP.

It will like to contest as part of the BJP-led NDA but will fight on its own if an alliance does not work out, he

had said. R C P Singh will hold talks with BJP leaders in this regard, a statement said.

JD(U) secretary general K C Tyagi and general secretary Afaque Ahmad Khan also attended the meeting.

UP, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa and Manipur will elect a new Government early, next year while Gujarat would vote for a new Assembly later in 2022.

One of the key NDA allies at the Centre and Bihar, JD (U) has been in conflict with the BJP on certain issues including the one over its demand for holding a caste-census including that of the OBCs.

The Modi Government has ruled out the caste census as demanded by many Opposition parties including its allies Janata Dal (U) and Apna Dal (S).

After central rejection of caste-census in an affidavit filed before the Supreme court, JD (U) leader and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar last week again reiterated his party’s demand for the caste-census saying “caste census is legitimate and it is need of the time.”

He would call an all-party meet in Bihar to discuss “the future course of action” on the issue.

The Centre had told the Supreme Court that caste census of backward classes is “administratively difficult and cumbersome” and excluding such information from the purview of Census is a “conscious policy decision.”

BJP has sought to tiptoe the politically volatile issue saying different parties are free to take an independent stand. BJP spokesman

# Pandey, two others appointed national general secy of LJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

LJP president Chirag Paswan on Tuesday appointed party spokesperson Dr Ajay Kumar Pandey and two others as National General Secretary of the party.

Pandey is a supreme court lawyer and has been a senior journalist.

The two others appointed as GSs are Sabir Khan and Pawan Verma.

Sudhansu Trivedi sought to say that many BJP allies had a different stand on the issue of Ram temple while his party strongly worked for it.

“On that issue (Ram temple) we and our allies had a different stand. They can have a different stand on this issue (caste census),” the BJP spokesperson said.

# Govt mulls creation of cooperative brand ‘Proudly Co-op’

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After establishing the Ministry of Cooperation for strengthening cooperatives in the country, the Government is now mulling creation of a cooperative brand “Proudly Co-op” which it wants not to be restricted just to India but present world over.

Seeking support from Dr. Ariel Guarco, President, International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), in this initiative, Sundeep Kumar Nayak, Managing Director of the National Cooperatives Development Corporation (NCDC), said that such a brand would help to empower poor people, many of whom are part of various cooperatives operating across the country. Guarco was in India recently to accelerate and strengthen the campaign of Indian cooperatives.

Assuring all support, Guarco, who is himself a corporator from Argentina said resilience shown by cooperatives world over during the Covid-19 has demonstrated that it is with coop-

eration and not competition that the society can move forward to achieve economic growth, social solidarity and sustainability. Guarco, who was at the NCDC Headquarters for the second time, on Monday described Amul and IFFCO as “headlights” in the world showcasing a path for healthy growth of cooperatives.

Nayak also sought ICAs cooperation in three areas including setting up a centre on global best practices in cooperatives in India, boosting cooperative-to-cooperative exports for creating new opportunities and holding a special session on the new cooperatives at the World Cooperative Congress slated year-end in Seoul.

Dr. Chandra Pal Singh, President Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) said, with the formation of the new Ministry, the Government is keen to work on “Sahakar se Samridhhi” and NCDC by providing loan is helping in development of the cooperatives and hence to the poor people and farmers at the last mile.

# Infiltration bids to increase exponentially: Intel agencies

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Indian intelligence agencies have warned that more infiltration attempts will be made by the terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir as a large number of them have been hiding at the launch pads located in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Quoting the latest reports sent to the government, sources said that there has been an exponential rise in the number of ultras in these launch pads in the last 45 days, and the security agencies have also intercepted the chats of these militants in Pashto language. This also indicates the likely presence of Afghani mercenaries sent by the Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), the sources said.

The sources also said that around 200 ultras are ready to infiltrate the Line of Control (LoC) from the launch pads in PoK on the behest of the ISI.

The officials in the security forces said that attempts have been made in Uri, Baramulla and Poonch sectors too in the past few days, raising concerns of the security forces.

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My client, Sh. RAJESH SONI S/o Sh. SHYAM SUNDER SONI R/o Plot No. 157, F.NO. PE-1 NITI KHAND-2, INDRA PURAM, SHIPRA, SUN CITY Ghaziabad, U.P. who is registered owner of property bearing address OLD PROP. NO.- 248-A, and NEW PROP. NO.-X/80, PLOT NO.- 71-B, KH. NO.-66, PARTAP GALLI, MOHALLA RAM NAGAR, GANDHI NAGAR, VILLAGE: SILELA, AMPUR, SHAHDARA, Gandhi Nagar, East Delhi, 110031, Delhi, INDIA vide Registered Sale Deed dated 29.07.2021 Sub Registrar-Sekelapur, executed by Neelam Aggarwal. My client has lost the property chain documents, i.e. ORIGINAL, SALE DEED dated 25.04.2013 executed by Harish in Favor of Renu Bansal in respect of the said property and also filed a complaint in this regard dated 30.08.2021 vide L.R. No 634649/2021 with Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi. Any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/right, lien any objection whatsoever in regard to above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered A/D within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived.

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Vishal Mehan (Advocate)  
E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092

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# Terrorist spills beans on Pak terror factory

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Indian Army on Tuesday once again exposed the Pakistan Army's connivance in abetting infiltration inside the Indian territory after it successfully captured a 19-year-old Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist, trained by the Pakistan Army personnel inside one of the terror factories across the Line of Control. The young terrorist who hailed from district Okara in Punjab (Pakistan) during preliminary investigation revealed how the Pakistan Army regulars are imparting training to a fresh crop of terrorists in the terror factories and army personnel deployed in the forward posts desperately trying to push a large group of infiltrators inside the Indian territory.

According to a senior Army officer, who supervised the entire operation on ground zero in Baramulla on Tuesday told reporters, "a 19-year-old Pakistani terrorist Ali Babar Patra, son of Late Mohd Lateef R/O Dipalpur, District Okara Punjab (Pakistan) had decided

to surrender before the Indian Army after one of his close associates was eliminated by the Indian patrol party while foiling a major infiltration bid in the Uri sector on September 26".

The Army officer said in the last week, a total of seven terrorists have been neutralised and one terrorist apprehended, including five along the LC.

During interrogation the young terrorist also revealed that the route taken by the terrorists to infiltrate was from Sawai Nala Terrorist Camp to Hallan Shumali Launch pad to Jabri, leading into Salamabad Nala. In 2016, the terrorists who had carried out a suicide attack on Uri Garrison had used the same route via Salamabad Nala before sneaking inside the Indian territory.

Sharing details of the operation a senior army officer in Baramulla told reporters, "during the infiltration attempt on September 18-19, while two terrorists were crossing the LoC, own patrolling party established contact with them. Taking advantage of the thick undergrowth, four terrorists



ran back towards the POK side of LC while remaining two terrorists managed to sneak in".

The Army officer said, "Additional forces were inducted and multiple patrols were launched in the suspected areas and the getaway routes were blocked. On the night of 25 Sep 2021, contact was again established by one such patrol with the terrorists approximately 800 meters inside the LC. Eventually by afternoon of 26 Sep 2021, one Pakistani terrorist Atiq ur Rehman @ Qari Anas, belonging to Distt Attock in Punjab (Pakistan) aged 33 years was eliminated. The second Pakistani terrorist, named Ali Babar Patra, son of Late Mohd Lateef r/o Dipalpur, Distt - Okara Punjab

(Pakistan), appealed to surrender and was captured alive without causing any harm to him.

In a written statement a Srinagar based Defence Spokesman Col Emron Musavi claimed, "the Pakistani terrorist was misguided and lured into joining LeT due to poverty. To escape poverty, the individual left schooling from Govt School after class seven. He underwent three weeks of preliminary training at the Garhi Habibullah Camp (KPK) in 2019 followed by refresher training in 2021. Most of the instructors being employed for physical and weapons training were Pakistan Army personnel".

As per the surrendered terrorist, Atiq ur Rehman @ Qari Anas r/o Vill - Pindi, Distt- Attock, Punjab (Pakistan) had given him ₹20,000/- for his mother's treatment and had promised to give him additional ₹30,000/- on safe return from Pattan near Baramulla, where the group was to deliver the war like stores. However, it is evi-

dent that it had more nefarious designs which even the surrendered terrorist is unaware of.

Defence Spokesman said, "Pakistan Army's connivance in abetting infiltration continues, as it is difficult to attempt crossing the Line of Control without active support of local Pakistan military commanders. As per the surrendered Pakistan national, the group of six terrorists crossed the LC fence in the shadow of forward Pakistani post Jabri".

According to a Defence Spokesman, other infiltrators have been identified as Atiq-ur-Rehman @ Qari Anas, age - 33, Village - Pindikep, Dist - Attock, Punjab (Pakistan), Tayyab, age - 24 Samundri City, Dist - Faisalabad Punjab (Pakistan), Abu Bakkar Salfi, age - 22

Satiana Town, Tehsil - Jaranwala, District - Faisalabad, Punjab (Pakistan), Abu Khitab, age - 35 Tehsil - Kasur, District - Lahore, Punjab (Pakistan), Usman @ Abu Slaria, age - 27 Village - Shahdra, District - Lahore Punjab (Pakistan) (BA - Teacher in govt School).

# Indian, US academicians bag 2021 Yidan Prize for Education Research

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Mumbai-based Pratham Education Foundation's (PEF) CEO Dr Rukmini Banerji and Stanford University's Prof Eric A Hanushek have won the prestigious '2021 Yidan Prize for Education Research', the world's highest education accolade that carries a cash prize of \$ 3.90 million, or almost ₹28-crore, for each laureate.

Dr Banerji and Prof Hanushek have been bestowed with the prestigious award in recognition of their groundbreaking work addressing a crucial piece of the education puzzle: improving quality of education and outcomes for learners at scale.

With this announcement, the two academicians will now join nine laureates who have been awarded the Yidan Prize since its inception in 2016, established by the Yidan Prize Foundation --- a global philanthropic education foundation that inspires progress and change in education. All Yidan Prize laureates will join the

Yidan Council of Luminaries to work collaboratively with distinguished education leaders.

Dr Banerji has been chosen for the award in recognition of her work in improving learning outcomes. The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) assessment approach, pioneered by Dr Banerji and her team in India, revealed literacy and numeracy gaps among children who had already spent several years at school.

To close these gaps, her team's "Teaching at the Right Level" (TaRL) program works with schools and local communities to provide basic reading and arithmetic skills, ensuring no children are left behind. This systematic, replicable model reaches millions of children annually across the country and is spreading around the globe.

"Dr Rukmini Banerji and the Pratham team have a clear mission: 'Every child in school and learning well'. It is a reminder that we need to focus on education quality and not just school enrolments. The solu-

tions that they have deployed towards this goal have proven to be cost-effective and scalable with a demonstrated potential to impact globally---disruptive education innovation with transformative results", said Dorothy K. Gordon, head of Yidan Prize for Education Development judging panel, and Board Member of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education.

With the support of the Yidan Prize, Dr Banerji plans to strengthen and expand Pratham's work with young children so that strong foundations could be built early in a child's life. She said she believed this would contribute significantly towards the goal of seeing "every child in school and learning well".

Prof Hanushek, Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution of Stanford University, has been recognised for his work that focuses on education outcomes and the importance of teaching quality and has transformed both research and policy internationally.

# Police brutality in Gorakhpur claims trader's life

**Lucknow:** Alleged police brutality in Gorakhpur led to the death of a 36-year-old trader from Gorakhpur. The victim was allegedly thrashed by the police after he questioned the cops for checking his hotel room late on Monday. The cops, however, claimed that they used no force and that the youth was drunk and he died after he fell on the floor.

Later, after the local residents staged a demonstration, Senior Superintendent of Police of Gorakhpur, Vipin Tanda, suspended half-a-dozen policemen, including the local station house officer (SHO). Reports said that Manish Gupta (36), a businessman hailing from Barra locality of Kanpur, reached Gorakhpur on Monday along with his two friends, Pradeep Singh and Hariveer Singh, to visit the zoo and also for darshan at Gorakhnath Math. They

checked into in a hotel on Taramandal Road in Ramgarhtal area of Gorakhpur.

Their close friend Chandan Saini also lives in Sikriganj area of the district.

Reports said that around midnight on Monday, a police team led by local SHO reached the hotel and barged into the room of these traders and asked them to show their identity cards and give the reason for staying in Gorakhpur. The situation took an ugly turn when Manish questioned the policemen for disturbing them in late hours, saying that they were not terrorists. His friends claimed that on this, the cops assaulted Manish. When the cops left, the friends took Manish to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. Once the incident came to light the SHO of Ramgarhtal, Jagat Narain Singh, and four other cops were suspended. **PNS**

# Gadkari reviews construction work of all-weather Zojila, Z-Morh tunnels

**Jammu:** Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday reviewed the construction work of strategically important Zojila and Z-Morh tunnels on the Srinagar-Leh highway.

The Union Minister also said all the projects undertaken by the BJP-led Central Government should be completed before the 2024 general elections.

The 13.5-km long tunnel, being constructed at a cost of 4,300 crores, will be Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel and will allow all-weather connectivity between Ladakh and Srinagar. Work on the project is expected to be completed by September 2026.

Meanwhile, the Z-Morh tunnel between Gagangir and Sonmarg will provide connectivity in all weather conditions between Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir and Kargil in Ladakh. The Zojila tunnel between Baltal and Minamarg on the Srinagar-Leh section will provide all-year connectivity between Leh and Srinagar. Addressing media persons on the occasion the Union Minister said that extensive road networks in the Himalayan Region will help boost the tourism sector in the area.

Gadkari said that the Central Government has given a new impetus to the



construction of new highways, tunnels and bridges which will bring transformative changes in the lives of people and will create huge employment opportunities for the local people.

He assured that the Zojila Tunnel is in full capacity and NHIDCL is geared up to continue the work in winter months. He stressed for putting in every effort in place to complete the project well before the scheduled date.

Pertinent to mention that, once completed the Zojila tunnel will be India's longest road tunnel and Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel. Several bridges are being constructed along this route and a connecting tunnel from Z-Morh in the National Highway-1 to Zojila tunnel will be constructed in the Zojila Ghats between Sonamarg and Kargil.

The entire work is divided into two divisions in the 33 km span. Stressing upon the state of art infrastructure in the tunnel projects he said that appropriate security measures have been kept in place including vertical shafts at three places and adequate security and lighting measures with CCTV, fire alarm and heat detection systems at par with international standards.

# Sakinaka rape and murder case: Mumbai Police files chargesheet within 18 days

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Having completed the investigations into the much-discussed Sakinaka rape-and-murder within just 18 days of the incident, the Mumbai Police on Tuesday filed a comprehensive chargesheet against the prime accused for allegedly raping and murdering a 32-year-old woman in the small hours of September 10.

Confirming the development, Mumbai Police Spokesperson and DCP Chaitanya S said, "We have filed a 346-page chargesheet before the Dindoshi Court, within 18 days of the crime".

Among other things, the police have invoked Sections pertaining to rape and murder and relevant provisions under the SC/ST atrocities act against the lone arrested accused Mohan Chauhan (45).

It may be recalled that within hours after the horrific incident which had caused a nation-wide furore, the accused Chauhan was arrested as he was attempting to flee to his native place Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh.

A jobless driver, Chauhan allegedly raped and killed the victim woman in a fit of rage over some monetary disputes.

The chargesheet provides the details of the sequence of events, the causes and other aspects leading to the heinous crime.

The incident took place at an isolated spot in Sakinaka in north Mumbai. Chauhan allegedly perpetrated sexual assault on her, later brutalized her by thrusting an iron rod into her private parts

and fled from there.

An alert local security guard called up the Mumbai Police Main Control Room around 3 am that morning and a Sakinaka Police Station team rushed there and immediately shifted her to Rajawadi Hospital, where she succumbed after over 30 hours.

After serious cognisance of the shocking incident, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray had ordered the city police to complete the investigations within a month and file a chargesheet in the case immediately afterwards.

On their part, the Mumbai police completed the investigations in a record 18 days and filed its charge-sheet in the court within 18 days.

The charge-sheet contains the statement of the watchman, other witnesses who had seen the victim and the accused together, the medical teams which attempted to save her and the relatives of the accused.

Following the Sakinaka incident, the Mumbai Police has implemented a series of measures to ensure the safety of women and girls, especially at night, strengthening of existing patrolling and detection methods, etc.

In a letter written to Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, the Chief

Minister had last week had said that the State Government had arrested the culprit behind the Sakinaka incident within ten minutes of the police arriving at the crime scene. He said that his Government had taken various steps to do justice to the victim girl in the Sakinaka incident.

# CBI files chargesheet against six for Sitalkuchi post-poll violence death

**New Delhi:** The CBI has filed a chargesheet against six persons, said to be TMC workers, in connection with the killing of a man during post-poll violence at Sitalkuchi in West Bengal's Cooch Behar district.

All the six chargesheeted accused accused residents of Cooch Behar district. The agency filed the chargeheet before the court of ACJM, Mathabhanga, Cooch Behar, the CBI said.

The CBI had registered this case on August 27 on the orders of Calcutta High Court. Following the High Court order dated August 19, the agency took over the investigation of the case, earlier registered at Police Station Sitalkuchi in Cooch Behar district as FIR No. 104/21 dated May 5, 2021 on a complaint against unknown

persons.

"It was alleged that the unknown persons who, according to the complainant, started beating her husband arbitrarily with an iron rod and fired bullets at him. He was rushed to Dinhat Hospital where he died during treatment," the agency said in a statement.

Sources said the CBI findings in the case are in sharp contrast to the allegations levelled in the State police FIR. The wife of the deceased had claimed that her family was a Trinamool Congress supporter and her husband was shot dead by "BJP goons".

The six chargesheeted accused are Tahidul Mia, Haridas Barman, Madan Barman, Naba Kumar Barman, Shyamal Barman and Arabindo Barman. **PNS**

# Calcutta HC okays Bhawanipore polls

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday turned down a petition seeking postponement of the Bhawanipore Assembly by-election where Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is a candidate

Disposing of a PIL filed by advocate Sayan Banerjee the Court allowed the poll process to continue saying "as the process of election was initiated with the issuance of a press note dated September 4, 2021, and the polling has to be held on September 30, 2021, we do not find it appropriate to interfere with the decision of the EC to hold by-election..."

The State BJP leadership earlier had demanded postponement of the elections after its senior leaders were attacked during campaign.

In the process of passing its order the Court severely criticised State Chief Secretary HK Trivedi for his alleged bias for the ruling outfit.

A division bench of Chief Justice Rakesh Bindal and Justice Rajarshi Bhadraraj ruled "we record our strong reservation about the conduct of the Chief Secretary in writing a letter to the Election Commission stating that there would be 'constitutional crisis' in case by-election to the Bhabanipur Constituency is not held.

"He is a public servant, who is to discharge his duties in terms of provisions of law, whosoever may be in power. He is not to ensure that any particular person should come in power and in the absence there would be 'constitutional crisis'..."

In the strongly worded order hitherto not directed against any Chief Secretary of the State the Court further said "merely because one person is



not elected as of now will not create any constitutional crisis as any other elected member of the Assembly can be sworn in as leader of the party and consequently, the Chief Minister."

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who was defeated in the April-May Assembly elections from Nandgram seat is contesting a by-election from her home turf Bhawanipore -- from where the TMC had trailed in 2019 general elections but won in 2021 Assembly polls --- to find a formal entry into the State Assembly.

Meanwhile, ahead of the high-voltage by-elections a BJP delegation comprising Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Anurag Thakur and M A Naqvi on Tuesday met the Election Commission of India officials and demanded imposition of Section 144 in the Assembly constituency area.

Hitting out at the TMC Government for sponsoring violence that led to alleged attacks on BJP national vice president Dilip Ghosh on Monday he said the attack on Dilip Ghosh and other BJP workers is shameful and has once again proved that under Mamata Banerjee elections are synonymous to violence."

The BJP leaders also demanded intensified patrolling and area domination by security forces. The said that at least 40 companies of CAPF would be required to cover all the booths.

In a related development all the seven persons who attacked Ghosh were arrested and released on bail Tuesday.

# Ban on global flights extended till October 31

**New Delhi:** The Government has further extended the suspension on commercial international flights till October 31, 2021. In a circular issued by the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Tuesday, however, said the restriction will not be applicable for international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by the DGCA. Also, international scheduled flights may be allowed on selected routes by the competent authority on case to case basis. "In partial modification of circular dated 26-06-2020, the competent authority has further extended the validity of circular issued on the subject cited above regarding Scheduled International commercial passenger services to/from India till 23:59 hrs IST of 31st October, 2021. This restriction shall not apply to international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by DGCA," the circular reads.

Last month, the DGCA had extended the suspension on scheduled international commercial passenger flights till 30 September.

To check the spread of the Covid-19 infection, commercial international flights were suspended since March 23, 2020. Special international flights were also operating under the 'Vande Bharat Mission' since May 2020 to bring home thousands of Indian nationals stranded abroad due to the coronavirus lockdown.

Amid pandemic, India has formed air bubble pacts with 27 countries including the US, the UK, the UAE, Kenya, Bhutan and France. Under an air bubble pact between two countries, special international flights can be operated by their airlines between their territories. **PNS**

# ED grills Maha ex-Min Anil Parab for 8 hours

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday grilled Maharashtra's former Transport Minister and Shiv Sena leader Anil Parab for eight-long hours in connection with the allegations of corruption made against him by incarcerated police officer Sachin Vaze .

The development came a day after the ED raided the residence of Shiv Sena's former MP Anandao Adsul and his son Abhijit Adsul in connection with a complaint of alleged scam worth ₹980 crore in the City Cooperative Bank Ltd, here.

Talking to media persons outside the ED's office after the questioning by the investigating agency, Parab said that he had replied to all the queries posed to him by the ED sleuths.

"I am answerable to an authority like the ED and I am not bound to reply to any individuals (the media). If called again, I shall definitely go and cooperate with them," Parab said.

On whether the ED was satisfied with his answers, Parab said he was not in a position to comment on this.

The ED investigations relate to an allegation that Vaze had made in April this year that the minister had asked him to collect Rs 50 crore to close a preliminary inquiry against Saifee Burhani Upliftment Trust (SBUT).

It may be recalled that in a four-page hand written letter to the Special Judge of the NIA court on April 7, 2021 Vaze -- who is currently in the central investigating agency's custody in the twin SUV planting and alleged Manshukh Hiran murder cases -- had claimed that Parab had called him July-August, 2020 to his official

bungalow and look into a complaint concerning the Saifee Burhani Upliftment Trust (SBUT), which was under preliminary enquiry and asked him to bring the SBUT trustees to him for negotiations about the enquiry.

"He (Parab) also insisted to initiate primary talks to get Rs.50 crore from the SBUT in order to close the said enquiry. I had expressed my inability to do any such things as I do not know anyone from the SBUT and also I did not have any control over the enquiry," Vaze had contended in his letter to the NIA court.

# HC junks bail plea by Rana Kapoor's wife

**Mumbai:** The Bombay High Court on Tuesday rejected a bail plea filed by the Yes Bank founder Rana Kapoor's wife Bindu, her daughters Roshini Kapoor and Radha Kapoor-Khanna, and a former bank senior executive Rajiv Anand, in the financial irregularities pertaining to the Dewan Housing Financials Ltd. (DHFL) cases.

While rejecting their bail pleas, Justice Bharati Dangre observed that the petitioners faced serious offences which have "resulted in serious dent to the financial health of the State" and defrauding the public at large.

The court further said that such 'heinous' offences seem to be "occurring in plenty" leading to "stultifying overall growth of the nation...and causing tremendous impairment to the economy of the nation".

# Medals conferred on 45 Assam Rifles Personnel



**New Delhi:** During the Investiture Ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Shillong, on Tuesday, the Governor of Meghalaya, Satya Pal Malik, conferred Governor's Gold and Silver Medals to 45 Assam Rifles Personnel for their stellar performance and gallantry action in service of the Nation. The ceremony was witnessed by high ranking civil and military dignitaries. The award of the Governor's Gold & Silver Medal was instituted in the year 1957, and the medals are awarded in recognition of the acts of gallantry and meritorious service rendered by the personnel of Assam Rifles. The Governor, during his address, praised the unflinching loyalty, devotion to duty & dedication exhibited by the Assam Rifles over the past 186 years while operating in the rugged and inhospitable terrain of the North East.





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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Phew!

The scare of the third wave may not be pressing but the need for precautions does not wane

The debate in India is slowly but surely shifting from the next wave to the no wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether it is empty rhetoric or for real, the country is certainly in a mood to break the shackles of lockdown but with safety precautions still in place. The faster pace of vaccination has much to do with the buoyed spirit as also the consistently reducing number of fresh cases in States, save a few. There is palpable relief as people are finally in full pursuit of economic activity. Only the educational institutions have not fully re-opened across the country. Children under 18 are yet to get vaccinated and there is worry about infection stalking them outside their homes. Schools are now offline in some States, but attendance is quite low in private schools. The people and the authorities are gearing up for the festival season that begins next month: The people to shop and enjoy, the authorities to prevent the season from turning into a super spreader. A serosurvey conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research in Odisha between August 29 and September 15 showed that at least 73 per cent of the State's population and over 93 per cent of health workers have developed antibodies against the virus. Also, no marked difference was found in post-vaccination seroprevalence in rural and urban areas and no difference in antibodies in men and women.

The results are encouraging. Given the massive vaccination exercise, the presence of antibodies, and the absence of new variants or mutations of the virus, scientists are willing to stick their necks out to say that the next wave may not be national but will be made up of local waves. Their logic is that the majority of the Indian population may by now have protection through vaccination or natural infection and that the presence of new cases indicates sustained transmission at the district or State levels which are witnessing local waves. If so, the challenge before the Union and State Governments is that much more. They claim to have the infrastructure ready to deal with a new wave. Simultaneously, they will have to prepare for a post-pandemic situation. The vaccination process has to be completed. The vaccination of children has to begin. The question of a booster dose for the infirm and people with comorbidities has to be settled. Serosurveys have to be conducted at timed intervals. Fresh testing must continue to identify the presence of new variants. As of now, the WHO has two variants of interest — Mu and C.1.2. The former, first identified in Colombia, has the potential to evade antibodies. Even if a new wave does not strike, India will have to throw itself into the global race to develop a new generation of vaccines that fully blocks transmission. That is the only way to affect a closure to the saga of this virus.

## PICTALK



Girls work out to prepare for joining the defence forces, at Flymandal

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## Combined effort

The agitation has grown manifold; the Govt and farmers must resume talks to end the stalemate

The 'Bharat Bandh' on Monday led to hue and cry in various parts of the country as the farmers called for a nationwide strike against the three contentious farm laws passed just about a year ago. Farm leader Rakesh Tikait claimed that it was a success. He said it was okay if the public experienced a "little inconvenience", let one day be in solidarity with farmers who have been experiencing troubles for the last 10 month which looks good on paper. The farmers' movement has received international attention and Monday's protest, too, was covered by international media. It worked as a deterrent on the Government's image-building drive. Tikait had also tweeted to US President Joe Biden, urging him to "focus" on the farm laws ahead of PM Modi's US visit. The farmer unions had previously staged a high scale Mahapanchayat early in September when thousands of pro-farmers charged towards Karnal's Mini Secretariat to stage a gherao which unsettled the BJP Government. Tikait is scheduled to address another Kisan Mahapanchayat in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district on

Tuesday. But the question remains whether the more antagonistic approach with protests like the Mahapanchayat and now the 'Bharat Bandh' would actually work in favour of repealing the farm laws or would they make matters worse?

The UP Government had on Sunday announced an increase in sugarcane's State Advised Price (SAP) by ₹25 per quintal for all the three varieties of the crop to woo farmers in view of the Assembly polls due next year. However, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's bid was not received well as Tikait called the hike a "big joke on farmers". The Assembly polls in multiple States are scheduled for 2022 and the farmer outfits seek to build pressure on the Centre. The BJP Government has more on Stake and now that the Prime Minister has returned from the US after attending strategically important meetings, a "small" dialogue with farmers can follow for the sake of peace in the country. The Centre also must realise that simply changing the CMs won't do. The Opposition parties, willingly or unwillingly, are likely to fuel the 'movement' at least until next year's polls. The need to address the contentious farm laws issue is a critical one which has grown from a 'bandh' in Punjab in September last year to a near-total 'Bharat Bandh' on Monday.

## The third way could be the way forward

Unlike the banking giants, the cooperative movement has been a success in India. They have been sturdily playing a seminal role

Along with the recent Cabinet expansion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has introduced a Ministry of Cooperation. Earlier, on a visit to Amul Dairy at Anand, he had called this the third way; the Prime Minister probably meant limited corporations, partnerships/proprietaryships and now also cooperatives.

Why are cooperatives, or cooperative institutions, important? One, they enable the direct participation of people in entrepreneurial activity. Two, the trust of the beneficiaries. The cooperative movement commands trust even in the developed West. An International Labour Organisation (ILO) report says that during the 2008 global financial crisis, cooperative banks reported only seven per cent of the total losses and write-offs in the Western banks. In contrast, banking giants like the Lehmann Brothers suffered huge meltdowns. Cooperative banks form 20 per cent of Europe's banking system. More than 60 per cent Americans trust the country's credit union banks, as compared to commercial ones.

The Cooperative Society Act was enacted in 1912. The Anand Milk Union Limited, which today is a global Indian brand by the name of Amul, was started in 1946, under the direction of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Cooperative societies are working from New Zealand in the east to the US in the west.

But it is in India they have a seminal role to play. Let us take the saga of Amul, the country's best known and most successful cooperative institution. Under Sardar Patel's initiative, dairy farmers of the then Kheda district of Gujarat organised themselves to form a dairy cooperative in order to directly undertake sale and processing of milk collected from member dairy farmers of the district.

Amul has made a world of difference, to not only India's dairy farming, but also the country's socioeconomic life. Figures tell this story like nothing else. During the two decades between 1950 and 1970, milk production grew by a bare one per cent annually; per capita availability of milk actually decided by an equivalent percentage in the same period. Various State Governments in the decade of



the 1960s tried different strategies to develop dairying, including establishing dairies run by their own departments. Cattle colonies were set up to enhance milk production, but were concentrated in urban areas and not in the milk sheds or cattle grazing zones.

It was Operation Flood implemented by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), which revolutionised dairy development in India. Beginning in 1970, the NDDB replicated Amul's successful model. Here, individual farmers are joined in village-level dairy cooperative societies (DCS), which in turn are joined in State-level marketing federations. The Amul pattern in each state has decentralised milk production by small milk producers, milk procurement by village-level dairy cooperative societies, centralized milk production by district-level unions and marketing of milk and milk products by the State federations.

Primary milk producers govern this entire federal cooperative structure to ensure that the higher tier organizations cater to the lower tiers and the gains at all levels flow back to the milk producers in significant measure. The Anand model enabled Operation Flood, making India the world's largest producer of milk at more than 100 million tonnes annually, val-

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ued at ₹900 billion per year.

Milk today reaches more than 750 towns and cities of the country through the National Milk Grid Network. The number of women's cooperatives has grown significantly. The cooperative model has empowered them in ways that were inconceivable decades ago. Women dairy cooperatives, with further branching out into animal husbandry, are another success story of this movement.

The cooperative movement has seen one of its great successes in Maharashtra and Karnataka, particularly the former. In Maharashtra, the cooperative movement has been embraced by the States' rural and urban folk alike.

It has also spawned across-the-board success in the production of sugar and in the banking sector. In rural Maharashtra, it is cooperative banks that hold the sway and are the preferred banking institutions to deposit money. The cooperative movement in this State has also morphed into the political sphere. The sugar cooperatives in the State have become the prima donna of political influence and power.

One cannot also deny that many cooperative banks have floundered or are struggling. This is because they have shied away from professionalising their management. Instead,

many have opted for what is sometimes derisively referred to as the "Lalu model of management". In other words, family members or cronies have been appointed in the top decision making posts. But this does not diminish the importance of the cooperative movement.

But to come back to the third way; namely, the cooperative approach can enable a farmer of even a couple of hectares of land-holding, or his urban counterpart, to be a partner in entrepreneurship. The apex cooperative and its management need to be honest as well as imaginative. Depending on the product, it can be a manufacturing or a marketing exercise, while the cooperatives at the field level would supply the input, like milk in the case of Amul. It is a marvellous idea for a country with a large population and comparatively little land. The proprietorship/partnership model is the second way for the middle rung of entrepreneurs, while the first way is of the limited company model.

(This is part of an ongoing series on India making multi-dimensional advancement across States and nations.)

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## JUSTIFIED RECOGNITION?

Sir — It is appreciable that Actor Kamal Hassan has appealed to the State Government to recognise Tamil film legend Nagesh by instituting an award in his name and installing a bust inside the MGR Film and Television Institute. There is no second opinion that the veteran actor deserves such recognition. At the same time, one is at a loss to understand why Hassan has been silent all these days to seek due recognition for other great Tamil actors, some of whom predeceased Nagesh, of course, after leaving an indelible mark in Tamil cinema.

Can we afford to forget the ever unforgettable 'Danaal' Thangavelu and Manorama? Can anyone ignore the greatest comedian of our time, JP Chandra Babu who has proved with his inherent talents of versatile acting, decent and scintillating comedy, singing, dancing and even as Director of films that he was truly fine arts personified? It would have been better if only Kamal had sought recognition for all those thespians of Tamil film industry instead for Nagesh alone.

Tharcus S Fernando | Channai

## POLITICAL TOURISTS IN GOA

Sir — No other party but the Congress in Goa seems to have the 'disgruntlement' factor playing such a decisive role in the, by now, regular exodus of its prominent members desiring to chart a different course in the State's politics. Hence the TMC's foray into local politics does not come as a big surprise. However, with disenchantment within its ranks having splintered the party many times over in the past few decades, Congress has apparently not found it worthwhile to assess the situation and go into a damage control mode. Having lost quite a few stalwarts over the years who have gone on to play distinctive roles in national politics, the Congress today faces the prospects of engaging with its own, albeit 'ex-cadres', in electoral battles across the country.

But then that has been the way politics has been played out in the country

## Vaccine fellowship to resume



India, one of the world's largest suppliers of vaccines, is likely to resume the export of surplus vaccines in the ensuing month to fulfill its commitments towards its vaccine initiative. The vaccination drive which commenced in January this year with which India rolled out millions of doses as aid has been appreciated by many countries. Made-in-India drugs are cheaper, particularly for low-income and developing markets and are more suitable for countries with weak cold chains and infrastructure facilities. To date, India has supplied nearly 66 million free vaccines around the world to 95 countries. Bhutan and Maldives were the

first countries to receive vaccines as a grant by India. Bangladesh received the most COVID-19 doses under 'Vaccine Maitri'. However, India had to stop the exports in the middle of April due to a severe shortage.

With the enhanced production of vaccines through technology transfer, India is now in a position to meet the domestic requirements as well as to export to the needy countries in the next quarter under the 'Vaccine Maitri' program. As per the recent statistics, the domestic vaccination rate has increased drastically in the last few weeks with more than one crore doses being administered on several days. This is a milestone for India after a horrid second wave. Further, India went a step further and developed the world's first DNA vaccine against COVID-19 that can be given to everyone above 12 years of age. India seems to be confident to meet the target requirements for successful completion of the world's largest vaccination drive.

Krishna K Vepakomma | Hyderabad

over the ages. However, with politics in the country having moved along predictable paths all these years, it will always be lamented that the electorate has not been given much to choose from. Will the arrival of the Trinamool Congress in the State's political horizon afford Goans a chance to redeem their electoral options? With almost all the major national parties having a palpable presence in the State now, Goans could well look forward to a slew of fresh faces contesting the coming elections.

Pachu Menon | Goa

## NOISE POLLUTION MUST BE HEARD

Sir — Noise pollution is a danger we often laugh off. We think that it's not that serious of a problem but indeed it's a slow poison which only grows with each passing day. We believe that the health issues we suffer such as unstable blood pressure, stress and depression, heart diseases etc. are all because of poor diet and sedentary lifestyle but often undermine the repercus-

sions of noise pollution. The cases of high blood pressure and heart diseases in children are very common today, children are often hooked to video games where high pitched sounds are common which takes a toll on their health.

Parents should take the responsibility to make their children understand the consequences of these high pitched sounds in games and prolonged use of in-ear earphones. Noise pollution is not all about honking cars and traffic sounds or super loud DJs, it can be there in a pair of tiny earbuds. The administration in all the cities should strictly prohibit the use of loud exhaust systems in motorcycles as their engines produce about 95 decibels of sound and sounds above 70 decibels start damaging our hearing capacity. These steps should be taken at the earliest or else we are looking at a disease-ridden future.

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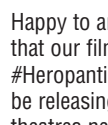
The PM met people on his US trip, while we have been asking him to meet us for so long but he is not willing.

—Farm leader  
Rakesh Tikait



The Indian press is much better behaved than the American press. I have to watch out.

—US President  
Joe Biden



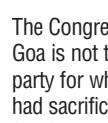
Happy to announce that our film #Heropant2 will be releasing in theatres near you on Eid 2022.

—Actor  
Tiger Shroff



I don't know why some ex-Pakistan players are cursing the IPL (Indian Premier League) for no reason.

—PCB Chairman  
Ramiz Raja



The Congress in Goa is not the same party for which we had sacrificed and fought. It is functioning contrary to its principles.


—Former Goa Chief Minister  
Luizinho Faleiro



FIRST COLUMN

NO COERCION TO REDUCE POPULATION

Promote education among girls and awareness about family planning



BRIJENDER SINGH PANWAR

The announcement of the new population policy - Uttar Pradesh Population (Control, Stabilization and Welfare) Bill, 2021 — by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on the eve of World Population Day in July has opened a Pandora's box and provided fresh ammunition to the opposition in the backdrop of the state legislative elections scheduled early next year. Some of the birth control measures in the Bill are coercive in nature. While recommending a two-child policy per couple, the state offers both incentives and disincentives. Government servants following the two-child norm would get two additional increments during their service apart from maternity or paternity leave for 12 months with full salary and a three per cent increase in the employment contribution fund. Those who fail to follow the norms



would be debarred from contesting local bodies polls, would not be eligible to apply for government jobs, would be deprived of promotion, if in service, and would not get the benefits of subsidies.

This move should have been welcomed, especially when since 1990s 12 other states have experimented with some form of a two-child policy. However, Chattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana have since revoked the norms. These states also had strong disincentives. So, why are the opposition parties making so much noise? The main reason is the timing of this announcement just before the elections and the apprehension that the Muslim community is being targeted. The announcement has, once again, brought to the fore some pertinent questions about India's population growth and its policies. First, is population explosion such a major issue? Second, is there a need to adopt coercive methods as proposed in the UP bill? Third, would the adoption of the suggested measures be an effective step in solving the problem? Fourth, is the Muslim population growing so rapidly that it will lead to overtaking of Hindus in numbers over a period of time? And lastly, what is the best option available to control the population? We need to provide convincing answers to these relevant questions. Undoubtedly, increase in population is a serious issue. India's population will surpass China's by 2027. About the need for coercive methods, Union Minister of State for Health and family Welfare, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, has categorically denied that there is a push to impose a two-child norm. Thirdly, a two-child norm, it has been seen, has resulted in rise of sex-selective and unsafe abortions. Moreover, to contest local body elections, some men went to the extent of divorcing their wives or gave up their children for adoption to avoid disqualification. Fourthly, according to the 2011 census, the highest number of Muslims in the country - over 38 million — live in Uttar Pradesh. However, the community still accounts for less than 20 per cent of the state's population. As per official data, between 2001 and 2011, Hindus grew at two percent annually while Muslims grew at 2.5 per cent. A finding of the Population Foundation of India reveals that while the Hindu growth rate declined by 5.6 percentage points in the last two decades, for Muslims, the decline was even faster, at 6.1 percentage points during the same period. So, what is the best course available to solve the problem of population explosion? In India, Total Fertility Rate for women with more than 12 years of education is 1.7 compared to 3.1 for the illiterate. So, the way out is promoting education among girls, awareness about family planning, easier access to contraception, incentivizing late marriages and child births and promoting participation of women in workforce.

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# Maintaining the ecological balance



DEVENDER SINGH ASWAL

## The objective of environmental laws is to conserve, sustain and manage the environment without which the 'right to life' remains inconceivable

You must show it is a ministry for environment and not just of environment", chastised the Supreme Court as recently as in June, 2021, when the Ministry of Environment, challenged the order of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) finding faults with a government notification of 2017, diluting effluent discharge norms for the sewage treatment plants. The Court bemoaned the constant dilution of environmental standards and refused to stay the NGT order.

In a landmark judgement passed on August 31, 2021, the Court refused to interfere with the judgment of the Allahabad High Court directing the demolition of the 40-storey twin towers constructed by a real state major in Noida in contravention of the environmental and other building bye-laws.

The Court has through such judgments expanded the ambit and the scope of article 21 which declares that "no person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law...". The Court overruled its judgment in AK Gopalan vs the State of Madras (1950) and in Maneka Gandhi vs the Union of India (1978) and held that "the procedure" under Article 21 has to be fair, just and reasonable and would also have to be tested with Article 14. In their latest judgement in KS Puttaswamy vs Union of India, a nine-judge bench unanimously held the right to privacy as an integral part of fundamental rights. In the same judgment, it also upheld the minority view of Justice HR Khanna in the ADM Jabalpur case (1976) who had held that "right to life is inalienable" and that it existed before "the advent of the Constitution".

The right to life is guaranteed and not granted. The enjoyment of the right to life is inconceivable without safe and sustainable environment. And the courts ensure this connection between the two. Article 142 empowers the Court to pass such decree or order as may be necessary to render complete justice. Under this Article, the Court can "fashion new tools, forge new methods, innovate new strategies and evolve a new jurisprudence" so as to render complete justice. It has done precisely that to respect the link between environment and right to life.

The objective of environmental laws is to conserve, sustain and manage the environment so that life remains sustainable. The Constitution casts an obligation on the State to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard the forests and wildlife, rivers and lakes and also to have compassion for living creatures. The 42nd Constitution Amendment removed forests and wildlife from the State List of the Constitution and included them in the Concurrent List. Article 48A, a Directive Principle of State Policy, and Article 51A, both inserted by the 42nd Amendment, cast an obligation on the State as well as



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on the citizens to endeavour to protect and improve the natural environment, water bodies and to safeguard the forests and the wildlife. The Parliament has enacted laws for protection and conservation of environment, wildlife, and prevention of water and air pollution. Despite a wide array of environmental laws and India's declared commitment to sustainable development made as early as 1992 at Rio Conference, due to wide gaps, omissions, contraventions and inadequacies in environmental governance, there have been a large number of public agitations, movements and protracted litigations to conserve and preserve the environment. The apex Court through a catena of path-breaking judgments intertwined the right to life with sustainable environment.

In MC Mehta vs Union of India (1984), the Court issued a series of directives, banning coal-based and other industries in the immediate vicinity of the Taj. Directions were also issued for making suitable traffic arrangement and creation of a tree belt to insulate the Taj from pollution. In 1985, the Court directed that the polluting industries/tanneries set up sewage treatment plants at their own cost and discharge treated water in the river. The Court in another case ordered relocation of hazardous and noxious industries operating in Delhi and directed mandatory conversion of conventional fuel by compressed natural gas. In Subhash Kumar vs State of Bihar (1991), the Court held that the Right to get pollution free water and air is a right under

Article 21. Public health and ecology were held to be priorities under Article 21. In TN Godavarman Thirumulpad case (1995), the Court ruled that no forests, national park or wildlife sanctuary can be de-reserved without its explicit permission and that no on-forestry activity will be permitted in a national park or wildlife sanctuary, among others. The Court also imposed complete ban on cutting trees and moving timber from the north-eastern states and felling of trees in Uttarakhand, Himachal, J&K and the hilly areas of West Bengal. In MC Mehta vs Kamal Nath (1996), the Court held that leased forest land was situated on the bank of river Beas being fragile, cannot be converted into private ownership. The Court quashed the lease and passed order to pay the compensation for restitution of environment and ecology of the area.

In Indian Council for Environmental Action Etc. case (1996), the Court held that the industries producing chemicals like Oleum and Sludge Phosphate which caused damage to nearby villages were responsible for the damages on the principle of "polluter pays". In Vellore Citizens Welfare Forum case (1996), observing that the river Palar was the main source for drinking and bathing for the people nearby, the Court granted the relief sought by the petitioners.

The Court directed to maintain ecological balance in Narmada Bachao Andolan vs Union of India (2000). In KM Chinnappan and T. N. Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India (2002), the Court ruled that the "the State and the cit-

izens are under obligation to protect and improve the environment, including forests, lakes, rivers, wildlife and to have compassion for living creatures". In the Research Foundation for Science Technology National Resource Policy vs Union of India and Another (2005), the Court read procedural guarantees into Article 21, that is, the right to information and community participation for protection of environment and human health. Almitra H. Patel & Ors. vs Union of India & Ors. is a case that comprises of a series of a petitions made before the Supreme Court in 1996. In compliance of the directions of the Court, rules were evolved for the management and handling of hazardous wastes. In yet another case — MC Mehta vs Union of India — the Court passed an order in December 2015 for diversion of commercial vehicles coming from the adjoining States so as to bring down pollution level in Delhi and also directed that all manner of commercial taxies run on CNG.

The judgements of the apex Court have fostered sound environmental jurisprudence, reminding us of the deep veneration and gratitude of the Vedic seers to Mother Earth for sustaining life. The Prithvi Sukta of the Atharva Veda, exhorts for keeping the Earth free from human pressure so that it is able to nourish us. The Court has broadened the horizon of the right to life and conjoined it with environment by enunciating sound principles like, the polluter pays, the precautionary principle, inter-generational equity, the public trust principle, etc.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

THE TMC WORKERS ATTACKED US AND HURLED ABUSES WITHOUT PROVOCATION DURING OUR CAMPAIGN IN BHOWANIPUR. —BJP NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT DILIP GHOSH



NO HARM WAS DONE TO HIM. HE WAS SMILING AND CHANTING JAI SHRI RAM. ALL THIS WAS A DRAMA TO GET ATTENTION. —TMC LEADER SAUGATA ROY

# Still awaiting a permanent seat in the UNSC

## Though the United States and other countries talk of reforms in the United Nations, the world body's reform movement has been at a snail's pace



KALYANI SHANKAR

India has been in quest of a place at the UN high table for a long. The issue has arisen again during last week's bilateral meeting in Washington between US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

India has been lobbying for the Security Council's expansion and has staked its claim for a place. At least four American Presidents — George Bush, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and now Joe Biden — have openly declared their support to India's candidacy. In November 2010, Barack Obama said he looked forward to India becoming a permanent member of a reformed UNSC. Trump, too, backed India's claim. Now, Joe

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Biden has joined the list, also reiterating his support for India's entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group. However, no sign of UN reforms so far. India was elected as a non-permanent member of the powerful Security Council for two years in June 2020. She served eight two-year terms earlier.

As a UN founder member, we have a strong case. India has the world's second-largest population and is the world's largest democracy. The country has been consistent in its contribution to the UN peacekeeping missions and has sent close to 200,000 troops, including an all-women force in 2007. Should India become a permanent member, it would have the ability to shape a range of

global institutions and regimes. Last September, frustrated at the snail's pace of the reform movement, Modi, while addressing the UNGA, asked, "Till when do we have to wait?" Currently, the Council does not represent the developing world and global needs — with the importance of policy resting with the Permanent Five (P-5) — US, UK, Russia, China, and France. Any one of them could sabotage any proposal with their veto power. Four

out of the five permanent members back India's claim to UNSC. They have bilaterally expressed support for its candidature. But none of the P-5 is in any hurry to relinquish their veto-wielding seat on the Council. India, Brazil, South Africa, Germany, and Japan are solid contenders for permanent membership of the Council, forming a G-4 pressure group.

The story of India's claim to the Council goes back to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's time. His critics, then and now, accuse him of sacrificing India's national interest on the grounds of international morality. Reports claim that back in 1950, the US quietly sounded New Delhi about replacing Taiwan on the Council. Nehru demurred

and suggested that it should go to the People's Republic of China. Similarly, he is reported to have declined Soviet Russia's modest proposal in 1955. Nehru wrote to his sister Vijayalakshmi Pandit, "India, because of many factors is certainly entitled to a permanent seat in the Security Council but we are not going in at the cost of China". He obviously did not visualize China's future growth.

Going by the trend, the world body is not in a hurry for reform. Though the US and other countries talk of reform, it is not a priority for the UN. Every UN Secretary General has pleaded for reform. Former SG Kofi Annan (2015) has aptly said if the UNSC does not appoint

new permanent members, its primacy may be challenged by some of the new emerging countries. He noted that the Council has thus become an organization that can pass strong resolutions against weak countries and weak resolutions against solid countries. This indicates the helplessness of the UN in dealing with P-5 on the subject.

This brings us to whether the UN has performed its role in the past 75 years. Critics point out that several authoritarian rulers have used conventional weapons against innocent citizens on the UN watch. Moreover, the UN resolutions are non-binding. The World Body was supposed to prevent conflicts and war, yet over 80 clashes have started since its incep-

tion. The US Presidents, from Bush to Trump, have all criticized the UN for its functioning. UN is also facing a resource crunch because members, including the US, do not pay their contribution in time.

Despite all complaints and criticism, the UN is currently the only international organization where leaders from different countries come together to work out some of the world's problems. It takes time to build a world body like the UN. Instead of destroying it, it should be reformed. That is why India is lobbying for its rightful place in the UN sooner than later. Who will reform the UN is indeed a question mark, which needs to be answered by the P-5.



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JAPAN TO LIFT COVID EMERGENCY STEPS

Tokyo: Japan's Government announced on Tuesday that the coronavirus state of emergency will end this week so the economy can be reactivated as infections slow.

HURRICANE SAM SWIRLING OVER ATLANTIC

Miami: Hurricane Sam strengthened again to a powerful Category 4 storm on Tuesday, centered well offshore in the Atlantic Ocean but still capable of sending dangerous swells and rip currents later this week to the Bahamas, Bermuda and eventually the US Coast.

80 ABUSE CASES TIED TO WHO'S CONGO WORK

Beni (Congo): A panel commissioned by the WHO has identified more than 80 alleged cases of sex abuse during the UN health agency's response to an Ebola outbreak in Congo, including allegations implicating 20 WHO staff members.

CLASHES OVER YEMENI CITY KILL 130 FIGHTERS

Sana'a: Two days of fierce clashes between Yemeni government forces and the country's Houthi rebels over a crucial central city have killed more than 130 fighters, mostly rebels, officials said on Tuesday. The escalation of fighting over the energy-rich city of Marib comes as President Joe Biden's national security adviser Jake Sullivan travelled to Saudi Arabia to meet with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as Washington presses for a cease-fire in the Yemen's war.

FBI: 2020 HOMICIDES UP 30%, LARGEST 1-YR JUMP

Washington: Homicides in the US in 2020 increased nearly 30% over the previous year, the largest one-year jump since the FBI began keeping records, according to figures released on Monday by the agency. Homicides and non-negligent manslaughters climbed an estimated 29.4% to 21,570, an increase of 4,901 over 2019, FBI data showed. It is the highest estimated total since the early 1990s, when homicides stayed above 23,000 a year as drug wars played out in many places in the US Violent crimes in 2020 went up by a more moderate 5.6%.

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Month	Period	Timings		Quantum of Power (MW)	Minimum Bid Quantity (MW)	Delivery Point
		From	To			
Oct-2021	08.10.21 to 31.10.21	00:00	24:00	300	50	Uttarakhand
Nov-2021	01.11.21 to 30.11.21	00:00	24:00	300	50	State
Dec-2021	01.12.21 to 31.12.21	00:00	24:00	300	50	Periphery

The timelines for short term procurement/bid process and activities thereafter are as under:-

Last Date of request for purchase of tender document	04/10/2021 upto 13:00 hrs
Last date and time of submission of e-tender document	04/10/2021 upto 14:00 hrs
Date and time of opening of tender document (Part-1)	04/10/2021 at 16:00 hrs
Date and time of opening of Initial Price Offer (IPO) & e-Reverse Auction (e-RA).	06/10/2021 at 12:30 hrs.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of Bank Guarantee should be in favour of Executive Engineer (CM), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun and to be submitted in the office of SE(Commercial), UPCL, VCB Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun

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The qualifying requirements for a bidder to bid for this tender are as follows:

- The bidder must quote not less than 50 MW quantum of power from single source of generation.
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- The bidder must submit the details of Bidder Company as per Annexure 'A' of tender specification for consideration of their bid. Bidder shall ensure submission of (General/Technical/Financial Information for last three years supported by unabridged Annual Financial Statements, assets and liabilities statements and other financial statements duly certified.)
- If Bidder is a Trader, it should submit a copy of valid Category license or equivalent Trading License issued by CERC/Appropriate Commission.
- If Bidder is a Trader, it should submit a copy of at least one number executed power purchase agreement or an equivalent arrangement for supply of power/Letter of intent.
- The consultancy/Joint Venture firm deputed by UPCL as a consultant shall not be eligible for participating in aforesaid tender
- The bidder has to submit a self declaration in Rs. 100/- non judicial stamp paper declaring that the bidder has cleared all his dues/liabilities and has no outstanding net financial liability/net dues towards UPCL on the last date of submission of bid.
- UPCL being a distribution licensee is having Long Term Access. Accordingly, no Short Term Open Access charges shall be payable for inter-state transmission system as per the Regulation dated 04.05.2020.
- Application for Open Access shall be made by bidder/trader on behalf of UPCL. Timely application shall be made to ensure supply of contracted capacity on RTC basis at delivery point and all applicable charges shall be to the account of bidder. Any subsequent applications for change in approved open access quantum shall be only with prior written consent of UPCL. Any consequences towards delay in application shall be to the account of bidder.

UPCL reserve the right to unilaterally reject the bid at any stage of the processing of the tender if any declaration submitted by the bidder is found false/incorrect/misrepresented. The documents will be issued to the bidders only through e-tender i.e. (www.msstcecommerce.com). E-tenders will be received and opened on the dates as mentioned above. In case the above date is holiday, the tenders will be received & opened on the next working day at same time. The undersigned reserves the right to refuse to issue the tender documents to any applicant and also to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof and no claim on this account shall be acceptable. The tenders received after the date & time mentioned above shall not be considered. Bid will be submitted on (www.msstcecommerce.com) only and hard copy of technical bid will also be submitted to the office of SE (Commercial), UPCL. All other details and terms & conditions are available in tender document. For any assistance on E-tendering, please contact on telephone number 011-23217850.

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# Taliban issue no-shave order to barbers in Af

AP ■ KABUL

The Taliban banned barber-shops in a southern Afghanistan province from shaving or trimming beards, claiming their edict is in line with Shariah, or Islamic, law.

The order in Helmand province was issued Monday by the provincial Taliban government's vice and virtue department to barbers in Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital.

"Since I have heard (about the ban on trimming beards) I am heart broken," said Bilal Ahmad, a Lashkar Gah resident. "This is the city and everyone follows a way of living, so they have to be left alone to do whatever they want."

During their previous rule of Afghanistan, the Taliban adhered to a harsh interpretation of Islam. Since overruling Kabul on Aug. 15 and again taking control of the country, the world has been watching to see whether they will re-create their strict governance of the late 1990s.

Some indication came on Saturday, when Taliban fighters killed four alleged kidnappers and later hung their bodies in the public squares of the western city of Herat.

"If anyone violates the rule



(they) will be punished and no one has a right to complain," said the order issued to the barbers. It wasn't immediately clear what penalties the barbers could face if they don't adhere to the no shaving or trimming rule.

During the Taliban's previous rule, the conservative Islamists demanded that men grow beards. Since being ousted from power following the US-led invasion in 2001, many men have opted for no or cleanly trimmed beards.

Barbershop owner Jalaluddin, who like many Afghans goes by only one name, said he hoped the Taliban would reconsider their

demands.

"I request our Taliban brothers to give freedom to people to live the way they want, if they want to trim their beard or hair," he said. "Now we have few clients coming to us, they are scared, they don't want to trim their hair or beards, so I request them let people free, so we have our business and people can freely come to us."

Another barbershop owner, Sher Afzal, also said the decree hurt the bottom line. "If someone comes for a haircut, they will come back to us after 40 to 45 days, so it is affecting our business like any other businesses," he said.

# Pak home to 12 foreign terrorist outfits: Report

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Pakistan is home to at least 12 groups designated as 'foreign terrorist organisations' by the US, including five of them being India-centric like the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), according to the latest Congressional report on terrorism.

US officials have identified Pakistan as a base of operations or target for numerous armed and non-state militant groups, some of which have existed since the 1980s, the independent Congressional Research Service (CRS) said in the report.

The report, 'Terrorist and Other Militant Groups in Pakistan', released by the bipartisan research wing of US Congress on the eve of the historic Quad summit hosted by US President Joe Biden at the White House last week, said that these groups operating in Pakistan can be broadly categorised into five types — globally-oriented, Afghanistan-oriented, India and Kashmir-oriented, domestically oriented, and Sectarian (anti-Shia).

The Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was formed in the late 1980s in Pakistan and designated as a



foreign terrorist organisation (FTO) in 2001.

"LET was responsible for major 2008 attacks in Mumbai, India, as well as numerous other high-profile attacks," the CRS said.

Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) was founded in 2000 by Kashmiri terrorist leader Masood Azhar and was designated as an FTO in 2001. Along with LET, it was responsible for the 2001 attack on the Indian Parliament, among other attacks, it said.

JeM also has openly declared war on the United States, it noted.

Harakat-ul Jihad Islami (HuJI) was formed in 1980 in

Afghanistan to fight the Soviet army and was designated as an FTO in 2010. After 1989, it redirected its efforts toward India, although it did supply fighters to the Afghan Taliban.

"With an unknown strength, HuJI today operates in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and India, and seeks annexation of Kashmir into Pakistan," the report said, adding that HUM was designated as an FTO in 1997 and operates mainly from Pak-Occupied Kashmir and from some Pakistani cities.

Finally, Hizb-ul Mujahideen (HM) was formed in 1989 — reportedly as the militant wing of Pakistan's largest Islamist political party — and designated as an FTO in 2017. It is one of the largest and oldest militant groups operating in Jammu & Kashmir.

Among other terrorist groups operating from Pakistan are Al Qaeda, CRS said, adding that it has operated primarily from the former Federally Administered Tribal Areas and in the megacity of Karachi, as well as in Afghanistan. It has since 2011 been led by Ayman al-Zawahiri and reportedly maintains supportive ties with many of the groups inside the country.

# China, NATO officials discuss Afghanistan, regional tensions

Beijing: China's top diplomat has held a virtual meeting with NATO's chief to discuss the situation in Afghanistan, amid longstanding disagreements between Beijing and the US-led alliance over regional policies. The Chinese Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that the discussions had been "positive and constructive". Foreign Minister Wang Yi and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg had spoken the previous day, according to the statement, focusing on "issues of common concern."

Chinese officials gave no further details of the talks.

Beijing long opposed the presence of U.S. And NATO forces in Afghanistan — with which it shares a narrow border — while benefiting from the relative stability that presence provided. It has been strongly critical of the sham-bolic US withdrawal that paved the way for the Taliban sweeping to power, calling it hasty and irresponsible.

Beijing said the two officials speaking Monday agreed to "raise the standard of dialogue to advance practical cooperation" between China and NATO on issues including counterterrorism, anti-piracy, cyber security and international peacekeeping. AP

# Germany sees calls for quick decisions on new Govt

AP ■ BERLIN

Pressure grew for a quick start to talks on Germany's next Government as newly elected lawmakers held their first meetings on Tuesday and tensions simmered in outgoing Chancellor Angela Merkel's bloc, which declined to its worst-ever result in the country's election.

The narrow winners of Sunday's parliamentary election, the center-left Social Democrats of Olaf Scholz, underlined their hopes of a quick start to talks with the likely kingmakers in a new government. And several promi-

nent figures in Merkel's center-right Union bloc questioned an initial push by election loser Armin Laschet to lead a new administration.

Since neither of the traditional big parties wants to renew their outgoing "grand coalition" of rivals, the third- and fourth-placed parties — the environmentalist Greens and the business-friendly Free Democrats — appear to hold the keys to a parliamentary majority. Leaders of those parties plan to meet each other this week to search for common ground before entertaining advances from potential suitors.

# France, Greece sign defence deal, Athens to buy 3 warships

AP ■ PARIS

France and Greece on Tuesday announced a multibillion-euro defense deal, including Athens' decision to buy three French warships as part of a strategy to boost its defense capacities in the Eastern Mediterranean amid recurring tensions with long-time foe Turkey.

President Emmanuel Macron and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis announced a defense and security strategic partnership in a joint news conference in Paris.

"This partnership expresses our will to increase and intensify our cooperation in the defense and security sector based on our mutual interests," Macron said.

It will "help protect the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity of both states." Greece will purchase three French frigates to be built by



Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, left, and French President Emmanuel Macron shake hands after the signing of a new defense deal at The Elysee Palace on Tuesday in Paris

defense contractor Naval Group in Lorient, in western France.

The deal includes an option for the acquisition of a fourth frigate.

Mitsotakis said it comes "out of national motivation to shield our country," but also has "a European motive as it strengthens our common defense industry."

# White House defends Prez Biden's remarks Indian media is 'better behaved' than US press

Washington: The White House has tried to pacify an upset American media over Joe Biden's off the cuff remarks that the Indian press is "better behaved" than their US counterparts, with a senior official saying the President's comments were not meant as a "hard cut" on them.

President Biden during his first in-person bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House on Friday praised the Indian press, calling it "better behaved" than the US media, criticising American reporters for asking questions that are not "on point" in front of a foreign head of government state.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki on Monday faced a number of questions on Biden's comments from American journalists but defended the President's remarks.

"I think what he said is that they're not always 'on point.' Now, I know that isn't something that anyone wants to hear here. But what I think he was conveying is, you know, today, he might want to talk about Covid vaccines; some of the questions were about that. He might want to talk about — and some of the questions are not always about the topic he's talking about that day," Psaki said. PTI

# Thunberg chides leaders for 'blah, blah, blah' on climate

AP ■ MILAN

Youth climate activists Vanessa Nakate and Greta Thunberg chastised global leaders on Tuesday for failing to meet funding pledges and for delivering too much "blah blah blah" as climate change wreaks havoc around the world. They even cast doubt on the intentions behind a youth climate gathering where they were speaking in Milan.

Four hundred climate activists from 180 countries were invited to Italy's financial capital for a three-day Youth4Climate summit that will send its recommendations to a major United Nations climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, that begins October 31. But participants are demanding more accountability from leaders and a bigger official role for young people.

"They invite cherry-picked young people to pretend they are listening to us," Thunberg said. "But they are not. They are clearly not listening to us. Just look at the numbers. Emissions are still rising. The science doesn't lie. Leaders like to say, We can do it. They obviously don't mean it. But we do," the Swedish activist said.

Nakate, a 24-year-old activist



Ugandan climate activist Vanessa Nakate, right, is comforted by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg as she is overcome by emotion after speaking at the opening of a three-day Youth for Climate summit in Milan, Italy on Tuesday

from Uganda, said pledges of 100 billion euros (\$117 billion) a year to help countries particularly vulnerable to the impact of climate change has not materialized, even as wildfires in California and Greece and floods in Germany and Belgium show that "loss and damage is now possible everywhere."

"In fact, funds were promised by 2020, and we are still waiting," she said. "No more empty conferences. It's time to show us the money. It's time, it's time, it's time. And don't forget to listen to the most affected people and areas."

Nakata dramatically underlined how climate change is affecting the African continent, "which is ironic given that Africa is the lowest emitter of CO2 emissions of any continent except Antarctica."

Just last week, she said she saw police taking away a body that had been washed away by violent storms in the Ugandan capital of Kampala, while others searched for more victims. Her mother told her that one man dragged off by the water had been trying to save the goods he was selling from being washed away.

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

A top American diplomat will visit India next month to hold talks with her Indian counterpart on bilateral and regional issues, the US State Department has said, days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a successful bilateral summit here with President Joe Biden.

Deputy Secretary of State Wendy R Sherman will travel to New Delhi on October 6 and to Mumbai on the next day, the State Department said on Monday.

"Sherman will be in New

Delhi on October 6 for a series of bilateral meetings, civil society events, and the India Ideas Summit. On October 7, she will travel to Mumbai for her engagements with business and civil society," it said.

From Mumbai, she will fly to Islamabad to meet with senior officials in Pakistan, the department said.

Before arriving in Delhi, Sherman will also visit Switzerland and Uzbekistan, beginning September 29.

India and the US are scheduled to hold their first 2+2 summit under the Biden administration in November.

# GOP blocks Bill to keep Govt going

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Republican senators blocked a Bill to keep the Government operating and allow federal borrowing, but Democrats aiming to avert a shutdown pledged to try again — at the same time pressing ahead on President Joe Biden's big plans to reshape Government.

The efforts are not necessarily linked, but the fiscal yearend deadline to fund the government past Thursday is bumping up against the Democrats' desire to make progress on Biden's expansive \$3.5 trillion federal overhaul.

It's all making for a tumultuous moment for Biden and his party, with consequences certain to shape his presidency and the lawmakers' own political futures.

"You know me, I'm a born optimist," Biden told reporters Monday, as he rolled up his sleeve for a Covid-19 booster shot. "We're gonna get it done."



# Govt looks to announce winning bid for AI in Oct

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Government proposes to wrap up the divestment of Air India by the middle of next month with the announcement of winning bid for the national carrier.

Sources indicated that tentatively October 15 has been kept the date for announcing the winning bid for Air India while the financial bids received for the carrier may be opened anytime this week.

Centre on September 15 received multiple financial bids for divestment of Air India. Accordingly, Tata Sons and industrialist Ajay Singh in his personal capacity are believed

to have submitted financial bids for Air India.

Sources indicated while Tatas are front runners to get hold of the carrier, all bids would be evaluated on various parameters and the winning bidder would be announced after approval of the group of ministers (GoM) headed by the home minister. Taking to Twitter, DIPAM Secretary, Tuhin Kanta Pandey had earlier said that the disinvestment process has moved to the concluding stage. "Financial bids for Air India disinvestment received by Transaction Adviser. Process now moves to the concluding stage," he had posted earlier this month.

The Tatas bid was much-anticipated as its name had been doing the rounds for some ti The Government has of late taken several steps to fast-track the much-delayed privatisation of the national carrier. Recently, the government decided to waive taxes on the transfer of assets from the national carrier to Air India Assets Holding Ltd, a special purpose vehicle (SPV). During the Budget speech for FY22, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that all the proposed privatisation process would be completed by the end of the fiscal, including the much-delayed strategic disinvestment of Air India.



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said there should be no compromise on data privacy and safeguard of client data with an increasing number of Indians now using digital mode of payment. Addressing the fintech industry, the minister said the value of digital transactions jumped to Rs 6 lakh crore in January-August 2021 from Rs 4 lakh crore and Rs 2 lakh crore in 2020 and 2019, respectively. "Data privacy is one of the

things which is very important and it is an issue on which there can be a lot of contentious views. However, basic respect for privacy...As the guiding principle is well appreciated.

"Safeguard of client data, is something which I think is the backbone to bringing trust. Unless my data is safeguarded well I wouldn't want to get into a scheme of things. So that is the guiding principle," Sitharaman said at the 'Global FinTech Fest 2021'.

During the event, a report on 'UN principles for responsible digital payments' was launched which outlines guiding principles for the government, users and for industry and businesses. The report also emphasises on including women and their participation in fintech.

**'Banks, big tech cos, fintech can collaborate to further financial services'**

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Banks, big technology companies and fintech can collaborate for better customer acquisition and use analytics for an informed credit decision, Standard Chartered Bank MD Zarin Daruwala said on Tuesday.

"It is about co-existence that to my mind, will evolve in the next few years," Daruwala said while speaking at a fintech webinar.

## Fintech firms can check digital frauds: RBI Dy Guv Sankar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Technology-driven fintech firms can play multiple roles in areas such as digital fraud prevention, financial inclusion and cross-border payments, said RBI Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar.

The technological innovation in finance, he said, also raises hopes of substantial efficiency gains, better customer experience and greater social welfare.

While talking about the potential of the fintech firms, Sankar also underlined the need for effectively dealing with "threats of online frauds, compromise of customer credentials and data privacy and safety for the spring of hope not to turn into the winter of despair."

He was speaking at Global FinTech Fest 2021 (GFF 2021), hosted by the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC), Payments Council of India (PCI), National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) along with IAMAI.

## Sensex tanks 410 pts, Nifty ends below 17,750 on weak global trends

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark Sensex tumbled by 410 points or 0.68 per cent on Tuesday due to heavy selling in IT, financials and telecom stocks in line with weak global trends as US bond yields rebounded.

After plunging over 1,032 points during the session, the 30-share BSE barometer pared some losses to end 410.28 points or 0.68 per cent lower at 59,667.60.

The broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange declined by 106.50 points or 0.60 per cent to close at 17,748.60, dragged down by Bharti Airtel and Tech Mahindra.

As many 32 of Nifty constituents declined while 18 advanced. Bharti Airtel was the top loser in the Sensex pack, shedding nearly 4 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, HCL Tech and Infosys.

However, gains in

Reliance Industries, Kotak Bank and PowerGrid restricted the losses in the index. NTPC, Sun Pharma, Titan, and Dr Reddy's were also among the gainers.

"Following negative global cues and profit-booking in IT and realty sectors, the domestic market hit rough weather, however, it witnessed a rebound towards the closing," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

A rise in US bond yields and crude oil price along with the Chinese energy crisis acted as key headwinds to the ongoing rally in the global market, he added.

A power shortage in some parts of China led to temporary closure of factories under a measure to meet energy use targets.

Analysts feared that the shut down could have global impact, including on supplies needed for manufacturing throughout Asia ahead of the year-end shopping season.

## Sebi board clears gold exchange framework, trading in electronic gold receipts

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Sebi's board on Tuesday cleared a proposal for setting up a gold exchange wherein the yellow metal will be traded in the form of electronic gold receipts and the bourse will help in having a transparent domestic spot price discovery mechanism.

The instruments representing gold will be called Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) and will be notified as securities, Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi said at a press conference after the board meeting.

"EGRs will have the trading, clearing and settlement features akin to any other securities," he said.

Any recognised stock exchange, existing as well as new, can launch trading in EGRs in a separate segment. The denomination for trading of EGR and conversion of EGR into gold can be decided by the stock exchanges with the approval of Sebi.

The gold exchange, encompassing the entire ecosystem of trading of EGR and physical delivery of gold, is expected to create a vibrant gold ecosystem in India, Sebi said.

According to the regulator, the exchange would be a national platform for buying and selling EGRs with underlying standardised gold in India and also create a national pricing structure for gold.

"The gold exchange is expected to offer a host of benefits for the value chain participants as well as for the entire gold market ecosystem such as efficient and transparent price discovery, investment liquidity, assurance in the quality of gold etc," Sebi noted.

## Petrol, diesel prices hiked MORE TO COME AS CRUDE NEARS USD 80/BARREL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Petrol price on Tuesday was hiked by 20 paise per litre and diesel by 25 paise as international oil prices neared USD 80 per barrel mark for the first time in three years.

The price of petrol was hiked to ₹ 101.39 a litre in Delhi from ₹101.19 and to ₹107.47 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

Diesel rates went to ₹89.57 a litre in Delhi and ₹ 97.21 in Mumbai.

Prices differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes. This is the first price increase in petrol in more than two months and the fourth in case of diesel.

The increase followed interna-

tional oil prices rising for the fifth consecutive day and global benchmark Brent heading for USD 80 per barrel.

Tuesday was the first increase in petrol price since state-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) on September 24 resumed daily price revisions, ending the pause in rates that had effected since September 5.

In four price increases since September 24, diesel rates have gone up by 95 paise per litre. This negates three-fourths of the Rs 1.25 a litre cut in prices that happened between July 18 and September 5.

Before this, diesel price was last increased on July 15. The last increase in petrol rate was on July 17.

## Amul launches its honey in market

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Having forayed into several non-dairy branded food segments of edible oils, ready-to-eat snacks, bakery products and chocolates, dairy major Amul has brought its own branded honey in the market.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Tuesday launched 'Amul Honey' in the presence of Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje and Union Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary.

Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Aggarwal and additional secretary Dr Abhilaksh Likh, were also present.

Tomar said that with the advent of 'Amul honey' now in the market, the cooperative sector will be further strengthened.

"Better marketing of honey will result in better honey prices to the honey producing farmers. Improvement in the quality and branding of honey will result in an increase in exports and increase the contribution of the agriculture sector to the foreign exchange reserves," he added.

## OPEC: Oil will be world's No. 1 energy source for decades

AP ■ FRANKFURT

As the world's nations prepare to gather for another climate summit next month in Glasgow, the OPEC oil cartel is reminding that, in their view, crude will continue to be the leading source of energy for decades, especially as the world's less-wealthy countries seek higher growth and standards of living.

OPEC says that more electric vehicles on the road and the push for alternative and renewable energy will indeed usher in an era of declining demand for oil in rich countries. But the energy needs of expanding economies in other parts of world will still leave oil as the world's No. 1 source of energy through 2045, OPEC said Tuesday in its annual World Oil Outlook.

## Sebi confirms ban on 5 persons in Zee insider trading case

New Delhi: Sebi on Monday confirmed its earlier directive passed against five persons wherein they were barred from the securities market for indulging in insider trading in the scrip of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. "Bijal Shah, Gopal Ritolia, Jatin Chawla, Gomti Devi Ritolia and Daljit Chawla are restrained from buying, selling or dealing in securities, either directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever until further orders," Sebi said in its 43-page confirmatory order. However, they have been allowed to buy and sell units of mutual funds.

The regulator said a detailed investigation in the matter is in progress which may bring out additional roles of omission or commission, of these five persons, if any, in detail.

# Agriculture Minister stresses on making agri-education multidisciplinary, job oriented

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Tuesday stressed on making the agriculture education system multi-disciplinary, multi-dimensional and job-oriented.

Addressing an annual conference of vice-chancellors of state agri-varieties organised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Tomar said education is key for the success of every field and sector of society.

He also stressed on "making the education system multi-disciplinary, multi-dimensional and job-oriented," an official statement said.

Stating that a university's progress and success lies on the Vice-Chancellor's (VC) shoulders, the Minister said the learning and experience of VCs is a key to the success of

students of a university.

The Minister also lauded the unparalleled contribution of farmers, agri-scientist and Government schemes in making the country self-sufficient in the production of essential crops.

He mentioned that ICAR has developed 5,885 crop varieties from 1950 to 2021. In the last seven years, the institute has developed a total of 1,656 crop varieties out of which 1,359 varieties are climate-resilient.

Ministers of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary and Shobha Karandlaje were also present on the occasion.

In his address, ICAR Director General Trilochan Mohapatra underlined the major achievements made by the various ICAR institutes in the varied areas of agricultural sciences.

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Sh. Kuldeep Singh & Smt. Surem.

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05160 Durg - Chhapra Express Special	16:40	16:45
04007 Raxaul Jn. - Anand Vihar (T) Sadbhawana Express Spl.	11:10	11:15
04008 Anand Vihar (T) - Raxaul Jn. Sadbhawana Express Spl.	09:25	09:30
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04016 Anand Vihar (T) - Raxaul Jn. Sadbhawana Express Spl.	09:25	09:30
04017 Raxaul Jn. - Anand Vihar (T) Sadbhawana Express Spl.	11:10	11:15
04018 Anand Vihar (T) - Raxaul Jn. Sadbhawana Express Spl.	10:50	10:55
01033 Pune Jn. - Darbhanga Jn. Special	19:50	19:55
01034 Darbhanga Jn. - Pune Jn. Special	02:35	02:40
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**FORM NO. INC-26**

Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for Shifting of Registered Office of the company from one state to another

[[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Before the Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Parvayaran Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi - 110003

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 13(4) of Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(6)(a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

**AND**

In the matter of D N S POLYFAB PRIVATE LIMITED having its registered office at 1410, Faiz Ganj, Azad Market, New Delhi-110006, Delhi... Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 02nd day of September, 2021 to enable the company to shift its registered office from the "National Capital Territory of Delhi" to the "State of Karnataka".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern region, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Parvayaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003 within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office address mentioned below: 1410 Faiz Ganj, Azad Market, New Delhi-110006, Delhi

For and on behalf of D N S Polyfab Private Limited

Sd/-  
Rohit Bansal  
Director  
Din No. 03333602  
Date: 29.09.2021  
Place: Bangalore

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General public is hereby informed that one male Namely **Sunil S/o Lt. Sh. Vinod Kumar R/o H.No. 468B, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Apartment No. 19, Neb Sarai New Delhi**, has been missing/kidnapped from the Neb Sarai, since 03.09.2021. In this regard, a case DD No. 53A, dated. 03.09.2021 has been registered at P.S. Neb Sarai New Delhi. The description of the missing male as under.

**Age:** 33 Years, **Height:** 5'11", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Unknown. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing male then please inform P.S. Neb Sarai New Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

**Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641**  
**Fax No. 011-24368639**

**Sd/- SHO**  
**Neb Sarai New Delhi**  
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**Appeal for Identification**

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Kallu Denter, **S/o Unknown, R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 55 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Sallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Black Short Pant was found dead at Gokal Pur Village, Near Union Bank Gali, Community Centre, Delhi. On 20.09.2021. In this regard, a DD No. 61-A, dated 20.09.2021 has been lodged at PS Gokal Puri, Delhi. The dead body of deceased is preserved in G.T.B. Hospital.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

**SHO**  
**P.S., Gokal Puri, Delhi**  
**DP/1079/NE/2021** **Ph. : 011-22810486, 8750870724**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Manohar @ Khanna, S/o Singhara Ram, R/o:** E-548, Raghuvir Nagar, New Delhi has been missing since 13.09.2021 at 11:30 am. from the area of P.S. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 113A dated 16.09.2021 has been registered at P.S. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. The description of the missing male is as under:- **Age:** 70 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Black colour shirt and blue colour lower. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the Missing person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this Missing person kindly inform to the following.

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Do you wish to be gin a career that will always be in demand? Then you should consider becoming a pattern maker, as the pattern maker plays a vital role in the fashion and apparel manufacturing industry, and every apparel house hires several people for this job role.

In some companies, the job title for a pattern maker might be apparel pattern maker or fabric pattern maker. It is the job of the pattern maker to create a pattern either free-hand or with a computer-aided drafting software. Pattern making is the fundamental step towards designing a beautiful and perfect piece of garment.

A pattern is a template from which part of a garment is traced onto the fabric before being cut out and assembled; patterns are usually made of paper. Pattern Making is a blueprint for the garment, on the basis of which the fabric is cut. It is the technical drawing or drafting of a garment. Standard size charts, dress forms or figures are measured, these measurements are then converted into patterns and then garments are made from them.

Apparel pattern maker plays an important role in the clothing industry. Individuals in this position are responsible for taking fashion designers ideas and creating a workable pattern that will ultimately become an article of clothing. Pattern makers often are required to more accurately define initial fashion designs and work closely with designers to achieve the desired look.

Patternmakers use their knowledge of fabrics, sewing skills and ability to alter garments to draft a pattern that replicates a design concept. If things go wrong at pattern making stage the fit will be spoiled and you will not achieve what is required, but with the effective knowledge of pattern making, you can always reduce errors which saves time and cost to the company, and is required to succeed in today's competitive environment.

**Growth driver**  
Apparel demand at \$ 78 Bn, dominating the domestic market with a share close to 4 per cent of the total textile and apparel market in India.

Garments have continued to be the largest commodity exported out of India to EU with a share of 63 per cent of India's total exports. Some of the leading apparel brands are sourcing from India making India a promising sourcing destination. India has core strengths in cotton t-shirts, dresses, baby garments, underpants and briefs, synthetic dresses and tops for women which can be leveraged further. India has presence of complete value chain from fibre to fabric and



# GROW WITH PATTERNS

The textile and apparel industry in India has many opportunities for the skilled pattern makers. DR ROOPAK VASISHTHA elaborates their importance and the skills required

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Rising per capita income, higher disposable incomes and preferences for brands.

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Increased focus on technical textiles due to growth of end-user industries such as automotive, healthcare, infrastructure and oil and petroleum

Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme in Man-made fiber and technical textiles with financial outlay of INR 10,683 cr under Atmanirbhar Bharat package.

Today, the textile and apparel industry in India is marked by radical innovation, shifting markets, evolving supply chains and distribution channels and is gradually drifting towards responsible and sustainable manufacturing. With the expanding of the industry, a lot of opportunity will be available for the skilled person.

There are technical and vocational institutions that offer degree

or certificate programs in pattern making. In addition, the Apparel Made-Ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (AMHSSC), which is an apex body for skill development and certification in the apparel domain, under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneur, has developed 'Qualification Packs' (QPs) aligning to International standards for pattern making job role. The council has aligned its skilling competencies with the industry requirements and is making an all-out effort in meeting the industry requirements for skilled and certified pattern makers with relevant technical capabilities, thus giving a boost to the growth of the sector along with creating employment opportunities for the youth of the country.

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AMHSSC has curated a variety of job-oriented industry-led QPs. According to the need of the hour, these programs are designed to generate employment for the youth and in addition retail segment is also bringing in new opportunities wherein these courses have great potential.

**Key skills and interests**  
A good knowledge of various types and properties of fabrics  
To be able to interpret a design concept and put it on paper  
Excellent sewing skills  
Ability to draw freehand  
Awareness of current fashion trends

**Prospects**  
A good way to begin your pattern-making career is to acquire a position that is just below that of a pattern maker. For instance, include grader or fabric cutter. These positions will provide work experience and knowledge that is applicable for the pattern maker position. In addition, you will be in a position to move directly into an available

pattern maker opening, once you are ready. Top employment areas would be.

- Apparel production house (export houses)
- Buying house
- Retail
- Design house
- Textile mills
- Overseas jobs on above areas
- Starting own business

**Remuneration**  
At this stage, a skilled person can earn around ₹15,000 monthly. With the experience and expertise, one's income can potentially increase. With formal education and experience, patternmakers can pursue careers as fashion designers, manufacturing managers and fit designers. Pattern makers are employed by apparel industry, fashion designer, and fashion consultant. It is an extremely rewarding, and challenging career that teaches great life as well as technical skills, and provides comfortable means of living.

The writer is CEO & DG, AMHSSC

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## Conducive environment for start-ups

Nowadays, global investors are increasingly interested in Indian startups. According to Global Data, a leading data and analytics company, India is second only to China in terms of capital investment in Asia-Pacific countries so far in 2021. By the end of July this year, Indian startups will have invested more than USD 16.5 billion. July was good in terms of investment as more than \$8 billion was invested in the single month, with Flipkart leading with \$3.6 billion. Following the same pattern, more than \$10 billion was invested in the first three weeks of August. Apparently, investors are bullish on the Indian Startup Ecosystem. With significant investment, the number of new startup unicorns is also increasing day by day. In the language of venture capital, startup Unicorn are companies whose market valuation exceeds \$1 billion.

Business almost came to a standstill all over the world during the Corona period. But vaccination drives and global efforts have put the industry back on track. However, our stock market was initially showing signs of slowdown, it gradually strengthened, and our economy remained more potent than other countries. During the epidemic, entrepreneurs from many new sectors like e-commerce, logistics, food technology, etc., emerged strongly. Startups in these sectors received good profits and investments and also offered different avenues of investment for interested investors. As a result, global investors have started considering our economy as a mature and robust economy.

Our tech companies have also contributed immensely to the favorable startup environment. Everyone is aware of the world-class capabilities of our tech companies. The use and adoption of technology during the Corona period became inevitable, promoting our country's startup ecosystem. All the recently funded companies have used technology at an optimum level to enrich the lives



of humans. Whether it is Swiggy, Delhivery, PharmEasy or Meesho, every popular startup has used innovative technologies. Our startups are trying to solve global problems using innovative technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Blockchain, Robotics process automation, etc.

The increasing number of internet subscribers in our country is also a significant reason for the interest of investors in Indian startups. According to the first-quarter report, our country has surpassed the US to No. 2 in terms of internet usage with 560 million consumers. The easy availability of the internet has also created new business avenues. Can we think of enjoying the services of Zomato, Amazon, Netflix, or Flipkart without the internet? As a result, now, technology-enabled startups get a huge market and consumer base even if they are operating in India alone.

The recent Zomato and Nazara IPO are prominent examples of the maturity of the Indian startup ecosystem. Early investors of

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these companies have gained massive ROI after the launch of IPOs. Motivated by the success of Zomato, many companies like Paytm, Policybazaar, and LIC are also queuing up for releasing their IPO listing. In India's open economy, startups get a suitable environment to grow and flourish. That is why many famous investors like Tiger Global and SoftBank are keen on the Indian startup ecosystem.

Our country has a plethora of global talent readily available compared to their USA & Europe equivalents. Most successful startup founders have excellent experience in their domain. For example, Zomato founder Deepinder Goel worked for the famous management consulting company Bain & Co. before establishing Zomato. Meesho founder Vidit Aatreya worked for successful organizations like ITC and InMobi before founding Meesho. Working experience in top-class global organizations increases the ability to find alternative solutions in risk management, apart from knowing the global scenario. Moreover, there is an increase in coordination which is highly beneficial for the new entrepreneurs. Many successful startups support new entrepreneurs with capital and experience, which increases the productivity of the entire startup ecosystem.

With the Government of India's Digital India initiative, availability of the internet at a competitive price, innovative thinking, and the potential of Indian entrepreneurs, Indian startup companies are touching new dimensions of success today. Investment in Indian startups is likely to increase steadily in the future. Investing in startups will create diverse opportunities for enterprise and employment in our country and strengthen the economy. Growing investment in startups will help realizing the dream of a self-reliant India.

The writer is Prabhat Sinha, IT Expert & Amazon Bestseller Author of Innovate & Seize Your Success

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For the upcoming Preliminary Test 2021, the students need to develop a thorough knowledge of the current developments along with the text book knowledge of subjects part of General Studies.

Current developments in various areas may dominate upto 75% of the General Studies paper. Beware of the negative marks. Thoughtless guess work may push up the negative score and undo the otherwise good work done by a candidate. One should aim to answer about 75 questions as it may not be possible to answer all the questions. It is better to give 4 to 5 revisions to a set of two well selected study materials, rather than going through a large number of study materials. Take as many mock tests as possible for practice.

Don't neglect the CSAT paper. If you have been regular with your preparation over the past 10 months or so, you have every reason to hold on to your self confidence and you should do well.

The writer is Arjun Ravindran, Director, Vajiram and Ravi

## Voice command for clearing doubts

PNS ■ INDIA

The Toppr, a K12 after-school learning platform, is partnering with Google Assistant to resolve students' doubts instantly and learn subjects' concepts through voice search.

This launch, pioneered by Toppr, is a first-of-its-kind in the Indian

EdTech space.

With this initiative, Toppr aims to leverage the Google's voice command feature and provide easy access to Toppr Answr's 1.6 million verified question answers to students.

Toppr Answr, India's best doubt solving platform, also comprises topic-wise videos, stories, concept cards, short 5-minute

learning posts and much more.

The Google Assistant feature has already been rolled out across 1 Billion+ Google Assistant compatible devices in India. Students can now instantly

initiate a voice search with a simple "OK google" command followed by "Talk to Toppr Answr/ Ask Toppr Answr/ Speak with

Toppr Answr" and find relevant answers from Toppr Answr's repository. Toppr Answr is already accessible across 1 Billion+ Google Assistant compatible devices globally. Rahul Shetty, VP Product Toppr says, "Asking doubts is more natural than typing them out or taking pictures and uploading (them)."

## The VIT-AP convocation 2021

PNS ■ ANDHRA PRADESH

VIT-AP University conducted virtual Convocation for the class of 2021 on September 23, 2021. Dr M Stanley Whittingham, Noel Laureate, Binghamton University (SUNY), USA, Nobel prize winner for the development of lithium-ion batteries was the chief guest for the ceremony and delivered the convocation address and inaugurated Mahatma Gandhi block, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy block, Savitribai Phule



block and Rock plaza (Student Activity Center).

Dr G Viswanathan, Founder & Chancellor of VIT, presided over

the convocation ceremony along with Dr Sekar Viswanathan, Dr Sankar Viswanathan, G V Selvam Vice Presidents of VIT , Dr

Sandhya Pentareddy, Executive Director and Kadambari Viswanathan, Assistant Vice President Dr SV Kota Reddy, Vice Chancellor, Dr C L V Sivakumar, Registrar, faculty and staff were also present. Out of 460 students, the University presented 10 gold medalists, Two Ph.D. 's and rank holders from Bachelor, Master, and Ph.D. Degrees in Engineering and BBA. (BBA-27, M.Tech VLSI-6, B.Tech (Mechanical)-67, B.Tech (ECE)-120, B.Tech (CSE)-238 Ph.D-2)



Companies need to rethink advertising and promotion strategies to be more in line with the present times. DR MUKESH KWATRA tells you how opportunities in corporate communication can open lucrative options

# MAKE GOOD CONNECTIONS

Communication plays a vital role in our lives. Be it within the family, within friends, or in public dealing, the role of the way and manner of communicating is very important. Corporate working is no exception. The emergence of new technologies and the power of digital platforms have made companies realize the significance to maintain the integrity of corporate communication, and allow stakeholders and shareholders to view its existence positively.

Corporate communication can take many forms, depending on the target audience. An organisation's communication strategy usually consists of written text like internal and external reports, announcements, website text, promotional materials, emails, notes, press releases, speeches, conferences, interviews and videos. Corporate communication techniques and management functions are intertwined to bring benefits to the organisation and achieve desired goals.

With increased competition, the companies are much concerned about maintaining an impeccable image. Corporate image conveys everything about a company through visual communication and product advertising and also strongly influences the company's identity. Graphic design is an emerging creative career in India with ample of job and growth opportunities where one creates and designs visual concepts for the company.

A big number of colleges offer these courses. Besides, a degree in journalism and mass communication can help one get an easier access into this sector. The Indian Institute of Management has an executive programme in communication strategies for corporate leaders. Many private institutions provide short term courses for public relations managers, business and workplace communication and writing skills. Students may choose to specialise in various fields like advertising, public relations, internal communications, investor rela-

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tions, crisis management, brand management and event management.

For fresh graduates, scope is not restricted to a specific industry. If communication is your strength and you have an ability to understand the intricacies then a career awaits. There are good job opportunities for budding individuals like business spokespersons, marketing specialists, technical copywriters, public speaking trainers, publicity managers, campaign directors, social media handlers, HR to name a few. However, certain skills are needed. These are:

■ Corporate communications is rapidly gaining ground. To proclaim information, both internally and externally, or to market their products and services companies require expert professionals who have effective communication skills.

■ A company's reputation is intangible but it is a powerful asset that attracts sizable talent, builds consumer loyalty, allows businesses to influence stakehold-

er belief and positively impact premium customers. One needs to have interest in current affairs.

■ The present pandemic has changed the world. Old ideas, pitch and approaches to the business world just won't cut in. Multitaskers can have a bright scope in this sector.

■ One should have good interpersonal skills, passion for public speaking, leadership quality and ability to motivate colleagues and others, has an in-depth understanding of social media, possesses analytical skills and has an ability to successfully organise events.

The companies realized the importance of a crisis-response team in an emergency situation, which needs to monitor the situation constantly, be transparent and regularly update the communication chain. They need to be motivated to get over the anxiety of uncertainty. Communication with customers should focus on empathy rather than trying to sell them products or services.

The writer is founder, Smiling Tree

# Display your skills and talent

Good organisational skills and planning and time management, are a must for a lucrative future in visual merchandising. SUMIT SAURABH tells you more

The fashion industry is expanding throughout the world, several new creative career options are coming into it and that makes Visual Merchandising critically important in the ever-evolving fashion industry, as well as creating a strong brand identity. It is a rapidly emerging sector and there are good career prospects in this field.

Visual Merchandising (VM) is the art of creating visually appealing displays that attract customers to the store and promote sales. The sector encompasses all activities that help increase sales of products in retail stores.



Sumit Saurabh  
Director, Design Circle

### What is VM

It is the art or activity of displaying and promoting the products in such a manner that it appeals to the eyes of the customer. It's considered an important support for fashion retail operations. It includes window displays, signs, and interior displays. A good combination of colour and theme plays a vital role in visual merchandising. The goal of visual merchandisers is to create a distinctive atmosphere and aesthetic appearance to drive customers' in-store purchase decisions. They are creative and use their skills to develop interest among the customers by perfectly styling the mannequins and their surroundings. They plan store themes, arrange display fixtures and lighting, set up stores before opening, work with floor plans. Under this, he has to work in areas such as window and interior displays as well as stock placement and staff training.

### Qualification

Mut have cleared Clss XII. However, in most institutes, VM is taught under the fashion designing or fashion technology course. Students are trained on various aspects related to visual merchandising such as store display, presentation of products, and attracting customers through the use of various communication tools.

### Attributes

It is very important to have the quality of designing and creativity among the students looking for a career in this field. A visual merchandiser must have excellent organizational skills as well as qualities like planning, project management, and time management. Apart from this, they also need to have communication and interpersonal skills, they must have problem-solving ability and computer knowledge. Career experts say that VM should know the psychology of consumers and should also anticipate trends.

### Prospects

With the increase in the number of shopping malls, five-star hotels, boutiques, and retail outlets, the demand for VMs have also increased. They can work in fashion boutiques, shopping malls, emporium, architecture firms and design companies. They can also freelance.

### Remuneration

A fresher can easily earn ₹10,000-₹15,000 per month. After gaining some experience you can work in a retail outlet of a big brand and get an attractive package. Salary package increases as one gains skill and experience.

The TeamLease EdTech released their latest in-depth analysis Career Outlook Report. The report, which deep dives into freshers hiring sentiment for the period July to December 2021 across 18 sectors and 14 cities, indicates that 17% employers are keen to hire freshers in H2 2021. Interestingly, India leads in the freshers hiring sentiment amongst other nations. While the global average hovers around 6%, in India the sentiment is much stronger (17%).

From a sector perspective, the emerging sectors which have been able to withstand the impact of the pandemic and witnessed a stronger hiring sentiment

are Information Technology (31%), Telecommunication (25%) and Technology Start-ups (25%). Others sectors which have also been faring well are Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals (23%), Logistics (23%) and Manufacturing (21%). From a location perspective, the leading cities for freshers hiring are Bangalore (43%), Mumbai (31%) and Delhi (27%), Chennai (23%) and Pune (21%).

Sharing his views on the ecosystem, Shantanu Rojo, founder-CEO, TeamLease Edtech, said: "It is good to see the buoyancy in freshers hiring sentiment despite the pandemic. During the February to April period, close to 15% of the employers were

## MIND IT

keen on hiring freshers, the sentiment seems to be not only intact, but has cemented further in the current half year. Close to 17% employers are inclined to hire freshers. While the hiring sentiment is improving, we need to be cognizant of the employability of the freshers as well. Employers are more inclined to hire candidates with specialized skills and thus it is crucial for freshers to be fairly equipped. Here is where the role of HEIs (Higher Education Institutions) comes in. HEIs must structure their programs in

accordance with industry requirements for job roles to ensure candidates are employable."

In India, employability is a higher concern than employment. While on one side HEIs (Higher Education Institutions) need to look at a blended learning ecosystem. They should explore a learning model wherein there is a convergence of offsite and onsite learning as well as industry training that arms the candidates with the right skill sets.

On the other hand, employers also need to re-look at their hiring and training strategy to skill the freshers. Incidentally, more employers are now using Hire-Train-Deploy (HTD) to on-board and train freshers. This is enabling them to create a stronger workforce for the future. Greater acceptance of HTD and similar models will equip our youngsters to take advantage of the growing opportunities.

According to the report findings, some of the key roles, across sectors, for which freshers hiring has been high are Health Care Assistants, Sales trainee/Associates, Full Stack Developers, Telemarketing and Digital Marketing Specialists. Further deep

diving into the report, hiring trends vs. sectors vs. roles, for the top hiring sectors indicate:

From a skill set point of view, employers are keener to hire candidates who have in-depth skills and knowledge of Data Analytics, Sales/Customer Services, Data Engineering, Python Programming, Project Management, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Marketing amongst other skills. The report also highlights the courses that freshers can take to improve their employability. Some of the most in demand courses, according to the study, are: Programming, Mobile App Development, AI and Data Science, Cyber-Security, Research and Management.



**The Centre for Social Impact and Philanthropy at Ashoka University invites applications for its research fellowship** aimed at building knowledge of philanthropy.

This fellowship will be conducted digitally. Some of the areas that the fellowship will focus on include different kinds of philanthropy in India — philanthropy fund movements, individual giving, impact of COVID-19 on the philanthropy ecosystem in India and diversification of philanthropy out of traditional sectors.

The nine month long fellowship is open to individuals who are based in India full-time and possess several years of relevant professional research experience. It will commence in January 2022. Ten fellows will be selected and shall be expected to undertake primary research, attend monthly calls, and participate in online workshops to develop their skills in research, data collection methods, analysis and writing.

Remuneration of ₹9 lakh will be provided to the fellows, which includes stipend and research expenses.

To access application visit <http://csip.ashoka.edu.in/RF22>. For queries, kindly email

[csipresearch@ashoka.edu.in](mailto:csipresearch@ashoka.edu.in) with subject line Research Fellowship Query.

**Application deadline:** The last date to submit applications is September 30, 2021.

The **Simmons University** invites application for **first-year scholarships** in the US. Simmons University is a nationally recognized private university, particularly focused on women.

**Award:** \$27,000

**Nationality:** Domestic and International

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, the applicants must meet all the following/given criteria:

The applicants must have an incredible merit standing.

**Supporting documents:** The students are required to present the following documents to the university:

High school transcripts

Letter of recommendation

College transcript

College essay

**Admission requirements:** Official SAT or ACT scores are expected to be submitted.

**Language requirement:** If English is not your native language, then you have to submit TOEFL.

**How to apply:** Students can apply to Simmons through its own application portal or through the Common Application First-year applicants are automatically considered for the opportunity

**Application deadline:** It is December 1, 2021.

**GRAPHIC CONCEPT CREATION AT ANTAL INTERNATIONAL NETWORK**

Location: Work From Home

Stipend: ₹15,000 per month

Link: [internshala.com/i/8603d3](http://internshala.com/i/8603d3)

Deadline: October 6, 2021

**CRM (CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT) AT HOUSEWISE**

Location: Work From Home

Stipend: ₹5,000-₹7,000 per month

Link: [internshala.com/i/558077](http://internshala.com/i/558077)

Deadline: October 6, 2021

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT AT TRIVIMUM EDUCATION SERVICE**

Location: Work From Home

Stipend: ₹20,000-₹28,000 per month

Link: [internshala.com/i/cfaf3e](http://internshala.com/i/cfaf3e)

Deadline: October 5, 2021

**TEAM FACILITATION AT 91SOCIAL**

Location: Work From Home

Stipend: ₹10,000 per month

Link: [internshala.com/i/d28f6b](http://internshala.com/i/d28f6b)

Deadline: October 5, 2021

**OPERATIONS AT COFFEEMUG**

Location: Delhi

Stipend: ₹20,000 per month

Link: [internshala.com/i/4eb9e3](http://internshala.com/i/4eb9e3)

Deadline: October 6, 2021

**ONLINE SALES AT LUKUP**

Location: Lucknow

Stipend: ₹25,500 per month

Link: [internshala.com/i/0ee7a9](http://internshala.com/i/0ee7a9)

Deadline: October 5, 2021

**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT AT THE PINK ALMIRAH**

Location: Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula

Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month

Link: [internshala.com/i/9402ea](http://internshala.com/i/9402ea)

Deadline: October 5, 2021



## IN BRIEF

### GENERATE POWER FROM WASTEWATER

Researchers from the Environmental Biotechnology Lab at Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur led by Dr Meenu Chhabra, Associate Professor, Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering, IIT Jodhpur, have demonstrated for the first time that plant-based microbial fuel cells can generate power profitably from wastewater compared to algae-based systems.

The results of their work has been recently published in the journal Bioresource Technology.

Wastewater treatment is an important activity and the

increasing generation of large amounts of domestic wastewater has necessitated development of newer treatment methods that are energy efficient and scalable. Organic waste materials have a lot of latent energy — domestic waste contains nine times more energy than the treatment consumes. There has been interest globally to generate energy from waste.

"A microbial fuel cell is a device that uses microbes to convert organic matter in wastewater to electrical energy," explained Dr. Chhabra. The idea of using microbes to produce electricity was proposed in 1911 by Michael Potter, a professor of botany at the University of Durham, its use in fuel cells is a recent development.

### THE NORTHCAP MASTER CLASS

The North Cap University has launched The NorthCap Master Class, a series of exclusive talks where industry

professionals and thought leaders share their perspectives on social, economic, and technology trends, the future of

jobs, and the ensemble of skills to succeed in a digital economy.

The sessions exposes students to diverse perspectives.

### LECTURE ON EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

The School of IT, IMS Noida organised a lecture on Emotional Intelligence Importance on our Life for the students of BCA. The keynote speaker was Rajeev Binjola, Assistant Professor SOIT and Dr Kulneet Suri Senior Director IMS Noida

While addressing the lecture

Dr Suri gave a brief introduction about topic — that it is ability to understand, use and manage emotions in positive ways to relieve stress, communicate effectively, empathize with others, overcome challenges and defuse conflict. Discussions were also done on the types of emotional intelligence.

### TCS PARTNERS WITH NEWGEN

The Newgen Software has partnered with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to deploy an enterprise-wide content repository and a multi-channel, multi-lingual communication suite for the Banking Service Bureau (BSB) in Israel.

The two are enabling Israel's central bank to transform the country's banking sector by building a cloud-hosted centralised platform to provide end-to-

end banking solutions. The BSB will leverage TCS core banking solution (TCS BaNCSTM) and Newgen's digital transformation products, including contextual content services (ECM) and omnichannel customer engagement.

The unified platform for automating content and communications, integrated with the cloud-based TCS BaNCSTM, BSB can build a robust, scalable repository.

Sumanta Roy, VP, TCS Middle East, Africa, Mediterranean, said: "This partnership has architected a highly scalable and secure platform in record time, delivering a truly digital experience to its customers."

"The collaboration will help financial institutions in Israel deliver a faster, more connected, and frictionless banking experience to their customers," said Diwakar Nigam, MD, Newgen.

### BIG BANG EDGE TEST IN ONLINE MODE IN OCTOBER

The FIITJEE's Big Bang Edge Test will be conducted across the country in proctored online mode on October 10, 12, 14, 16-17, 2021. Students can appear in the test only once on any date convenient to them. It is a unique platform for students aspiring all-round excellence as it will help students realise and maximize their current potential for

National and International Level Competitive as well as Scholastic exams. With the test, students will have an opportunity to accelerate their preparation for JEE Main, JEE Advanced, BITSAT, Olympiads, KVPY, X and XII Boards, NTSE and Jr Olympiads, without any break, impediments, and hurdles even amidst COVID pandemic.

### CAREERLABS AND TECH MAHINDRA INK MOU

The CareerLabs and Tech Mahindra have signed an MOU to transform over 3,000 graduates into skilled professionals, armed with industry-relevant skills and the technical know-how to succeed in the highly competitive world of technology.

The students will undergo intensive upskilling courses on specific skill tracks prescribed by Tech Mahindra like full

stack development, and find the opportunity to be mentored by renowned industry experts. Upon successful completion of the training, students get an opportunity to be placed at the company.

Vaishali Phatak, head, Technical Learning Services & Global Head of Diversity and Inclusion, Tech Mahindra, said: "With massive digital transformation across all the sectors, there

is a huge demand for highly skilled workforce which is driving the disruption in education and skilling. Nurturing the youth with relevant technical and leadership skills is one of the key focus areas for academia and industry.

Through this collaboration the aim is to empower students with industry-relevant skills and technology know-how through intensive upskilling courses.



# Ml beat Punjab by 6 wkts



PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Hardik Pandya finally showed glimpses of his destructive self as he brought Mumbai Indians back in play-off contention with the defending champions beating Punjab Kings by six wickets in an IPL match on Tuesday.

Hardik smashed two fours and a six in the penultimate over bowled by Mohammed Shami as his 40 not out off 30 balls saw MI snap a three-match losing streak successfully chasing down a target of 136 in 19 overs.

Saurabh Tiwary (45 off 37) and Kieron Pollard (15 not out) also played their part as MI survived some anxious moments before

ending on winning note. Pollard who took two wickets in Punjab innings hit a six and four off young left-armers Arshdeep Singh taking 13 off the 18th over which helped Hardik go for the jugular against Shami.

It only helped that his final shot which ended as a maximum was a regulation catch which Deepak Hooda dropped at the fence.

After this victory, MI reached the fifth spot with 10 points in 11 matches, while Punjab slipped to sixth spot.

Defending the total, leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi got rid of Rohit Sharma (8) and Suryakumar Yadav (0) in successive deliveries to leave MI tottering at 16 for two.

Tiwary and Quinton de Kock

(27) took the team to 30 for 2 in the powerplay.

Tiwary eased the pressure with a boundary at the cover-point area, before picking up another four off Nathan Ellis.

Dropped by Aiden Markram at the boundary line in 8th over, Tiwary danced down the wicket and deposited Harpreet over mid-wicket for a maximum to bring up the 50.

De Kock, who was looking good, lost his bearing in the 10th over as he dragged one on to his stumps, immediately after pulling Mohammed Shami for a four as MI slumped to 62 for 3.

Tiwary and Hardik Pandya kept MI in hunt but runs dried up with Arshdeep Singh taking the

pace off but Harpreet dropped the India allrounder to add to his frustration.

Needing 52 off 36, Tiwary clobbered Bishnoi over mid-wicket but he was soon removed by Nathan Ellis.

Hardik then unleashed a four and six in two balls off Shami to keep MI in the hunt.

Needing 29 in the last three overs, Pollard blasted one across the at extra cover and then deposited the next one over long-off.

Hardik then exploded in the 19th over bowled by Shami as he sent a wide delivery across the boundary and then pulled one across the midwicket before heaving one over long-on to end the contest.

# Narine, Rana help KKR prevail over Delhi

IAN S ■ SHARJAH

Struggling at 96/5 on a very slow surface at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium, it looked like Kolkata Knight Riders would make heavy weather of the small target of 128 runs against Delhi Capitals in the UAE leg of the IPL 2021 on Tuesday. But a couple of big shots by spinner Sunil Narine and Nitish Rana helped them to a three wickets win. KKR moved to 10 points from 11 matches and maintained their chances of reaching the knockout stage.

After restricting Delhi Capitals to 127/9 in 20 overs thanks to some disciplined bowling after electing to field, Kolkata Knight Riders looked in trouble as Dinesh Karthik was out with the score 96/5. But Sunil Narine tonked Kagiso Rabada for 21 off the innings' 16th over and though the Knights lost a couple of more wickets, they managed to reach 130/7 with 10 balls remaining. Rana remained unbeaten on 36.

After losing Venkatesh Iyer (14), who was one of the three KKR bowlers along with Narine and Lockie Ferguson to claim two wickets apiece, Kolkata were looking at fellow opener Shubman Gill and Rahul Tripathi to build up the innings. Gill kept one end going, hitting a couple of sixes but Tripathi did not last long and KKR were 43/2 in the 6th over. They lost Gill (3) and skipper Eoin Morgan (0) in quick succession and slumped to 67/4.

Though Dinesh Karthik and Rana tried to resurrect the innings, mixing caution with aggression, the equation looked a bit stiff at 52 off 43 balls considering the slow nature of the pitch. However, KKR scored 20 runs off the 14th over bowled by Lalit Yadav with Rana blasting a couple of sixes off successive balls and Karthik hitting a four. But Karthik got out, castled while trying to run a slower one by Avesh Khan to the



third man, Delhi were still in the hunt.

But Sunil Narine blazed two sixes and a four off Rabada in the 16th over, pushing KKR nearer to victory, which they achieved despite losing Narine and Tim Southee with victory in sight.

Earlier, Delhi Capitals kept losing wickets at regular intervals against some disciplined bowling KKR on a sluggish pitch in scorching conditions as they were restricted to 127/9.

This was the second time in the season that Delhi failed to hit a single six in their innings. Kolkata had bowlers coming to the fore with Sunil Narine, Lockie Ferguson, and part-timer Venkatesh Iyer picking up two wickets each while Tim Southee had one scalp to his name.

Things looked difficult from the start as Delhi lost Shikhar Dhawan early.

Dhawan started by dispatching to the boundary a juicy full-toss on his pads by Sandeep Warrier and edged one behind for a boundary in Tim Southee's first over too. However, he was the first to go as he

tried to play on the up a short, wide one on the off and ended up lobbing it to Lockie Ferguson on the edge of the circle.

Shreyas Iyer joined him in the dugout as Delhi slumped to 40/2, bowled by Sunil Narine on his second delivery of the match. Iyer (1) failed to read the ball and was undecided whether to go forward or stay back as the ball pitched outside off and spun back to hit the off-stump.

Smith, playing his first match in the UAE leg of IPL 2021 in place of Prithvi Shaw who is injured, struck a couple of pleasing boundaries too as he held one end up. A well-swept boundary off Sunil Narine the pick of his shots. The former Australia skipper was out soon for 39 with Delhi 77/3 in 13th over. Smith was doing well but got out trying to pick up the scoring rate. He had comically hurt himself trying to play a pre-meditated scoop on the legside off Lockie Ferguson and played the ball into his inner thigh. He attempted to ugly hook off the next delivery but was foxed by Ferguson who bowled at his usual pace and Smith just played over.

## IPL points table

	M	P	NRR
CSK	10	16	+1.069
DC	11	16	+0.562
RCB	10	12	-0.359
KKR	11	10	+0.363
MI	11	10	-0.453
PBKS	11	8	-0.288
RR	10	8	-0.369
SRH	10	4	-0.501

Match: 43

IPL 2021

Sept 29

7:30 pm

Rajasthan Royals

vs

Royal Challengers Bangalore

Dubai International Stadium, Dubai

Rajasthan Royals

Total IPL matches played: 171

Won: 85 Lost: 84

Highest total: 226/6

No Result: 2

Royal Challengers Bangalore

Total IPL matches played: 206

Won: 97 Lost: 105

Highest total: 263/5

No results: 4

Head-to-Head in IPL

Matches played: 23

RR Won: 10 RCB Won: 11

Highest total: 217/4 NR: 2 Highest total: 200/7

KKR SportsGraphics

## Mithali dethroned from top spot, Goswami rises to number two position: ICC ODI rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Mithali Raj on Tuesday lost her top spot in the ICC Women's ODI Rankings for batters as she slid to the third place while veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami climbed two places to second in the bowlers' list.

The 38-year-old Raj, who scored just 87 runs at an average of 29 in the just-concluded three-match series against Australia, now has 738 points in her kitty.

South African Lizelle Lee (761) grabbed the top spot after gaining one place while Australia's Alyssa Healy, who scored 112 runs in the three-match series against India, is at second spot with 750 points.

Another Indian, Smriti Mandhana climbed one place to be at number six with 710 points.

The 38-year-old Goswami's stellar show during ODI series against Australia also took her to second spot.

Goswami took four wickets in the series which India lost 1-2, including the three-wicket haul for 37 runs in the final match which India won to break Australia's astonishing winning streak of 26 ODIs.

She had an average of 28.75 in the three matches.

Goswami also gained three places to be at 10th spot among all-rounders with 251 points.

Australia's Jess Jonassen continued to lead the bowling chart with 760 points as against 727 of Goswami.

Another Australian Meghan Scutt occupies third spot with 717 points after losing one place.

Others making waves in the bowler's rankings were the England duo of Anya Shrubsole and Kate Cross, both of whom jumped into the top ten, occupying the 9th and 10th spots respectively.

Shrubsole gained four places after picking three wickets in the final two ODIs against New Zealand, while Cross' spell of 3/44 in the fifth ODI helped her move up five slots.

The spotlight among the batters was on Beth Mooney. She rocketed up eight places to break into the top ten, sitting at No. 8, just below compatriot Meg Lanning by nine rating points.

Mooney's marvellous performance against India included a stunning century as well as a half-century as she amassed 177 runs at a strike rate of 89.84.

In the all-rounder's rankings, Ashleigh Gardner scaled four places to reach the sixth position while Ellyse Perry's poor form led to her dropping two positions, pushing South Africa's Marizanne Kapp to the top of the all-rounders' rankings.

India's Deepti Sharma dropped one place to be at fifth.



## Last two IPL league games to be held at same time



PTI ■ DUBAI

The IPL Governing Council on Tuesday decided that the two final league stage games will start concurrently at 7:30 PM IST instead of the usual double header with one game starting in the afternoon. The norm till date has been one game at 3:30 PM IST followed by evening match at 7:30 pm but the games will start at same time in order to avoid giving any unfair advantage to any team in case the last match has an out-fit which has mathematical chance of qualification.

"In a first for the IPL, the last two league matches before the VIVO IPL 2021 Playoffs will be played concurrently," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said in a release.

The last two games will feature SunRisers Hyderabad and Mumbai Indians in one and Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals in the other.

"On the last day of the league stage (08.10.2021) of the ongoing season, instead of having one afternoon match and one evening match, two matches (SRH v MI and RCB v DC) will be played simultaneously at 7:30 PM IST (6:00 PM GST)."

**NEW IPL TEAMS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON OCT 25**

The IPL Media Rights tender for the cycle 2023-2027 will be released immediately after the appointment of two new IPL teams which is scheduled to be announced on 25th October 2021.

It is understood that the Sony and Zee which has recently gone into a merger is expected to put up a handsome bid along with current rights holders Star Sports.

## World Women's Chess Championship: India beats Armenia in round 3

PTI ■ SITGES (SPAIN)

The Indian team posted a second straight win in Pool A of the FIDE World Women's Team Chess Championship by beating Armenia 2.5-1.5 in the third round here on Tuesday.

The Indians had defeated Spain 2.5-1.5 in the second round late on Monday to notch up the first win after being held to a 2-2 draw in the opener against Azerbaijan.

With the win in round three, India moved up to the second spot on 7 board points and 5 match points behind the formidable Russia (11 board points, 6 match points).

In the match against Armenia, Tania Sachdev and Bhakti Kulkarni notched up the important wins to set up the victory. D Harika had settled for a draw against Elina Danielian while the talented, young R Vaishali went down to Lilit Mkrtchian.

Sachdev, an experienced



player, got the better of Anna M Sargsyan in 40 moves in a Goglidze Attack game. Kulkarni contributed a vital point by taming Susanna Gaboyan in a 30-move affair.

Vaishali, who had won her matches in the first two rounds, suffered a reverse at the hands of Mkrtchian in a 30-move English Variation game.

In other third round matches, Russia outclassed Azerbaijan 3.5-0.5 and host Spain edged past France 2.5-1.5.

## BCCI: Appointing Dhoni as mentor is not to undermine anybody

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

After about one year of retirement from international cricket from all formats of the game, MS Dhoni will once again be seen wearing the Indian blue jersey next month. However, with a different role.

The two-time World Cup-winning skipper was named as the mentor for team India for the T20 World Cup, on the heels of the team announcement by the BCCI.

BCCI treasurer Arun Dhimal on Tuesday spoke on Dhoni's inclusion, stating that India will definitely benefit from the presence of the legend in the camp.

"He (Dhoni) has been a great leader. Under his captaincy, India won the inaugural World Twenty20, the 2010 and 2016 Asia Cups, the 2011 World Cup and the 2013 Champions Trophy. Records are amazing. It is really great to have him as a mentor of the team (for the ICC World Cup)."

"He has a good reputation and respect in the team, and also bringing him doesn't mean to undermine anybody. They have also done a phenomenal job," Dhimal told India Ahead.



## England World Cup winner Roger Hunt dies at 83

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Roger Hunt, a striker in the only England team to win the World Cup and one of Liverpool's most prolific scorers, has died. He was 83. Liverpool, where Hunt spent most of his playing career, said he died on Monday after a long illness.

Hunt scored 285 goals in 492 appearances, making him



Liverpool's second-highest goalscorer of all time. He won the league with Liverpool in 1964 and 1966 — the same year he won the World Cup.

Hunt scored three goals in six appearances at the tournament. He played in the 4-2 victory over West Germany in the final at Wembley Stadium for England's only major football title.

## SINGLES

### INZAMAM DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL

Pakistan's former captain and most capped player Inzamam-ul-Haq had to undergo an emergency angioplasty at a private hospital here after complaining of heart-related issues and breathing difficulty. Teammate and current PCB chairman Ramiz Raja later confirmed on social media that Inzamam has been discharged from the hospital after successfully undergoing the procedure.

### MESSI MAY RETURN FOR PSG AGAINST MANCHESTER CITY

Paris Saint-Germain head coach Mauricio Pochettino has admitted that his star-studded team is still under construction, on the eve of hosting Manchester City in their Group A match in Paris on Tuesday. Pochettino remained evasive about who is Paris Saint-Germain's first-choice goalkeeper and whether Keylor Navas or new signing Gianluigi Donnarumma will start against City. Up front, Pochettino hopes to have Lionel Messi back in attack as the Argentine shakes off a minor knee injury that sidelined him for two games.

### AT TIMES ALI HAS BEEN UNDER-APPRECIATED: ROOT

England skipper Joe Root says all-rounder Moeen Ali, who quit Test cricket to prolong his white-ball career, is a "wonderful role model" who was at times "under-appreciated" for his efforts outside the dressing room. The 34-year-old Ali, a spin bowling all-rounder, announced retirement from the longest format of the game on Monday. "First and foremost, it goes without saying that Mo's (Moeen) career speaks for itself and what he has achieved," Root was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo.Com.

### 'FOREIGN COACHES DECISION AFTER N'TL C'SHIP'

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Tuesday said it will decide on the extension of existing foreign coaches attached with prominent wrestlers and other coaches for the next Olympic cycle only after the National Championship in November. Georgian Shako Bentinidis is attached with Tokyo bronze winner Bajrang Punia while Russian Kamal Malikov trains Ravi Dahiya, who became the new super star of Indian wrestling after winning a silver in the Japanese capital. WFI also has to decide if a foreign coach is required at the national camp for women wrestlers as the federation has not yet approached any trainer from overseas since American Andrew Cook was sacked.

### SUPER LEAGUE CASE: UEFA TO REMOVE SPANISH JUDGE

UEFA on Tuesday took legal action to remove the judge from a Spanish court case thwarting the attempt to punish Barcelona, Real Madrid and Juventus for their involvement in the ill-fated Super League breakaway. The move could eventually lead to disciplinary action restarting against the rebel clubs after it was abandoned on Monday night. "UEFA has filed a motion for the recusal of the judge presiding over the current proceedings as it believes there are significant irregularities in these proceedings," European football's governing body said in a statement. "In line with Spanish law — and in the fundamental interests of justice — UEFA fully expects the judge in question to immediately stand aside pending the full and proper consideration of this motion."

### ITALY TO PLAY ARG IN EUROPE-S AMERICA TITLE GAME

European champion Italy will play Copa America winner Argentina next year, helping their governing bodies UEFA and CONMEBOL build closer ties amid power struggles with FIFA over the future of soccer. UEFA confirmed plans on Tuesday to stage the first of three planned editions of the inter-continental game in June at a venue to be confirmed. Naples has been suggested as a possible venue in the stadium now named for Argentina great Diego Maradona. Maradona became an icon in the city for helping Napoli win its only two Serie A titles in 1987 and 1990. "The agreement reached by the two organizations currently covers three editions of this match between the respective continental winners," UEFA said in a statement, adding the deal includes "opening of a joint office in London." UEFA and CONMEBOL are defending the traditional four-yearly schedule of their continental championships and the World Cup from a FIFA-driven plan to play the World Cup every two years.

### FIVE COUNTRIES QUALIFY FOR WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP

Indonesia joined four other countries, including first timers Iran, in qualifying for the AFC Women's Asian Cup to be hosted by India in January-February next year. Indonesia topped Group C in the qualification tournament in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on Monday to ensure their fifth appearance in the tournament while Iran emerged Group G winners for their debut participation. Former champions Thailand, South Korea and Philippines also qualified for the 12-team continental women's showpiece to be held in India for the second time after 1979. The tournament, which will also serve as final stage of Asian qualification for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand, will be held in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Pune from January 20 to February 6. South Korea, who had finished third in 2003 as their best performance, will be making their 13th appearance after topping Group E, while Philippines won Group F for their 10th participation. Thailand, who won the 1983 edition, topped Group H for their 17th appearance in the tournament. Three other teams -- winners of Group A, B and D -- remain to qualify for the tournament in which India is the automatic qualifier as host side. The country will be making its ninth appearance in the tournament.

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