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Modi praises Yogi's development efforts

With foundation stone for Raja Mahendra Pratap varsity in Aligarh, PM sounds bugle for UP 2022 polls

PNS ■ ALIGARH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for the Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University and reviewed the progress of work on the Aligarh node of Uttar Pradesh defense corridor, calling it a "big day" and sounding the bugle for the 2022 State Assembly polls.

Locks manufactured in Aligarh used to secure houses and now the defence equipment made in Aligarh will secure the nation's borders, he said.

In his 40-minute address, apart from introducing the youth to Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, Modi also highlighted the importance of Aligarh.

Praising the work of Yogi Adityanath, he said the Chief



PM Narendra Modi during foundation stone laying of the Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University in Aligarh on Tuesday PTI

Minister has created an environment of investment in UP, wooing a large number of investors to the State.

He said the Yogi Government has given a new identity to the locks and hardware industry of Aligarh. Industries and SMEs will get special benefits from this, and

in the next few years ₹900 crore will be invested, he said.

UP defense corridor is bringing huge investment and employment opportunities. This happens when the necessary environment for investment is created, the PM added.

Calling it a big day for UP, Modi said Aligarh, which was

known to manufacture locks for securing houses will now play an important role in securing the boundaries of India by manufacturing defence equipment. He said India will not only become self-reliant in defence but will also become a major exporter in the sector.

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Vax efficacy negates need for booster dose: Scientists

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Some countries may have started offering booster doses as an option to counter virulent Delta variant of Covid-19, but an international group of scientists has rejected the idea of giving booster dose to combat Delta variant of Covid-19, asserting that vaccine efficacy against the severe virus is so high that booster doses for the general population are "not appropriate" at this stage in the pandemic.

The World Health Organization (WHO) also has disavowed the idea of giving third doses to all stating that it may be necessary for the most at-risk populations. "But for now, we do not want to see widespread use of boosters for healthy people who are fully vaccinated," the WHO has said.

Published in the Lancet journal, the review by the scientists, including from the WHO and two from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), summarises the currently available evidence from randomised controlled trials and observational studies published in peer-reviewed journals and pre-print servers and asserts that the benefits of the first shots are clear.

It added that vaccination had 95 per cent efficacy against severe disease both from the



Delta variant and from the Alpha variant, and over 80 per cent efficacy at protecting against any infection from these variants.

Although vaccines are less effective against asymptomatic disease or against transmission than against severe disease, the unvaccinated minority are still the major drivers of transmission, the scientists argued in the review published on Monday.

The observation comes even as the US is currently reviewing evidence for booster doses for Americans and many other countries including Israel, Italy, France and Russia who have already rolled out the third dose of Covid jabs.

India too has been contemplating giving booster dose to the vaccinated people having low antibody levels.

"The move is being contemplated as over 20 per cent of the inoculated population has failed to develop antibodies against SARS-CoV2," Director of Bhubaneswar-based Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) Dr Ajay Parida had recently indicated.

However, lead author Ana-Maria Henao-Restrepo from the WHO in the review in the Lancet noted that taken as a whole, the currently available studies do not provide credible evidence of substantially declining protection against severe disease, which is the pri-

mary goal of vaccination.

"Even if some gain can ultimately be obtained from boosting, it will not outweigh the benefits of providing initial protection to the unvaccinated," said the lead author.

Last week, Pascal Soriot, CEO of AstraZeneca, also said a third dose of vaccines against Covid-19 may not be needed for everyone.

The WHO has, meanwhile, called for an extension of a global moratorium on Covid-19 booster doses, with an aim to enable every country to vaccinate at least 40 per cent of its population.

According to the WHO, globally 5.5 billion vaccine doses have been administered, but 80 per cent have been administered in high-and upper-middle income countries. "The vaccines that are currently available are safe, effective, and save lives. Although the idea of further reducing the number of Covid-19 cases by enhancing immunity in vaccinated people is appealing, any decision to do so should be evidence-based and consider the benefits and risks for individuals and society."

"These high-stakes decisions should be based on robust evidence and international scientific discussion," added co-author Soumya Swaminathan, WHO chief scientist.

153 Af media outlets stop op after Taliban recapture

New restrictions, eco stress may shut down more media houses

ANI ■ KABUL

After the fall of the Republic of Afghanistan, 153 media outlets have stopped their activities in 20 provinces, local media reported citing the organisations supporting free media in the troubled country.

According to officials at the organisations, these outlets include radio, print and TV channels and both economic problems and restrictions are reportedly the main reasons for not being able to operate anymore, *Tolo News* reported on Tuesday.

The officials said if the media's financial crisis is not solved and restrictions against them are not addressed, more outlets are likely to cease operating in the country.

"If the organisations sup-



porting media do not pay attention to media outlets, soon we will witness the closing of the remaining outlets in the country," *Tolo News* quoted Hujatullah Mujadadi, the deputy head of the Afghanistan Federation of Journalists as saying.

"The continuation of this trend has created concerns. We urge international organisations to take immediate action to address this problem. Otherwise, soon it will be the end of press freedom and other human and civil liberties," *Tolo*

News quoted Masroor Lutfi, representative of the Afghanistan National Journalists' Union as saying.

The organisations supporting free media in Afghanistan said economic problems are serious, and operating under restrictions creates big challenges for media in Afghanistan.

The Taliban, however, has said they will try to create a safe environment for media and journalists to continue their jobs.

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Yogi's 'abba jaan' upsets ally JD(U)

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Janata Dal (U), a key ally of the Modi Government, is toeing a different political theme is evident again as its president Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan' on Tuesday frowned at the "abba jaan" remarks of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, saying political parties should maintain "restraint" in their comments and that the country belongs to everyone, be it Hindus, Muslims, Christians or any other community.

The JD(U) recently decided to send its senior leader KC Tyagi to a rally being organised in Jind on September 25 by INLD chief Om Prakash Chautala, seen as part of the effort for forming a non-BJP, non-Congress front.

The JD(U) has also decided to "strongly fight" the upcoming Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh and Manipur. The JD(U) has, earlier, been quite unhappy with the BJP that it had led its six of the seven MLAs in Arunachal Pradesh to the saffron fold in December 2020.



JD(U)'s new national president and MP, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, alias Lalan Singh

The party is likely to organise its national executive meeting in UP in November and its office-bearer's meeting in Manipur as it works to galvanise its organisational machinery in the two States.

Prior to this, the BJP ally has also been putting pressure on the Modi Government to agree to conduct an OBC census in the country.

"Terms like 'unity in diversity' are used for our country. The country belongs to all. No remarks should be made that harm the country," Singh, a confidant of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, told reporters when asked for his reaction to the BJP leader's comments.

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Covid pushed 31 mn more into extreme poverty in 2020: Study

'90% of advanced economies to regain pre-Covid per capita income by 2022'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the Covid-19 pandemic-induced lockdowns wreaked havoc on the economy and livelihoods, an additional 31 million people were pushed into extreme poverty in 2020 compared to 2019, according to a report that highlighted stark disparities caused by the crisis worldwide.

The annual Goalkeepers Report, co-authored by Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates for their foundation, however, noted that while 90 per cent of advanced economies will regain pre-pandemic per capita income levels by next year, only a third of low and middle income economies are expected to do so. Hence, there is a need for investment in local partners to strengthen the capacity of researchers and



manufacturers in lower-income countries to create the vaccines and medicines they need, the report said.

"(The past year) has reinforced our belief that progress is possible but not inevitable," wrote the co-chairs. "If we can expand upon the best of what we've seen these past 18 months, we can finally put the pandemic behind us and once again accelerate progress in addressing fundamental issues like health, hunger, and climate change," they wrote.

The Goalkeepers Report

follows a similar study by Azim Premji University that talked about lockdown impact on India, saying that around 23 crore Indians have been pushed into poverty during the last one year. It said the rural poverty rate increased by 15 percentage points and the urban poverty rate by 20 points in India.

The report co-authored by Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates also highlighted the disproportionate economic impact that the pandemic has had on women globally.

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CAPSULE

COPS BUST PAK-BASED TERROR MODULE

New Delhi: The Delhi Police's Special Cell has busted a Pakistan-organised terror module with the arrest of two terrorists, officials said on Tuesday. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Pramod Singh Kushwah said, "Pakistan-organised terror module has been busted. Two Pakistan-trained terrorists have been arrested." Explosives and firearms have been recovered from them in a multi-state operation, he added. Further details are awaited, police said.

MINORITIES '100% SECURE' UNDER MODI GOVT: NCM

New Delhi: Minorities are "100 per cent secure" under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Government and the narrative that hate incidents have gone up during the present dispensation is "wrong", National Commission for Minorities chairperson Iqbal Singh Lalpura said on Tuesday.

TMC nominates Sushmita, DMK names Somu for RS

DMK also picks Rajeshkumar for Upper House polls

SAUGAR SENGUPTA/PNS ■ KOLKATA/CHENNAI

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) has nominated former Assam Congress leader Sushmita Dev for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections. She is being nominated for the seat vacated by former TMC Rajya Sabha member Dr Manas Bhuniya, who is presently a Minister in the Mamata Banerjee Cabinet.

Sushmita Dev is the daughter of late Congress leader and Union Minister from Silchar Santosh Mohan Dev. She recently left her former party to



join the Trinamool Congress. The election for the Rajya Sabha seat is slated to be held on October 4.

Dev's nomination to the Rajya Sabha is part of TMC supremo Mamata's north-eastern plans. According to sources, the Bengal Chief Minister who is trying to make inroads into Assam politics by appropriating the Muslim and

Bengali-speaking votes in that State will in all probability use Dev for the purpose.

"We are extremely pleased to nominate @SushmitaDevAITC to the Upper House of Parliament. @MamataOfficial's vision to empower women and ensure their maximum participation in politics shall help our society to achieve much more!" the party tweeted. Dev, who was one of the national spokespersons of the grand old party and its women's wing chief, switched over to the Mamata Banerjee-led camp last month.

Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu's ruling DMK has announced Dr Kanimozhi Somu and KR N Rajeshkumar as the party's candidates for the Rajya Sabha elections scheduled for October 4.

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76% decline in coal power projects since Paris pact to tackle climate

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

There has been a 76 per cent reduction in proposed coal power pipelines since the Paris Agreement was signed in 2015. After assessing the global pipeline of new coal projects, a new report has said the decline indicates the end of new coal construction, which is welcome news for tackling climate change.

The report by climate change think tank E3G comes ahead of the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy in November where countries will advance their individual and collective commitments to "no new coal projects" and also asking richer countries to provide support to countries in pivoting towards a coal-free future.



Coal is the single largest contributor to climate change. According to a recent UN report (IPCC), the use of coal needs to fall 79 per cent by 2030 on 2019 levels to meet the pledges countries signed up to in the Paris Agreement.

China alone accounts for 55 per cent of the global total, followed by India — which is

home to 7 per cent (21GW) of the global pipeline — Vietnam, Indonesia, Turkey, and Bangladesh. The report pointed out that action by these six countries could remove 82 per cent of the remaining global pipeline.

This leaves 44 countries without a pre-construction pipeline, and in a position to

commit to "no new coal", joining 40 countries that have made this commitment since 2015. Together, they can respond to Guterres' call for "no new coal by 2021".

The remaining pipeline is thinly spread across 31 countries, 16 of which are only one project away from embracing a future without coal.

These countries could follow global momentum and regional peers in ending their pursuit of new coal-fired power generation.

If China follows East Asian neighbours Japan and South Korea in ending overseas coal finance, it would facilitate the cancellation of over 40GW of pipeline projects across 20 countries, said the report.

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Aussie MP lauds UP's Covid mgmt model

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Yet again the 'UP Model' of COVID-19 management received worldwide recognition as Australian Minister and senior MP, Jason Wood, heaped praise on Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for effectively managing the novel coronavirus outbreak in the state and expressed a desire of working with the Uttar Pradesh government.

Impressed by the UP Model of Covid Management, Wood wrote on his Twitter handle: "Many thanks to Hon. Chief Minister of UP Yogi Adityanath for his kind message to me. We look forward to working with the UP Government for the enrichment of culture and development. Appreciate the UP Government's Covid control efforts in this difficult time."

The key elements of the UP Covid Model such as contact tracing, early detection, isolation and free and timely provision of medicine kits and treatment to the rural populace has won laurels across the world. A few days back, Australia's federal independent Member of Parliament Craig Kelly had also praised the state of Uttar Pradesh for successfully "smashing" the "scary" Delta variant of COVID-19. The Australian MP said that the state of Uttar Pradesh with a population of nearly 24 crore curbed the second wave of COVID-19.

"Many thanks to Hon. Chief Minister of UP Yogi Adityanath for his kind message to me. We look forward to working with the UP Government for the enrichment of culture and development. Appreciate the UP Government's Covid control efforts in this difficult time"

Meanwhile, in a sign that the deadly second wave of COVID-19 had been successfully contained, out of the 1,91,446 samples tested in the last 24 hours, only 33 samples tested positive for novel coronavirus infection across the state as a result of which the test positivity rate (TPR) slumped to even lower than 0.01 per cent in Uttar Pradesh.

In the same period, another 25 COVID-19 patients recovered from the infection. The active caseload in the most populous state of the country reduced to 187 from a high of 3.10 lakh in April, pushing the recovery rate to a remarkable 98.7 per cent. No new case was detected in 59 districts of the state.

If bulldozing crime, mafia is hatred, it will continue: Yogi to Rahul

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Giving a befitting reply to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "if bulldozing the crime and mafia is hatred then it will continue."

The reply came to a tweet of Rahul which said the UP chief minister was spreading hatred. The tweet in response by the CM Office gave an apt reply: "Jaaki rahi jin ke bhavna jaisi, prabhu murat deni tin taise", casting doubt over the intentions of the Congress leader.

There has been overwhelming support for the tweet from Yogi's office as it recorded over 28,000 likes and about 9,000 retweets.

On the other hand, the government also reacted strongly to Rahul Gandhi's tweet. In a statement on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said that there was a flaw in Rahul Gandhi's vision and he should read the history of Gorakhsheethadishwar and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. "Gorakhsheeth has always been an example of social harmony which always engaged in uniting all the sections of the society."

"The divisive policy has always been the tradition of the Congress which only spread hatred in society and adopted the policy of divide and rule," the spokesman said.

"Contrary to this, it is remind you (Rahul Gandhi) that the incident of Meenakshipuram's conversion never took place in North India," the spokesman added.

Yogi's revered Guru Mahant Avaidyanath had a



meal at Domraja's house with saints in Varanasi and also the laying of the first brick of bhoomi puja of Ram temple by a Dalit Kameshwar Chaula was possible due to his efforts, the spokesman reminded the Congress leader.

Following the principles of his Guru, Yogi also did the same thing as his successor, he said.

"GORAKHSHEETH HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN EXAMPLE OF SOCIAL HARMONY WHICH ALWAYS ENGAGED IN UNITING ALL THE SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY."

Further reminding Rahul Gandhi, the official spokesperson said, "A member of your own family had said that only 15 per cent of the Centre's money meant for development reaches the real beneficiaries, but this does not happen under

Yogi's UP as the benefits of government welfare schemes reach the eligible persons without any discrimination which can never happen in any of the Congress regimes."

Meanwhile, state minister Sidharth Nath Singh on Tuesday defended the drive against organised crime and the demolition of encroachments on public land and crit-

should first learn to respect his father and uncle than talk of the respect of the party workers of the BJP," he said.

"Samajwadi Party is rattled by the demolition drive by the government against the assets of the organised mafia. Common people are happy over the demolition drive while Akhilesh Yadav is unnerved by it," Singh said and added, "It was the mafia who ruled the roost during the Samajwadi Party regime while under Yogi Adityanath government the mafia gangs have fled the state."

He said during the last over four-year rule of Yogi Adityanath, the most effective crackdown had been launched against the mafia and their assets of over Rs 1,800 crore had been seized.

Singh said education was one of the sectors where the Bharatiya Janata Party gov-

Yogi to inaugurate Pepsi plant in Mathura

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will inaugurate PepsiCo India's largest foods plant for production of potato chips in Mathura on Wednesday.

Set up with an investment of Rs 814 crore, the Kosi Kalan foods plant in Mathura marks PepsiCo's largest Greenfield investment in India. It is also the company's first 'Make and Move' factory, which will cater to the growing demand for its potato chips brand.

It is pertinent to note that as a result of the Uttar Pradesh government's industry-friendly policies and reforms like labour regulation, single window clearance, timely online approvals and enhanced infrastructure including road and power, the food and beverages major PepsiCo India will be operationalising its foods plant in less than two years.

The plant will create over 1,500 direct and indirect job opportunities in the state. With a target of giving job opportunities to at least 30 per cent women among its employees, the plant will also fulfill the government's aim of providing equal opportunities to women in the state. In addition, the Kosi Kalan plant will also give benefits to over 5,000 local farmers in Uttar Pradesh as PepsiCo India intends to source 1,50,000 tons of potatoes, its raw material, annually from the local sources in the state.

Since 1990, PepsiCo has been producing carbonated soft drinks and non-carbonated beverages in UP through franchisees. These units are functioning in Greater Noida, Kosi, Satharia-Jaunpur, Kanpur Dehat and Hardoi. This is the first time that the company has set up a Greenfield project in UP.

Ramlila to be staged by cine stars in Ayodhya comes under criticism

KAMLESH SRIVASTAVA ■ AYODHYA

The much-hyped Ramlila to be staged by cine stars in Ayodhya has come under criticism from the sant samaj who have questioned the language and costumes to be used during the religious function by the character actors.

Sants from different cults were equivocal in their protest, saying that Ramlila was a spiritual tradition and attempts were being made to destroy religious beliefs through the new style of distorted Ramlila.

The Ramlila will be held virtually and beamed across the country on a digital platform. Last year over 16 crore people watched it on digital platforms and this year the viewership is expected to swell over 20 crore.

Mahant Bal Yogi Ramdas Ji Maharaj of Siddhpeeth Kartalia Baba Ashram said that Sanatan Dharma was centuries old and Lord Shri Ram was Maryada Purushottam.

"The character of Lord Ram is considered an ideal not only in India but in the whole world. But the Ramlila presented last year did not reflect our culture. Many people called me last year questioning the sanctity of Ramlila performed in Ayodhya. The character of Lord Shri Ram is not being shown properly. Such insults will not be tolerated at any cost," he said.

"The cine stars performing different characters in Ramlila may be good actors of Bollywood. But before a performance in Ramlila they should study the scriptures and should understand the kind of clothes worn at that time. President of Ayodhya's Ramlila, Subhash Malik, should go to Banaras and watch Ramlila and should see how the character of Lord Ram is depicted. Ramanand Sagar ji brought Ramayana to the television screen. No one can raise a finger at any character but when the character of our Lord Ram is not shown in the right spirit, saints will oppose such Ramlila and Ayodhya will not allow such Ramlila," he said.

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Umifenovir cures Covid in 5 days: CDRI director

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Coronavirus becomes zero in five days with 'Umifenovir', the drug developed by the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), and the dosage is two tablets a day, director Prof TK Kundu said while addressing mediapersons on Tuesday.

Sharing the findings of the Umifenovir trials conducted at three institutes of the city, Prof Kundu said they are waiting for the green signal from the Drug Controller of India after which it would hit the market within two months.

"We have seen that Umifenovir is working fantastically against Covid and the coronavirus becomes zero without any adverse symptoms in five days. None of the patients have gone from mild to severe during the trials. The drug is going to be the cheapest as compared to other drugs available in the market today," he said.

About the challenging times which they faced while developing the drug, he said: "Umifenovir (Arbidol) was selected from among 16 suggested candidates of CSIR upon looking into the feasibility of synthesis using locally available chemicals at the peak of pandemic. Looking into the background and looking into the

possibility of synthesis, we decided to go for Umifenovir. This drug is being used for the last 20 years in Russia and China for common cold, and we decided to take this forward for anti-Covid drug repurposing. We decided to start with the synthesis with whatever we had in our laboratories at a time when no vehicles were plying due to lockdown."

He said that nearly four labs started synthesising this drug and in record time, they finished the synthesis on the campus.

"In the meantime, we got in touch with a company in Goa which was interested in this and through video-conferencing, we showed step-by-step chemical reactions. The technology was transferred to the company online and we prepared the documents to be sent to the Drug Controller General of India and got the approval for phase-3 clinical trials," he said.

He added that the drug was made in Goa when even the postal services were not working properly and on a personal basis, they could get the drug material back in the CDRI.

"We did the stability studies and at the same time, three centres in the city were chosen for trials — KGMU, ERA's Medical College & Hospital and RMLIMS. Ravi Shankar

from our institute took the initiative to connect the entire clinical trials initiative and we decided to go for the double blind placebo trial," he elaborated.

He admitted that it was a setback for them when the state government announced that asymptomatic patients might not be hospitalised because if there were no patients in the hospital, how would you do the trials.

"Finally we did the clinical trials and analysis with our own statisticians and also the external companies, and got very good results," he said.

He added that the dosage used in the study had not been tested earlier against SARS-Cov2 and was in the process of being patented by CDRI.

Dr Himanshu Reddy and Dr Virendra Atam, the project investigators at KGMU, said that the faster recovery of Covid patients would reduce virus shedding and consequent spread of the infection to others. Dr MMA Faridi of ERA said that Umifenovir could be prescribed for pregnant women and children too, when approved. Dr Vikram Singh of RMLIMS suggested that as Umifenovir was safe and had significant efficacy in mild-asymptomatic patients, it could be useful as a prophylactic for high-risk patients.

60% of Lucknow's population jabbed



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Sixty per cent of the eligible population in Lucknow has received at least the first dose of vaccination, according to District Immunisation Officer Dr MK Singh. As many as 22,94,608 people out of the total eligible population (38,22,220) of Lucknow have received at least the first vaccine dose, he said, adding a total of 32,03,335 vaccine doses have been administered in the district so far.

Dr Singh said the pace of the vaccination which started on January 16 has been uniform and sustainable with micro-planning and cluster drives at many points. "Workplace vaccination camps were held for those who had a problem in slot booking, and hence Lucknow has witnessed rapid vaccination," he said. He added that the workplace vaccinations were carried out in every part of the city and the venues were easily accessible.

Meanwhile, District Magistrate Abhishek Prakash flagged off 23 vaccination vans from KD Singh 'Babu' Stadium on Tuesday. All the CHCs will have a van each while Sarojinagar, Mohanlalganj, BKT and Malihabad CHCs will have an extra vaccination van each.

"Each of these vans will have a vaccinator and data operator. Route charts should be made on a daily basis for the areas which are far from the CHCs," he said.

The DM said vaccines should be provided in proper quantity to these vans and there should be a doctor present in case there is any adverse reaction to a beneficiary. He said the vans should also display the names of CHCs and their contact numbers.

Meanwhile, a two-day vaccination camp has been organised at Charbagh metro station 10 am to 4 pm. People will just have to bring their Aadhaar cards with them to get jabbed.

Emphasis on proper dosage of antibiotics

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It has been estimated in a study that by the year 2050, around one crore people would die worldwide because of antibiotic resistance, making it even deadlier than cancer. Antibiotic resistance happens when the bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics that are used to treat the infection that they cause.

Giving this information, head of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine department of KGMU, Dr Ved Prakash said that inappropriate use of antibiotics leads to resistance in micro-organisms, causing multi-drug resistant infections. It is important to prescribe antibiotics when they are truly needed and with adequate dosage, using the shortest duration of antibiotics based on evidence, reassessing treatment when culture results are available, he said. The surveillance of antimicrobial resistance and hospital acquired infection and monitoring of antibiotic consumption is the need of the hour, he added.

He further pointed out that according to a study, almost 40% of infections in the ICU are now being contributed by multidrug resistant micro-organisms.

"As per a recently published data from CDC, more than half of the antibiotics prescribed for selected events like pneumonia and urinary tract infections in hospitals are not according to the recommended guidelines. Sepsis is the final common pathway for a vast majority of infections and ultimately leads to death. Sepsis is the body response to severe infections, leading to the shutdown of organs and death. The strategic uptake of sepsis prevention and treatment measures by health systems is more urgent than ever, as research confirms COVID-19 causes death and disability due to sepsis," he elaborated.

It needs to be vehemently emphasised that governments, health authorities, professionals, and all stakeholders should treat sepsis as a global health emergency, he said.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that infectious diseases – whether communicable or not – continue to represent a global threat, and that sepsis prevention and treatment are part of the solution. It is important to create awareness about early identification of sepsis and judicious use of antibiotic therapy in the healthcare society as well as general public on the whole," he said.

Dr Prakash said that seps-

is is the third leading cause of death after heart disease and cancer, and the most common cause is a bacterial infection.

"The most common site of infection which leads to sepsis is the lungs, which contribute to around 35% of the sepsis cases. It is followed by urinary tract infection which contributes to around 25% of the cases. Other sources can be gut and skin infections," he added.

The causes of antibiotic resistance are over-prescription of antibiotics, patients not finishing their treatment, overuse of antibiotics in livestock, poor infection control in hospitals & clinics, lack of hygiene & poor sanitation and core elements of antibiotic stewardship which includes enhancing infection prevention and control.

Vice-Chancellor Dr Bipin Puri said it is pertinent that KGMU, being a role model institute, shows other hospitals and institutes through action about how to prevent sepsis and if it does happen, to identify it early and begin prompt management as every hour is very crucial in these patients.

"Regular updates about sepsis prevention, identification and management through various academic activities is very important in this regard," he added.

Couple deprived of house in fraud

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Retired CRPF official and his wife were deprived of their house purchased by them in Ashiyana. The couple kept running from pillar to post to get justice but help came their way only when they contacted the DCP (East). The victims were identified as Dilwar Singh and Poorna Rawat.

Dilwar Singh purchased the house in Aurangabad locality of Ashiyana in 2013 and the couple started living there with their son and daughter-in-law. In due course of time, the couple had some differences with their son and decided to shift to their native house in

Uttarakhand. Dilwar Singh contacted his colleague Manoj Dixit to help him sell his house. Dixit, in connivance with his wife, property dealer Amit Srivastava and his wife Beenu Srivastava, got an agreement signed with house owner Purna Rawat and later, they fraudulently got her to sign on a paper. The accused gave only Rs 4 lakh to the couple for the house which cost Rs 34 lakh.

Meanwhile, the couple, who were staying in Uttarakhand, got to know that Manoj and Amit got the house registered in their names. They reached Lucknow and came to know that both Amit and

Manoj had started mushroom farming in the open space in the house. The couple were threatened with dire consequences if they reported the matter to police. Purna alleged that Manoj told her he would frame them in a case.

In another case, a man was accused of stealing the car of his employer in Talkatora police station area. Neetu Singh of Rajajipuram said they had hired Manish Rajput of Indiranagar as a driver some time back. She alleged that Manish left for his hometown in Hamirpur by the for some work but did not return. "He has switched off his mobile phone and is incommunicable," she told the police.

Meanwhile, a man was duped of over Rs 1 lakh in an online fraud in Krishna Nagar. The victim was identified as Prahlad of New Azad Nagar.

As per reports, Prahlad got a call from a man who introduced himself as an employee of a bank in which he had a savings account, and was asked to share some details. A little later, he received a message regarding deduction of the money from his account.

The victim said he immediately contacted the bank and was assured a refund within 24 hours. "However, I have not got any refund till date," he said.



Devotees carrying a Lord Ganesha idol for immersion on Tuesday

Pioneer

Man who thrashed traffic cop booked for attempt to murder

Lucknow (PNS): A case of attempted murder and hindering government servant from discharging his duty was on Tuesday registered against a man who thrashed a traffic constable at Barabirwa crossing. Constable Raju Singh identified the accused as Ashutosh Jha, who was driving an SUV.

As per reports, Raju Singh spotted the SUV coming from the wrong direction and he started clicking its pictures. It made Ashutosh angry and he got down from the SUV. He allegedly caught the traffic constable by his throat and thrashed him. The traffic constable alleged that Ashutosh tore his uniform and said he was an advocate and would get him suspended. The accused also damaged his mobile phone.

Meanwhile, two days after a group of armed miscreants struck at a house in Maal police station area on Sunday night and injured a woman for

offering resistance, a team led by SP (Rural) Hridesh Kumar visited the crime scene to take stock of the investigation. The visit was made after a video went viral on social media, showing the injured — including two women admitted in KGMU Trauma Centre — speaking about the incident.

Three teams each were dispatched to to Hardoi, Sitapur and Barabanki trace the robbers. On Sunday night, the robbers had stormed the house of Vijay Kumar Gautam of Phooltara village in the area. Vijay challenged the miscreants by training a sharp-edged weapon on them but the robbers attacked him. When Vijay was being attacked, his wife Reena and daughter Surekha rushed to his rescue and were also attacked. The miscreants later forced Vijay's daughter-in-law Subhashini to give them the keys of almirah after which they looted ornaments worth Rs 5.5 lakh and Rs 48,000 in cash.

Traditions with focus on hygiene make a comeback

SHARMILA KRISHNA ■ LUCKNOW

Coronavirus has put its stamp on Indian traditions with focus on hygiene and many of these traditional practices are already being revived in the houses. City doctors support the same while residents point out that they are beginning to realise the importance of these traditions.

Head of the Paediatric department of KGMU, Dr Shailly Awasthi said going back to the old culture is a positive thing. "I am sure even in the ancient times they must have learnt these traditions the hard way like us," she said.

She said people have already started these practices in their homes. "In the earlier times, people used to observe distancing in such a manner that their shadow would not fall on another, which was a 2-feet

distance, and that is back again," she pointed out.

Dr Awasthi said these things were being followed earlier but got distorted with time. "Handwashing, keeping shoes outside the houses have begun and people are hesitant in getting their food cooked by outsiders. Even the well-off people are now cooking their own food. It is good for people to do their own physical work, otherwise they become obese sitting idle," she added.

Dr Arun Tewari from Lok Bandhu Hospital said that traditionally, Indian practices regarding hygiene have been nice. "Hygiene has been a part of our religion and that is why it is said that we should resort to hygiene very religiously. Hand hygiene, which has been a constant practice in Indian customs, has to be followed rigorously. Indian customs say that whenever you come from

any outdoor activity, you must keep your shoes away and wash your hands. Hand hygiene is the best thing to prevent coronavirus infection and other infectious diseases, and has been a part of our Indian system for a long time," he said.

"Nails are the breeding ground for bacteria and viruses and whenever we touch an object colonised by bacteria, it will infect us. It has always been stressed that hand hygiene should be followed. It's a barrier method by which infection dissemination can be stopped and is the soul of hygiene," he added.

Dr Tewari said that in case of children, various traditions which prevent the newborns and mothers from stepping out of the houses show the way these practices were focused in the right direction.

"Such customs which existed earlier and now science

has put a seal on them. It has been established that these traditional practices had a scientific basis," he said.

80-year-old Suneeta Devi, a resident of Mahanagar, said that kitchen hygiene has always been a hallmark of the Indian culture. "We have seen times when mothers-in-law would insist that one could enter kitchens after bathing. There were courtyards forming the central part of the houses which kept toilets and kitchen separate from the bedrooms and kept the hygiene factor high besides giving a good air circulation. Nowadays with closed houses, people live in AC rooms, breathing the same air circulating in the premises," she said. She added that even coins and notes were set apart and not accepted with a view that they could be carriers of infection from outside.

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Priyanka lashes out at UP govt for delaying justice to Hathras victim

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Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra expressed concern over the delay in ensuring justice to the Hathras rape victim who died exactly a year ago.

In a tweet posted on Tuesday, Priyanka stated that it has been exactly a year since the incident took place but instead of getting justice, the victim's family has been receiving threat, not to mention that the victim was denied a proper cremation and the entire state machinery

was involved in maligning the girl's character.

"How can one even expect sensitivity from a government that is not concerned about women's security and safety? The anti-women mentality of the chief minister who has said 'women should not be given freedom' is known to everyone," she tweeted.

On September 14 last year, a 19-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly gang-raped by four youths belonging to the Thakur caste -- Sandip, Ravi, Ramu and Luvkush -- at a village in Hathras. She was strangled with her dupatta and after being shifted to Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital for specialised treatment, she succumbed to her injuries two weeks later.

After outrage from the media and of course the opposition parties, a CBI probe was

ordered and the probe agency filed a charge-sheet in a special court in Hathras on December 19 last year. The probe agency indicted the named accused of gang-rape and murder along with charges under Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The investigators rejected several statements by state government officials and the UP Police that disputed the rape charge.

On March 5, 2021, during the trial in the Hathras court, a group of people, including lawyers, threatened the victim's family members and their counsel in the courtroom. The court ordered security for the victim's family but one year has elapsed since the case was reported but the family is still waiting for justice.

Akhilesh hits out at PM Modi for calling SP regime 'mafia raj'

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Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for calling the previous Samajwadi Party government as 'mafia raj' during the latter's speech in Aligarh on Tuesday.

"I have not heard what the prime minister said in Aligarh. If the PM has labeled the previous government as mafia raj, than Modi ji should get more data from the police response system Dial 100 and the women protection cell 1090 and get his facts corrected. If the PM gets the correct data then he would apprise himself about the cases reported during the SP government and the present government of Yogi Adityanath," he said.

"The Bharatiya Janata Party government, instead of

doing something new, has taken over development work done during the Samajwadi Party regime and presented the works of the SP government as its own.

The prime minister's push on the farmers' front is eyewash and the BJP is working for the rich people and capitalist and not for the common people. The ruling BJP is only making false claims to mislead the people," Akhilesh said, dismissing assertions about the farmers made by the prime minister and the chief minister during the public meeting at Kol in Aligarh on Tuesday.

Earlier on Tuesday, addressing a press conference, Akhilesh Yadav condemned the 'abbajaan' jibe by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

"The BJP is aware of its fate in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh

assembly elections and hence has changed its language. The ruling party has nothing to show as performance so they are using the photos of other states and countries. The chief minister has shown through his language what development means," the SP chief said.

On Sunday, Yogi Adityanath alleged that before 2017, only those saying 'abbajaan' were getting ration and that the 'appeasement politics' of the Samajwadi Party resulted in its exit from power.

"Now you get ration. Did you get the ration before 2017? Earlier, only those who used to say 'abbajaan' were digesting the ration. The ration meant for Srinagar went to Nepal and Bangladesh back then. But if someone tries to take away ration from the poor now, he will definitely land in jail," the

chief minister said while addressing a meeting ahead of the 2022 UP assembly election.

Akhilesh also attacked Yogi Adityanath for the demolition of slums inhabited by the poor people in Ayodhya.

"The BJP should change its election symbol from 'Lotus' to 'bulldozer'. After the formation of a Samajwadi Party government in the state in 2022, the government will provide financial assistance to the poor people of Ayodhya whose dwellings were demolished," he said.

Meanwhile, several Bahujan Samaj Party leaders Yashvir Singh, Harishankar Rajbhar, Munna Yadav and former minister Manpal Singh and Abdul Hafiz Gandhi joined the Samajwadi Party in the presence of Akhilesh Yadav in Lucknow on Tuesday.

Mukhtar falls ill; taken to hospital

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News about incarcerated Ndon-turned-Bahujan Samaj Party legislator Mukhtar Ansari being shifted to Banda medical college hospital due to some serious ailment raised the hackles of the police and district administration on Tuesday.

After four hours of exercise in fortifying the hospital premises with additional force, the officers stumbled upon the fact that doctors undertook the exercise after Ansari complained of a toothache. Subsequently, the high-profile inmate was sent back to Banda District Jail.

As per reports, the local police went on the alert after learning that Mukhtar Ansari lodged in Banda Jail was being rushed to Banda medical college hospital after his health deteriorated on Tuesday. The doctors initially did not disclose anything which further created panic amongst the officers and they immediately deployed additional force at the hospital premises to avert any untoward incident.

It came to light that after his health deteriorated in the barracks of Banda Jail on Tuesday morning, Mukhtar Ansari was first brought to the jail hospital and was later referred to Banda medical college hospital. Later in the evening, doctors at the medical college hospital disclosed that the jailed legislator had a tooth ailment for which he was treated.


After this, Mukhtar was lodged back in the district jail.

On April 6, Mukhtar Ansari was brought to Banda District Jail from Punjab and has been participating through video conferencing in the court hearings at Mau, Azamgarh, Prayagraj, Barabanki. On Tuesday, he was brought out of Banda Jail for the first time in five months.

Before being shifted to Ropar Jail in Punjab a few years back, Mukhtar Ansari, then lodged in Banda District Jail, was rushed to Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow after it was suspected that the tea served to him was poisoned.

In April this year, while Mukhtar was being transported to Banda from the Punjab jail, his brother, Afzal Ansari, and his family members had protested the High Court order apprehending serious threat to the BSP legislator's life during the transit.

Even last week, Mukhtar had approached the court seeking security cover on the ground that he perceived a threat to his life.




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S. No.	Tender Notice No.	Station	Description of Work	Estimated Value for 01 Year (Reserve price in ₹)	Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (in ₹) Through online Payment
1.	10-2021-BST-SOLE RIGHT	Bastli	Sole right advertisement of Bastli station	₹ 5,91,654/-	₹ 35,500/-
2.	11-2021-BNZ-SOLE RIGHT	Badshah-nagar	Sole right advertisement of Badshah-nagar station	₹ 4,94,962/-	₹ 29,700/-
3.	12-2021-ASH-SOLE RIGHT	Aishbagh	Sole right advertisement of Aishbagh station	₹ 6,19,582/-	₹ 37,200/-
4.	13-2021-KLD-SOLE RIGHT	Khalliabad	Sole right advertisement of Khalliabad station	₹ 2,53,791/-	₹ 15,300/-
5.	14-2021-GD-SOLE RIGHT	Gonda	Sole right advertisement of Gonda station	₹ 17,37,182/-	₹ 1,04,300/-
6.	15-2021-DAL-SOLE RIGHT	Daliganj	Sole right advertisement of Daliganj station	₹ 4,48,160/-	₹ 26,900/-
7.	16-2021-LC-SOLE RIGHT	Lucknow City	Sole right advertisement of Lucknow City station	₹ 4,83,414/-	₹ 29,100/-
8.	17-2021-BLP-SOLE RIGHT	Bairampur	Sole right advertisement of Bairampur station	₹ 2,50,013/-	₹ 15,100/-
9.	18-2021-BRK-SOLE RIGHT	Bairahich	Sole right advertisement of Bairahich station	₹ 2,57,047/-	₹ 15,500/-
10.	19-2021-JKH-SOLE RIGHT	Jharkhandi	Sole right advertisement of Jharkhandi station	₹ 1,81,637/-	₹ 11,000/-
11.	20-2021-STP-SOLE RIGHT	Sitapur	Sole right advertisement of Sitapur station	₹ 5,64,447/-	₹ 34,000/-
12.	21-2021-LMP-SOLE RIGHT	Lakhimpur	Sole right advertisement of Lakhimpur station	₹ 2,11,870/-	₹ 13,000/-
13.	22-2021-MBP-SOLE RIGHT	Mohillapur	Sole right advertisement of Mohillapur station	₹ 3,19,318/-	₹ 20,000/-

Cost of Tender Document (Non-Refundable) (in ₹) Through online payment: For S.No. 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 13 :- ₹ 2000/- and For S.No. 5 :- ₹ 5000/-, Date and Time of Closing of Tender: Up to 14.00 hrs on 08.10.2021, Date and Time of Tender Opening: Up to 15.00 hrs on 08.10.2021, Validity of Tender: 45 days, Period of contract: 03 Years, Website address: www.ireps.gov.in
CPWD/C-52 Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Lucknow
About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955
"DO NOT TRAVEL WITH INFLAMMABLE ARTICLE IN TRAIN"

CITYBRIEFS

HINDI DIWAS

Bank of Baroda celebrated Hindi Diwas at its zonal office in Lucknow with fervour and enthusiasm under the chairmanship of Zonal Head & General Manager Brajesh Kumar Singh. The celebrations began with 'Matri Vandana' by staff members. MD & CEO Sanjiv Chaddha, through a video message, exhorted the staff to use Hindi in their day-to-day works. He said the growth of Hindi is directly proportional to that of the nation. Brajesh Kumar Singh highlighted the importance of Hindi and urged the employees to increase its use.

PLANTATION DRIVE

A plantation drive was held in the newly-created 'Green Zone' of the department of Respiratory Medicine, KG MU, on Tuesday. As many as 75 saplings were planted. Head of the department Dr Surya Kant said these plants are the future oxygen plants. "Each one of us requires 350 litres of oxygen per day, which is provided by plants only," he said. He appealed to people to plant saplings on every auspicious occasion.

CA EXAM

Aviral Kumar Agarwal, an alumnus of City Montessori School, Mahanagar Campus (2014 batch) cleared the CA final exam conducted under the aegis of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, results of which were declared recently. As many 27 students from Lucknow cracked the CA final exam and Aviral Kumar Agarwal was one of them. Aviral passed his class 12 (ISC) from CMS Mahanagar Campus in 2014 with 93% marks.

SEMINAR SERIES

To connect the voice of AKTU alumni to young aspirants, the Resource Generation and Alumni Relations Cell organised the inaugural edition of AKTU Alumni Seminar Series online on Tuesday. AKTU Distinguished Alumnus Award-2020 recipient and pioneer of enterprise blockchain solutions, founder & CTO of DLT Labs Neeraj Srivastava delivered a motivational talk. DLT Labs is coming up with its new offices in interior small cities to offer work-from-home facilities to bridge the gap between metro and small cities/rural countryside.

INAUGURATED

Academician Pragyan Dungal inaugurated the third branch of Asian Kids Preschool at Gusto Club. The event started with director Naureen Hyder uncovering the prospectus and explaining about the curriculum which is designed to help every child to develop physical, cognitive and social abilities through fun filled activities, presentations, art and drama.

ADVANCE TAX

Chief Principal Income Tax Commissioner (East UP) Ashish Verma said here on Tuesday that the income tax payers should deposit the second installment of the advance tax of fiscal 2021-22 by Wednesday after computing their tax liability.



क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, 162, उत्तर मोहाल (निकट चण्डी होटल), राबर्ट्सगंज, सोनभद्र पर्यावरणीय अधिसूचना दि० 14.09.2006 के अन्तर्गत "लोक सुनवाई" हेतु आम-सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जनपद-मिर्जापुर में निम्न अवयस्क खनिज बिल्डिंग सैण्ड स्टोन, ईमारती पत्थर एवं उप खनिज बालू (ऑर्डिनरी सैण्ड) की खनन परियोजनाओं की लोक सुनवाई हेतु प्रस्ताव उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड में प्राप्त हुए हैं। इस सम्बन्ध में पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलपायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा प्रस्थापित अधिसूचना संख्या-एस०ओ०/1533, दिनांक: 14.09.2006 यथासंशोधित एस०ओ०/3067 (ई०) दिनांक 01.12.2009 के प्रावधानानुसार जिलाधिकारी, मिर्जापुर द्वारा नामित अपर जिलाधिकारी (वि०-रा०/नगागिगं०) की अध्यक्षता में निर्माकित परियोजनाओं की लोक सुनवाई नियत की गयी है, जिसका विस्तृत विवरण निम्नांकित तालिका में दर्शित है-

क्र सं	परियोजना का नाम व पता	परियोजना का स्थल व पता	खनन क्षेत्रफल	लोक सुनवाई की तिथि एवं समय	लोक सुनवाई स्थल का नाम व पता	लोक सुनवाई हेतु नामित अध्यक्ष
1.	मैसर्स सत्य नारायण सिंह कन्स्ट्रक्शन प्रा०लि० (श्री सत्य नारायण सिंह), निवासी-नारायणपुर, चेनारी, रोहतास, बिहार	स्वीकृत आराजी नं०-180/2, क्रम संख्या-20, ग्राम भगौतीदेई, तहसील चुनार, जनपद-मिर्जापुर	क्षेत्रफल-1.21 हेक्टेयर (12,100.00 घनमीटर/वर्ष) में अवयस्क खनिज सैण्ड स्टोन, (ईमारती पत्थर)	दिनांक: 18.10.2021, अपराह्न 01:00 बजे	प्राथमिक विद्यालय भगौतीदेई, तहसील-चुनार, जनपद-मिर्जापुर	अपर जिलाधिकारी (नमागिगं०) मिर्जापुर
2.	मैसर्स सत्य नारायण सिंह कन्स्ट्रक्शन प्रा०लि० (श्री सत्य नारायण सिंह), निवासी-नारायणपुर, चेनारी, रोहतास, बिहार	के पक्ष में स्वीकृत आराजी नं०-732, क्रम संख्या-18, ग्राम भगौतीदेई, तहसील चुनार, जनपद-मिर्जापुर	क्षेत्रफल-1.01 हेक्टेयर (10,100.00 घनमीटर/वर्ष) में अवयस्क खनिज सैण्ड स्टोन, (ईमारती पत्थर)	दिनांक: 18.10.2021, अपराह्न 02:00 बजे	प्राथमिक विद्यालय भगौतीदेई, तहसील-चुनार, जनपद-मिर्जापुर	अपर जिलाधिकारी (नमागिगं०) मिर्जापुर
3.	मैसर्स एच० पी० ट्रेडर्स नं०/गाटा नं०-494ग, ग्राम वैसुकिया, तहसील सदर, जनपद-मिर्जापुर	स्वीकृत आराजी नं०/गाटा नं०-494ग, ग्राम वैसुकिया, तहसील सदर, जनपद-मिर्जापुर	क्षेत्रफल-5.0 हेक्टेयर (1,00,000.00 घनमीटर/वर्ष) में उप खनिज बालू (ऑर्डिनरी सैण्ड)	दिनांक: 18.10.2021, अपराह्न 03:00 बजे	प्राथमिक विद्यालय वैसुकिया, सदर, जनपद-मिर्जापुर	अपर जिलाधिकारी (वि-रा०) मिर्जापुर

उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड द्वारा पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलपायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी प्रावधानों के अनुपालन में उपरोक्त परियोजनाओं की लोक सुनवाई उपरोक्त सूची में अंकित परियोजनाओं के सम्मुख वर्णित स्थान, दिनांक एवं समय के अनुसार आयोजित किया जाना प्रस्तावित है। लोक सुनवाई में जनता के सुझाव, विचार एवं टिप्पणियाँ आदि निर्माकित कार्यालयों में लिखित रूप में अथवा लोक सुनवाई में उपस्थित होकर मौखिक/लिखित रूप में प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं :-

(1) कार्यालय जिलाधिकारी, मिर्जापुर, (2) कार्यालय जिला पंचायत, मिर्जापुर, (3) उपायुक्त उद्योग, जिला उद्योग एवं उद्यम प्रोत्साहन केन्द्र, मिर्जापुर (4) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, मध्य क्षेत्र, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलपायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, पंचम तल, केन्द्रीय भवन, सेक्टर-एच, अलीगंज, लखनऊ, (5) उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, टी०सी०-12वीं, विभूति खण्ड, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ एवं (6) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, 162, उत्तर मोहाल, राबर्ट्सगंज, सोनभद्र।

अतः सर्वसाधारण को इस आम सूचना के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि प्रस्तावित उक्त परियोजनाओं हेतु प्राप्त प्रस्ताव के सम्बन्ध में पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति संबंधी प्रकरण के निस्तारण हेतु तालिका अंकित तिथि, समय एवं स्थल पर "लोक सुनवाई" की कार्यवाही निर्धारित की गयी है, जिसमें वैश्विक महामारी कोविड-19 के दृष्टिगत सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग का पालन करते हुए आप उपस्थित होकर अपना सुझाव व आपत्तियाँ प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं अथवा सुझाव/आपत्तियाँ लिखित रूप से इस प्रकाशन की तिथि से 30 दिन की अवधि में उपरोक्त वर्णित कार्यालयों में प्रेषित कर सकते हैं।

संदर्भ संख्या-G-000664/विज्ञापन पत्रा०/2021 दिनांक- 13-9-2021

(डा० टी०एन० सिंह) क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी

BLW crosses 1 lakh-mark in vaccination

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) has set a new record by administering 1,00,000th Covid dose on Monday which is the highest in any single vaccination centre in the district under the ongoing world's biggest free Covid vaccination campaign being done in the country on the initiative of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This record is unique in itself, which shows the dedication and hard work of BLW doctors, officers and employees towards the general public.

BLW is sincerely contributing to the success of the vaccination campaign by providing separate sections for registration and vaccines (Covishield and Covaxin) as a necessary measure to avoid mixing of vaccine doses. Due to proper management, tremendous enthusiasm is seen among the general public here. BLW's vaccination centre had touched the 50,000-mark in vaccination on July 15 and then 75,000-mark on August 18 and it reached six figure-mark on September 13 this year.

'It is a matter of great pride,' said the General Manager (GM) Anjali Goyal while expressing her happiness over the record set by BLW with the coordination and cooperation of the state government.

She also praised the ongoing



A girl receiving vaccination at BLW vaccination centre in Varanasi on Monday.

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public awareness for vaccination and appealed to the BLW employees and people for 100 per cent vaccination.

She stressed the need for making this campaign of the Central Government a complete success and expressed her happiness over providing vaccination for elderly, pregnant women and handicapped

people under the supervision of specialist doctors of BLW. The vaccination amongst the BLW employees is very close to cent per cent.

Meanwhile, in the district as many as 46,881 beneficiaries got Covid jabs during the day in 159 sessions at various vaccination centres of the hospitals, health centres and others.

Out of them, 39,169 got their first vaccines, while 7,712 second.

As many as 4,485 persons above 45 received vaccine doses while 42,396 above 18 including 35,200 getting the first dose and 7,196 second. At the special women's centre, 226 were vaccinated while at international special centre 18.

Give proper place to mother language: BHU V-C

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Officiating Vice-Chancellor (V-C) of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Prof Vijay Kumar Shukla said that the countries which had made progress, had done it through their mother tongues. 'We also have to give proper place to our mother tongue as the use of Hindi will have to be promoted in all areas of education,' he said while presiding over a seminar on 'spread of science through Hindi' was organised by the Hindi Publications Committee of BHU at Acharya SS Joshi auditorium on the occasion of Hindi Diwas here on Tuesday.

'If we explain to our patients in simple Hindi language in the field of medicine, then they and their families can understand it easily,' he said while referring to his own

experiences related to language, stressed the need for writing of excellent books in Hindi as it is the need of the day and the government is also moving in this direction.

The first distinguished speaker in the programme was Acharya Chandra Mohan Nautiyal, former senior scientist of Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP). While speaking in Hindi through a powerpoint presentation on 'science communication - condition and direction', he said that science should be explained to the common people in their languages. Prof Sridhar Dwivedi, senior cardiologist of National Heart Institute (NHI), Delhi, said that today we have to tell our patients about diseases and treatment in their own languages and stressed the use of popular words in the field of

medical science.

Director, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU, Prof Ramesh Chand spoke on the utility of Hindi in agricultural science. 'Our farming society is not able to accept new seeds easily so we used various mediums like pamphlets, AIR, Doordarshan etc to explain to the farmers. Director, Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development (IESD), BHU, Prof Akhilesh Singh Raghuvanshi said that Nagari Pracharini Sabha, Kashi has contributed a lot in the upliftment of Hindi. 'We can say that Hindi in the country is the gift of Banaras and Hindi in science is the gift of BHU,' he said, adding that to get many scientific words in Hindi remains a challenge even today. Dean, Faculty of Science, BHU, Prof Madhulika Agrawal also shared her own experiences

and requested the V-C to publish a research journal in Hindi because the same in English is coming out long back.

In the beginning, Director, Institute of Science, BHU, Prof Anil Kumar Tripathi while welcoming the guests highlighted the main objectives of the seminar. 'The use of Hindi in all fields of science is the need of the hour as at present, the use of Hindi is being accepted universally in the country. Giving details of the committee, Dr Daya Shankar Tripathi said that it was established by Mahamana Pt Madan Mohan Malviya in 1930 with the aim of writing and publishing science books in Hindi and making it accessible to the students.

'Today this committee is 90 years old and since then 78 books and magazines have been published,' he said.

Sahityakar Sansad to be set up in DAV College

VARANASI (PNS): DAV PG College resolved to establish a Sahityakar Sansad (litterateur parliament) to fulfill the dreams of great litterateur Mahadevi Verma here on Tuesday on the occasion of Hindi Diwas. 'This Sahityakar Sansad, determined for the awakening and cultural development of the society, will be driven by the determination to take inspiration from the literary-cultural heritage and develop its tradition in today's era,' said the Principal Dr Satyadev Singh in a programme organised under the aegis of Hindi department. Dr Singh made the announcement that by connecting with the memory and legacy of Mahadevi Verma, the decision to set up Sahityakar Sansad has been taken. 'The objective of Sahityakar Sansad is to connect Hindi literature with wider concern and to expand the knowledge space of Hindi. Sahityakar Sansad will be a common platform of all India cultural sages with the cooperation of enlightened people in and around the city and will be dedicated to the promotion of Hindi,' he said. According to him, the purpose of Sahityakar Sansad is to encourage new talents, work in the development of Hindi and to make other knowledge disciplines available in Hindi. The duly proposed executive and members

of the Sahityakar Sansad will be announced later. He also appealed for cooperation from the writers and intellectuals of the city in this plan. On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, students participated in Hindi speech- cum-poetry reciting event. Alok Kumar Mishra, Uday Bhaskar, Dravid Kumar, Satyam Shivendra, Geetanjali Yadav, Sandeep Kumar, Ayush Pandey and Dhruv Satyam participated. Head of the department Dr Rakesh Kumar Ram, Dr Rakesh Kumar Dwivedi, Dr Asmita Tiwari and Dr Ankita Chaudhary also expressed their views. The programme convenor was Dr Sameer Kumar Pathak, while the function was conducted by Rajan Kumar.

CAMPS TO BE HELD FOR AGED: With an aim to make the daily life of senior citizens smooth and easy, the folding wheelchair, artificial teeth, food care kit, stool spinal support, etc will be distributed among them free of cost under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) by holding camps at blocks and urban areas from September 17 to 30. The district administration and Social Welfare department will hold camps at blocks in rural areas and urban areas. The folding wheelchair, artificial teeth, wheelchair with commode, food care kit, commode with chair, stool spinal support, sil-

icon foam pillow, knee brace, lumbosacral belt, stick, cervical collar, roletor, etc will be distributed among the elderly persons of 60 years and above free of cost under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) of Social & Empowerment Ministry, Government of India from September 17 to 30.

The old aged persons who are at 60 years or above can take advantage of this scheme by getting them registered by visiting the camps free of cost but their monthly income should not be more than Rs 15000 and the income certificate should be certified by Revenue department, MP, MLA and Gram Pradhan. The beneficiaries should also furnish their Aadhar card at the time of getting registration, the Chief Development Officer (CDO) Abhishek Goel informed. The CDO informed that the camp will be held on September 17 at Hanuman Prasad Poddar Andh Vidyalaya, Durgakund at 10 am and the camp will be held on September 18 at 10 am at Composit Vidyalaya (LT College), Orderly Bazar, while at Arajiline Development Block on September 20 & 21 at 10 am. On September 22, 23, 24 and 25 at 10 am, the camps will be held at Badagaon, Chiragaon, Cholapur and Harahua block respectively, he added. Goel further informed that the camp

will be held on September 27 at 10 am at Amrawati Purushottam Government Multipurpose Divyang Development Institute, Khushipur in Kashi Vidyapith block and the camp will be held on September 28 & 29 at 10 am at Pindra block, while on September 30, the camp is to be organised at 10 am at Sewapuri block.

SVS TO HOLD TRADERS CONVENTION: In view of the forthcoming assembly election in 2022, the Samajwadi Party (SP) is making efforts to bring the maximum businessmen in the party fold and in this order, its sister organisation Samajwadi Vyapar Sabha (SVS) is going to organise a convention of traders of Varanasi division on September 19 at a palace on Piplani road, here. The party has decided to attach the maximum businessmen to the party in the state and thus, the programme is being held even at block level so that the dialogue could be established with the maximum traders. And in this order, the SVS is going to organise a convention of the businessmen which the traders of districts of Varanasi division including Varanasi, Jaunpur, Chandauli and Ghazipur will attend in large numbers, the state vice president of the organisation Pradeep Jaiswal informed the media persons.

Prayagraj will be developed like Ayodhya: Maurya

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Tirthraj Prayag is the centre of faith, belief, dedication and spiritual practice of all Hindus. The development of Prayagraj will be done on the lines of Ayodhya, as per the hope and sentiments of the general public and saints. As Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Ram, is flourishing in a new form, similar permanent development will be done in Prayagraj.

This was said by Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya at a programme held here in Prayagraj on Tuesday. Maurya, who was addressing the first session of Rammila Mahasangh at Shri Vaikunth Dham Ashram as the chief guest, described himself as a true Ram devotee.

The Deputy CM said that as a VHP worker, he has par-

ticipated in many movements for Ram Mandir. "Even today, I am a Ram bhakt first," he said. He added that to connect Hetapatti with Phaphamau and Jhansi with Naini, the idea is to build a bridge across Ganga-Yamuna. The route of Shri Ram Vanagman will be made systematic and attractive, he said.

Mahasangh president Phoolchand Dubey demanded that sale of meat and liquor be banned in Prayagraj like Mathura and Vrindavan. Tikarmani Ashram Peethadheeshwar Swami Harichaitanya Brahmachari, while pointing out that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee provides financial support to Durga Puja committees, he said: "Durga Puja and Rammila committees should get financial support from UP government." Jagadguru

Ghanshyamacharya said that the path that Lord Ram has stepped foot on should be made attractive and convenient.

Jagadguru Swami Vasudevanand Saraswati, a member of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, said there is a need to take concrete steps to preserve all the monuments and places related to Sanatan Dharma.

STUDENTS INFORMED ABOUT UNSUNG FREEDOM FIGHTERS: To remember the forgotten and unsung freedom fighters, North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Prayagraj, is organising workshops and seminars at different colleges on a regular basis to celebrate Amrit Mahotsav (75 years) of India's freedom. In this connection, a story-telling programme was organised at St Anthony College on Tuesday to

apprise the students of the unsung freedom fighters who contributed a lot for see India's freedom. One such programme was organised on Monday at CAV College, while Jagat Taran Girls Inter College, Arya Kanya Inter College, Government Inter College will be covered this week.

NCZCC director Prof Suresh Sharma, principal of St Anthony College, and chairman Bharat Bhagya Vidhata Virendra Pathak lit the ceremonial lamp to inaugurate the programme, while Prof Sharma and Virendra Pathak narrated stories of Shaheed Lal Padmadhar, Durga Bhabhi, Triloki Nath Kapoor, and Ramesh Malviya. Virendra Pathak, while telling the students about Dilkusha Park, Naya Katra stories, discussed in detail an unsung freedom fighter Laxmi Didi.

Former MLA's son accused of rape, loot

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

An FIR was registered against former Phulpur Samajwadi Party MLA Saeed Ahmad's son of Kavi Ahmad at Civil Lines police station on Monday night on charges of rape and loot.

It was alleged that the accused befriended a woman after changing his name and raped her on the pretext of marriage by giving her sedatives. The woman also accused the MLAs wife and daughter of assaulting her and of conspiracy.

In her complaint, the woman claimed that she was preparing for Miss India competition and used to run a gym in Civil Lines. In 2018, she came in contact with Kavi Ahmad, who befriended her by changing his name. The accused took her to Lucknow on the pretext of running a beauty parlour where the

accused sexually exploited her after giving her sedatives. He also made obscene videos and started blackmailing her.

The woman further alleged that when she returned to Prayagraj, the accused kept following her. He even raped her in Prayagraj at gunpoint and assaulted her.

She also alleged that on Sunday, she had gone to Civil Lines where the accused and his aide intercepted her. They threatened her with dire consequences and snatched her gold chain and also took away her SIM card. SHO of Civil Lines police station Shishupal Sharma said on Monday, "On the complaint of the woman, an FIR for rape, loot and other relevant sections of IPC has been registered against Kavi Ahmad, son of former Phulpur SP MLA Saeed Ahmad."

Meanwhile, the former SP MLA said that the woman had borrowed Rs 6 lakh from his

son for running a beauty parlour. When asked to return the money, she lodged a fake FIR. "Video footage is available in which the woman can be seen hitting herself. My son is being framed due to political enmity," he alleged.

ATS TEAMS CONDUCT RAIDS IN KARELI: The Lucknow and Varanasi Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) teams conducted sudden raids in Kareli on Tuesday morning, causing panic among locals. It was said that the ATS had got some information about a suspect and his location was traced in a house in Karamat ki Chowki locality of Kareli.

The ATS teams reached there and took the entire area under their siege. They raided the house in search of the suspect. It was believed that the suspect might have links with terror.

The ATS raids were conducted against madrasa oper-

ator Mufti Saifur Rahman, a resident of Kareli's Wasiyabad, and people associated with him. The ATS also interrogated the women present there. In this sequence, a team of ATS had also gone to GTB Nagar for raids. The houses of Ubaidur, a resident of Tiranga intersection of STS Kareli, and a resident of 60 Fit Road, were also raided here.

Kareli area of the city is dominated by Muslim community and a good percentage of them are under Gangster Atique Ahmad's influence, who recently joined hands with Owaisi. Atique was enjoying Samajwadi Party support and then for some time he had joined Apna Dal.

At present, he and his younger brother Ashraf are languishing in jail, and the Yogi government has bulldozed properties worth crores of rupees belonging to Atique, his relatives and his gangmen.

Efforts begin to transform Triveni Pushp

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Efforts have begun to transform Prayagraj's Triveni Pushp, a picturesque tourist attraction on the banks of Yamuna at Arai, into a cultural and recreational activities hub in the region. Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) has invited an Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested parties for this project.

"We aim to transform Triveni Pushp into a hub for promoting cultural and recreational activities, promoting agriculture and river tourism-based activities besides providing space for a range of religious, cultural, social and public gatherings all-round the year," said PDA vice-chairman Arvind Chauhan.

As per the EOI issued by the PDA, the agency selected by the department through the

tender, the premises of Triveni Pushp would be rented out for 10 years (subject to the annual extension based on achievement of performance level benchmark will be decided during Tender process). The bidder can organise small, medium and large-scale events and activities.

If all goes according to plans, the site as a 'Mini-Indian village' would have its amusement and recreational zones besides food courts offering yummy treats besides theme-based temporary hotel set-ups. "The site would host several activities including organising yoga camps, amusement zone, food courts, recreational zone, agri-tourism based activities, river tourism-based activities, government, political, social and corporate events and meetings, seminars and workshops for various stakeholders, religious gathering, social gatherings and events, exhibitions and promotional events, conclaves and summits etc," Chauhan said.

Besides, events like talk shows and performances, public gatherings and cultural events, theme-based temporary hotel set-ups can also be carried out, he added.

This list of activities is non-exhaustive and indicative as applicants can suggest more options, said the PDA VC. Triveni Pushp was the dream project of former UP Vidhan Sabha Speaker and former governor of West Bengal Keshari Nath Tripathi and it was due to his efforts that a tower came up in Arai, Naini, in 2003.

Triveni Pushp is already a tourist attraction. It has magnificent tower architecture visible in the southeast direction from the confluence of Triveni

Sangam, surrounded by 12 small lawns. Triveni Pushp is a viewpoint and a major tourist attraction visited by almost all national and international delegations, travellers and pilgrims during Kumbh- 2019.

Among other things, there are specimens of many mythological characters and other religious replicas such as Ram Janma Bhoomi Temple, Badrinath Temple, Kedarnath Temple etc also here. The peaceful environment and well connectivity of the venue are expected to facilitate it to grow further.

From the top of the tower, one can have a magnificent view of Sangam and the historical Akbar Fort. Triveni Pushp premises also have models of prominent temples located in Ayodhya, Badrinath and Kedarnath along with a statue of Gautam Buddha.

Several programmes mark Hindi Diwas

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Hindi is the benchmark of Hindustan. When the language ends, the country will also not survive. You need to take pride in your language. It makes us outspoken.

These views were expressed by Meena Srivastava, principal of Jwala Devi Saraswati Vidya Mandir Girls Inter College. She was motivating the students to join Hindi in an event organised at the school on Hindi Diwas.

The students stressed on the importance of Hindi through stories, poetry and speeches. "The students said that relations in English are pronounced with lips and teeth, destroying their intimacy and sweetness. On the other hand, all the relations spoken in Hindi are addressed through the throat. The use of this language increases intimacy," the students said.

Acharya Neelam Sharma from the school said there is a need to inculcate and imbibe Hindi in life and one should be proud of it. Tanishka Jaiswal, Anushka Rai, Komal Pandey, Garima and Santosh Seth actively participated in the programme.

Calligraphy, story, essay and debate competitions were organised for the students of classes VI-XII at Anglo-Bengali Inter College.

Kavi Darbar was organised under the joint aegis of Vasudha Foundation and Lions Club at KP Girls' Inter College on Tuesday. The students sat on the stage dressed as poets and read more than one composition. The students also paid homage to literary legends. Teachers were also felicitated. The winners of other competitions held in the programme were awarded. Principal Amita Saxena presided over the programme. She highlighted the importance of Hindi. She said Hindi has also been given priority in the New Education Policy.

Various schools in the city celebrated Hindi Diwas on Tuesday. Some schools also organised a series of events to mark the occasion. Maharshi Patanjali Vidya Mandir celebrated Hindi Diwas on Tuesday with zeal and enthusiasm.

The students of classes VI to X participated in several interesting activities like story-telling, poem recitation, slogan writing and speech presentation. Deeparani

Gupta, a senior Hindi teacher, highlighted the importance of Hindi. She said as a child cannot live without mother, Indians have no identity without their mother tongue. The principal appreciated the efforts of the students. She said Hindi is a creative and culturally rich language and therefore, students must use this language to contribute to the development of nation.

IFFCO MD BAGS AWARD: Lifetime Agri Business Summit Award 2021 was given to the IFFCO Managing Director Dr Uday Shankar Awasthi for the yeoman service to the agriculture industry and for the services rendered in the field for the benefit of the farming community by him. Hyderabad based agri consulting company, RAY Consulting, organised an Agri-Business Summit at Park Hyatt Hyderabad.

Raghunandan Rao, APC and Secretary to Government Agriculture and Cooperative Department Government of Telangana; Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, Government of Telangana; Dr V Praveen Rao, VC Prof Jayashankar Telangana State Agriculture University (PJT-

SAU) among others were present as guests.

The ABSA Life Time Award for the years 2021 was presented during the summit to Dr US Awasthi, who later delivered a talk on how cooperatives can build a strong and sustainable agribusiness model. Addressing the gathering, Dr Awasthi said: "I am often asked why I chose cooperatives, and the answer is because cooperatives are the real models of growth of any nation. IFFCO Group contributes significantly to the GDP of the country with a turnover of over 7 billion dollars. We have reduced our average energy consumption by 1/3rd and water consumption by 3/5th since the inception of our plants."

"We reach out to 2.5 million farmers each year. I feel pride in sharing with you that every 4th bag of fertiliser sold in India belongs to IFFCO. During 2022-21, we marketed 137 lakh MT of fertilisers in the country," he said, adding: "We have planted 100 lakh neem trees across India over the last five years not only for environmental sustenance but also for rural income generation through a collection of neem seeds."

Cases related to labourers to be settled on top priority: Shekhar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Kanpur Divisional Commissioner, Dr Raj Shekhar, after taking over the additional charge of Labour Commissioner and UP Finance Corporation, said all the cases related to labourers would be settled on top priority.

He said his effort would be to ensure that pending cases were settled in the next two months. He said the department had over Rs 5,000 crore as cess amount and this amount would be used for welfare measures for the labourers.

He said several welfare schemes were run by the state government and the priority would be to ensure that these were properly channelised and used for the welfare of the labourers.

Shekhar said he would also ensure that the implementation part was carried out in the most transparent manner. He said the UP government wanted to ensure that the benefit should reach a larger number of peo-



The Kanpur Divisional Commissioner, Dr Raj Shekhar taking over charge of Labour Commissionerate.

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ple. He said being placed at the helm of affairs, he would ensure that the pending recovery of Rs 290 crore of the UP Financial Corporation was done at a

fast pace. He said strategies would be worked out so that the recovery could be made swiftly and smoothly.

He said NPA were a major setback to an organisation and this was on account of the laxity and this had to be strictly monitored and every effort made to ensure that the defaulters were made to deposit what they owed to the government.

He said the UP labourers had scores of welfare measures but on account of apathy and casual attitude of the authorities concerned these could not trickle down to the people at the grassroots level. He said all this would be properly channelised and the results started appearing in the next two months.

He appealed to the staff and officials of both the departments to extend full cooperation so that the given targets could be achieved. He said within a week, a review meeting would be held to ensure that things were moving in the right direction.

KNN to slap fine for throwing garbage on roads

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Nagar Swasthya Adhikari Dr Amit Singh said on Tuesday that Kanpur Nagar Nigam would take punitive measures against citizens who throw garbage on roads.

He said the KNN had already launched a drive to collect dry and wet garbage separately but a large number of people were throwing garbage on the roads. He said the KNN had so far identified 778 houses from where garbage was thrown on roads and they would have to pay a fine for littering.

He said the KNN had launched door-to-door garbage collection and every citizen had to pay a fixed monthly charge for this service. He said the KNN had decided to use waste generators to segregate waste and store at source in three separate colour bins i.e. green-for biodegradable waste, blue- for non-biodegradable, red-for domestic hazardous waste. He said wet and dry domestic garbage had to be kept separately.

He said the main objective of this system was the implementation of the MSW Rules-2000 while the other objectives were related to creating awareness towards the health of residents and hygiene of the city.

Police constable accused of sexually assaulting girl

KANPUR (PNS): After the involvement of a retired inspector and a traffic sub-inspector in molestation of teenage girls, a former constable of Chakeri police station has also been accused of raping a girl and blackmailing her on through the video clips of his obscene act. On the complaint of the victim girl, police have registered a case against the constable and are finding out his present posting.

As per the complaint, constable Sanjiv Kumar was posted in Ahirwa outpost of Chakeri police station about a year back and lived in a police quarter in Rail Bazaar. On the pretext of some work, he called the girl to his place and raped her. He began to blackmail her on the basis of video of the act. He kept on sexually assaulting the girl on the pretext of marrying her. When she refused to come to his quarter, the constable visited her house a few days ago and, after damaging her cell phone, brutally beat up her. When the victim brought this issue to the notice of the constable's wife, the latter expressed her inability to do anything as he had prepared obscene video clips of many other girls.

On the basis of the allegations levelled by the girl, police have registered a case against constable Sanjiv Kumar.

Chakeri Inspector Madhur Mishra said an FIR for rape and physical assault had been lodged against the alleged constable. He said efforts were on to locate the present posting of the constable. Inspector Amit Bhadana, who is investigating the case, said during questioning, the girl disclosed that she and constable Sanjiv Kumar became friends through Facebook. When the girl sought his help in a cyber crime case, he had taken her mobile phone number and started calling her. One day, he took her towards a jungle near Chakeri turn and raped her and made a video clip of the act. He then used the video clip to blackmail the girl and sexually assaulted her for about six months.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Cantonment) Mrigank Shekhar Pathak said action would be initiated against the constable.

CAMP: Kanpur Development Authority will organise a two-day zone-wise 'Mutation Disposal Camp/Mela' at its campus on September 16 and 17. The camp is aimed at disposing of pending cases of mutation.

The decision came in the wake of regular receipts of applications by the KDA Vice Chairman Arvind Singh through Janata Darshan programmes, Single Window counter and many other mediums wherein allottees/applicants urged for early mutation of their inherited/willed/donated/bainama properties, pending for the past several months.

Chandauli girl creating a global learning community for children

CORRESPONDENT ■ CHANDAULI



whenever there is a long break at her school, Milpitas High School, in Santa Clara. Disha is considered a gifted student in science and mathematics. She also possesses remarkable oratory skills. However, she believes that the children in her village in India are also highly talented and deserve the same level of education as she has. She formed a non-profit organisation, Bliss Kids, with her friends in the United States and started working with a few government schools in Varanasi region. Dharmendra says she

always wanted to be a part of children's community in the villages of India. She collected donations and had got swings installed in schools in Jalhupur, Rustampur and Chhahin villages in Varanasi. Her team also collected books for setting up small libraries in schools. As the time zones differ, she worked with her team to create educational videos for these school children. "These videos and content prepared by Disha are very useful in the current time in view of Covid-19 pandemic and we are running small community classes for the children in their neighbourhood," claims Rajendra Kumar, a teacher at Karjara primary school in Chandauli. As per Surendra Singh of Jalhupur primary school in Varanasi, Disha and her team members engage with the children and that truly inspires them to learn new things. He believes that Disha has been able to increase their interest in school and studies.

Hindi workshop organised

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

The Rajbhasha Week Celebration-2021 has been organised from September 13 to 20 at North Eastern Railway (NER) headquarters here. On the first day on Monday in Signal and Telecommunication Training School, Gorakhpur, under the presidency of Deputy Chief Rajbhasha Officer and Deputy General Manager (General) Krishna Chandra Singh a Hindi workshop on the topic, 'Science and Sports: Use of Rajbhasha' was organised. The function was started by lighting the lamp and garlanding of the pic-

ture of Maa Saraswati. In his presidential address on the occasion Krishna Chandra Singh, wished everyone on Hindi Diwas. He said that language is a powerful medium of culture, civilisation, knowledge, science and education of any country. Professor Sanjay Verma of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, the special speaker of the function, said Hindi is our mother tongue. Professor Verma elaborated on the ill effects of using polythene. Principal/Electrical Training Centre, Ajay Rishi, and Principal/Multidisciplinary Training Centre, Sudhir

Srivastava, were present as special guests on the occasion. In the workshop along with the headquarters, the trainees and personnel of Signal and Telecommunication Training School participated. The programme was conducted and coordinated by Rajbhasha Officer Dhruv Kumar Srivastava who also delivered a welcome address.

On the other hand, the special guest Deputy Director/Multi-disciplinary Training Centre VP Singh, while proposing the vote of thanks said that the use of Rajbhasha Hindi has got a new direction from this workshop.

Stress on maximum use of Hindi

CORRESPONDENT ■ SONBHADRA



At Rihand station of NTPC Aproject during Hindi fortnight being celebrated for promotion of Hindi an online Hindi workshop was organised for the employees of Rihand project on Monday. Chief General Manager (Rihand) Debabrata Paul, who was present as the chief guest, in his address urged everyone to make more and more use of Hindi language in official work and conversation. Former Director, Department of Rajbhasha, Ministry of Home Affairs, Dr Jai Prakash Kardam, who was present as the keynote speaker in this event, said Hindi is the language of culture which strengthens humanity and tradition. Hindi is the only language which incorporates the words of all languages of the world.

Kardam said that along with entertainment, media, production and cinema etc Hindi has made a distinct place in the field of employment too. We all should be proud of Hindi, he said and added that it has a glorious history. Prominent among those present on the occasion General Manager (GM-O&M) KN Reddy, GM (Maintenance) S Srikrishna, GM (Operations) AK Chatopadhyay, GM (TS) AK Papanaja, GM (FM) M Ramesh and Additional General Manager (HR) SVD Ravi Kumar, various heads of departments along with other employees of Rihand project were present. Senior Manager (HR) Sundari Pappu while giving a brief introduction of the keynote speaker Dr Kardam in the online workshop welcomed the employees participating in it. The programme was coordinated by Executive (Corporate Communications) Shiksha Gupta.

ADM (F&R) takes charge

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

New ADM (F&R) Shiv Pratap Shukla took charge on Monday. A PCS officer of 2013 batch, Shukla, has worked in different capacities in several districts and presently was posted as OSD at Greater Noida. Before his selection in PCS, after passing MA in Psychology from Allahabad University in 2006 he worked



New ADM (F&R) Shiv Pratap Shukla

as assistant professor in a government degree college. He said that it was a matter of pride for him that he got an opportunity to serve under the blessings of Goddess Vindhyavasini.

Prior to taking charge the ADM paid his obeisance at the Goddess Vindhyavasini temple.

TRAGIC END: A youth drowned in Ganga river under Vindhyachal police station on Monday. As per the reports, a group of devotees had come to Vindhyachal. Before performing the rituals at Vindhyavasini temple the devotees went bathe in Ganga at Deevan Ghat, Vindhyachal. During bathing Nikesh Dwivedi (22), a resident of Hanumana, Rewa, MP, slipped into the area where water was deep. On hearing the cries of his companions the boatmen and water PAC rushed to his rescue and brought the victim out. After primary treatment at CHC Vindhyachal the victim was referred to the divisional hospital but the doctors declared him as brought dead. After taking the body, Vindhyachal police completed the legal formalities. In another incident, one person died when he got caught in a mixture machine under Lalganj police station Monday. The works manager of

a road construction company informed the police that an employee died while he was repairing the machine. On getting information the police reached the site and found Vijay Kumar Yadav (39), a resident of Madarbhari Bheetee village in Ambedkarnagar district as dead. After taking the body the police completed the legal formalities.

SUSPENDED: The licence of a ration shop was suspended on the charge of irregularity on Monday. The villagers of Nanhupur had lodged a complaint to the DM a few days ago who had directed the DSO to conduct an inquiry. After it the irregularities were found. On the report of supply inspector Umesh Chand the DSO ordered the suspension of the licence of the shop for three months and attached the village to another shopkeeper and issued show cause notice to the shopkeeper concerned. As per the company's representative the victim was working as technician at the site.

Six accused apprehended

CORRESPONDENT ■ JALAIN



On the directive of Superintendent of Police (SP) Ravi Kumar and Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Dr Rakesh Kumar Singh police apprehended six accused in connection with the loot from a truck driver on September 5. They were identified as Pradyumn alias Santi, Shivam Yadav, Rizwan alias Bunde, Asif Khan, Guddu alias Ansar and Lalit Yadav. SP said an application was received from the plaintiff, Dharendra Kumar. Thereafter three teams were formed under the guidance of CO Santosh Kumar, surveillance cell and SOG. Police con-

fiscated six illegal pistols, seven cartridges, one mobile phone, ₹12,000, one Bolero, four number plates and two fake ID cards. An FIR was lodged under Sections 307, 399, 402, 420, 467 and others of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 3/25 Arms Act in this regard. The accused were notorious criminals. The team which made the arrest comprised inspector Nagendra Kumar Pathak (incharge, Kotwali Orai), SIs Kamlesh Prajapati, Kulbhushan Singh, Dharmendra Singh Yadav, Divyaparakash Tiwari, Mansoor Ansari besides Shriram Prajapati, Rajeev Kumar, Manoj Kumar, Satyaprakash Yadav, Vinay Pratap and others.

Hindi plays an important role in national integration: Sinha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Additional General Manager, Ordnance Parachute Factory, Sushil Sinha, while addressing the closing function of Rajbhasha Hindi Pakhwara on Tuesday, said Hindi played an important role in national integration and according to the official language policy, implementation of Hindi was a must in all Central government offices.

He said mother tongues as spoken in different parts of the country had to be respected, promoted and taught in schools and also made compulsory for official use.

"We as Indians must love, own and promote and also communicate Hindi in the truest spirits," he said.

He said India was a multi-cultural nation and a land of many languages and promotion of Hindi language at international level in such a democratic country was certainly necessary. He said if India wanted Hindi to be a global



Additional General Manager, Ordnance Parachute Factory, Sushil Sinha addressing the Rajbhasha Fortnight closing function on Tuesday.

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language it should start from within and begin with events that helped it to grow and rise all over the world.

"This can be possible if Hindi centres, universities, NGOs and all Hindi speakers join their hands to increase the level of Hindi," he said.

Sinha said India was a country with various diversified cultures and languages. He said although most of the states in India had their regional

languages, Hindi was the most spoken language in the country. He said Hindi language was considered one of the most spoken languages as it was spoken by over 250 million people keeping in view the huge population of Indians in as well as outside the country.

He said as per Census 2011, inside the country itself the Hindi language was spoken by about 43.6 per cent of the whole population of the coun-

try. He added that Hindi language was also known to be the third most spoken language in the world.

He then felicitated the winners of the various events held during the Rajbhasha Week. He gave prizes to the first, second and third winners.

He then read out the speech of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. A large number of officials and staff were present on the occasion.

Mushroom farming a profitable agri business, says scientist

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Joint Director (Research) at Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Dr AK Biswas, while addressing a virtual session on mushroom farming on Sunday said that farmers could improve their profits through better and fast growing mushrooms.

He said it was one of the most profitable agri-businesses that one could start with a low investment and less space. He said the varieties of mushrooms that could be grown were button mushroom, oyster mushroom and paddy straw mushrooms. He said all these mushrooms of commercial importance were grown by different methods and techniques and mushrooms were grown in special beds known as compost beds. He said first and foremost was composting that was to be done in the open and the compost yard for button mushroom farming was prepared on clean, raised platforms made of concrete. He said they should be raised so that the excess water did not get collected at the heap. He added that though the composting was done in the open, they should be covered to protect from rain water. He said mushrooms were important not only from a nutritional and medicinal point of view but also for export. Dr Biswas said the elements for synthetic compost included wheat straw, bran, urea, calcium ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulphate and gypsum. He said the straw should be cut to 8-20 cm in length and spread equally to form a thin layer on the com-

posting yard. He said after this it was soaked thoroughly by sprinkling water and then blended with all other ingredients like urea, bran, gypsum, calcium nitrate with the wet straw and stacked in a pile. He said once the compost was prepared it should be filled in trays.

Discussing spawning, he said it was basically the process of sowing the mushroom mycelium into the beds and the spawns could be obtained from certified national laboratories at nominal price and could be done in two ways -- by scattering the compost on the bed surface in the tray or else mixing the grain spawn with compost before filling the trays. He said once spawned the trays were covered with old newspapers sprinkled with a little water to maintain moisture and humidity.

He said casing soil was made by mixing finely crushed and sieved, rotten cow dung with the garden soil and the pH should be on the alkaline side. He said the casing soil had to be sterilised to kill pests, nematodes, insects and other molds by treating it with formalin solution or by steaming. He said after 15 to 20 days of the casing, the pinheads started becoming noticeable and white-coloured, small-sized buttons started developing within 5 to 6 days of this stage. He said mushrooms were ready for harvesting when the caps were placed tight on the short stem.

He said CSA was adopting two methods -- first where it mixed jaggery with bran where as in second one hay and bran were mixed together and mixed

with magnesium sulphate and calcium sulphate and the results were highly beneficial.

IIT-K TO CONFER ITS MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD ON VAISHNAW: Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has been conferred with the most prestigious Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

The minister took to Twitter to thank IIT-Kanpur for the honour. Rahul Garg, co-founder of B2B e-commerce Unicorn Moglix and Mukesh Bansal, co-founder of fitness platform Cure.Fit, have also been honoured with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

IIT-Kanpur Director Prof Abhay Karandikar disclosed the names of 11 alumni to be awarded in a tweet on Tuesday. They would be honoured with the award on November 2 on the Foundation Day of the IIT-Kanpur. "I am delighted to announce the names of the recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Awards 2021, the most prestigious award conferred by the IIT-Kanpur to the alumni who have achieved exceptional merit & excellence in their chosen field of endeavor," Prof Karandikar announced on Twitter.

"Honoured. Many thanks to IIT/Kanpur. IIT continues to shape and mould many generations of students," the minister wrote in his response. The Distinguished Alumnus Award, started in 1989, is the highest award given by IIT-Kanpur to its alumni in recognition of their outstanding achievements. Every year, the IIT-Kanpur, in consultation with its alumni,

honours individuals who have made a significant contribution in the four domains of academic excellence, professional excellence, entrepreneurship and management and any other activity pertaining to the service of humanity at large.

Other alumni selected for the Distinguished Alumnus Award are: Prof Rajesh Kumar Gupta (University of California San Diego); Prof Abhay Lalit Deshpande (Department of Physics & Astronomy, Stony Brook University, New York); Prof Vijay Vittal (Arizona State University); Rakesh Bhargava (former chairman of Fresenius Kabi Oncology Ltd.); Saurabh Chandra (former secretary, Government of India, chairman, MCX India Ltd.); Vartika Shukla (CMD, Engineers India Ltd.); Dr Dev Joneja (chief risk officer, Exodus Point Capital Management, US) and Hemant Kumar Jalan (managing director, Indigo Paints Pvt. Ltd.).

STEM CELL TRANSPLANT: City-based aplastic anemia survivor Twarit (11) virtually met his blood stem cell donor from Germany for the first time. The meeting was organised by DKMS BMST Foundation India, which is dedicated to the fight against blood cancer and rare blood diseases. Twarit had a difficult childhood after being diagnosed with aplastic anemia at the age of nine. He required a stem cell transplant to survive and was fortunate enough to find his lifesaver Duc Pham Ngoc, a 26-year-old German economics professional who donated his blood stem cells and gave this little boy a second chance at life.

PM to visit US for Quad summit

FIRST IN-PERSON MEET

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Signaling the growing importance of the Quad combine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the US next week to participate in the first in-person summit of the four nation grouping including the US, India, Japan and Australia. He will also address the United Nations (UN) General Assembly session.

Modi will also hold summit level talks with President Joe Biden, who is hosting the Quad meeting of the Heads of State. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be participating, along with Prime Minister Scott Morrison of Australia, Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga of Japan and President Joseph R Biden of USA, in the Leaders' Summit of the Quadrilateral Framework in Washington DC, USA, on September 24," the ministry of external affairs(MEA)announced here on Tuesday.

The agenda of the Quad summit will see the leaders taking stock of the progress made since their first virtual summit on March 12 and discuss regional issues of shared interest. "As part of their ongoing efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, they will review the Quad Vaccine initiative which was announced in



March this year," the MEA said.

The four leaders are also likely to discuss the situation in Afghanistan and ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific. The navies of the four nations have so far carried two Malabar series of exercises including one last year and one this year. The latest drill was conducted in the Western Pacific while the exercise last year was conducted off the Indian coast.

China has all along opposed the formation of Quad and claims the naval exercises will lead to the militarization of the Indo-Pacific where it is now flexing its maritime muscle.

Modi will be visiting the

US for the first time since Biden assumed office early this year. Besides the Quad summit and bilateral talks with the US, Modi will also address the 76th session of the UN General Assembly in New York the next day. Modi is also expected to hold bilateral talks with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

The Modi-Biden bilateral meeting is expected to take place at the White House on September 23. Both leaders have spoken virtually on multiple occasions after Biden became president in January.

The last time Modi visited the US was in September 2019 when he and the then US president Donald Trump addressed

the Howdy-Modi event in Houston.

This will be Modi's first foreign visit in nearly six months and his second since the outbreak of the pandemic coronavirus. In March, Modi travelled to Bangladesh to attend events organised to mark the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and 50 years of the war of liberation of that country.

The US is hosting the in-person summit of the leaders of Quad to boost practical cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region as well as to send a strong signal about Washington's commitment to the grouping.

Shah praises PM for speaking in Hindi at international forums

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday cited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's example of speaking only in Hindi at all international forums to call for shedding the hesitation over speaking the language. At the same time, he also maintained that Hindi is a friend of India's regional languages and all of them should be promoted and encouraged.

He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying, "If PM can speak Hindi internationally, what are we embarrassed about? Gone are the days when speaking Hindi was a matter of concern".

Addressing a function on the occasion of Hindi Diwas, Shah also appealed to parents to communicate with their children at home in their mother tongue even if they study in English medium schools. Otherwise, the children will be cut off from their roots, he said.

"Hindi has no difference with any regional language. Hindi is the 'Sakhi' (friend) of all Indian regional languages," he said.

Shah said all Indian regional languages complement and complete Hindi and all regional languages must be promoted and encouraged.

Since 2014, more MPs are speaking in their own regional language in



The Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah, addresses at the Hindi Divas Samaroh 2021, in New Delhi on September 14

Parliament and they are being translated verbatim to English and Hindi, he said and added that this has helped people's representatives to highlight the problems of their respective areas in the highest forum.

The home minister said people should not only be 'Atma Nirbhar' (self-reliant) in producing goods but also for languages. He cited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's example of speaking only in Hindi at all international forums to convey his thoughts. The PM and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also extended their wishes on the occasion.

Referring to the New Education Policy (NEP) envisaged by Modi, Shah said it has provisions for promotion of regional and Hindi languages.

Jamalpur Rly Workshop senior section engineer arrested by ED under money laundering law

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday said it has arrested Chandeshwar Prasad Yadav, Senior Section Engineer and Custodian of condemned wagons of Jamalpur Railway Workshop, Jamalpur at the time of offence under money laundering law.

Yadav is allegedly involved in misappropriation of condemned wagons and wheel sets and other excluded fittings of Eastern Railway Jamalpur workshop. The total value of such misappropriated wagons, wheel sets and excluded fittings is ₹ 34 crore approximately.

The ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR dated February 9, 2018 filed by ACB, CBI, Patna, which was registered after a complaint received from Eastern Railway against Shree Maharani Steels, Patna; unknown officials of Eastern Railway, Jamalpur and unknown private persons.

It has been alleged that misappropriation and irregularities were noticed in the disposal of condemned wagons and other excluded fittings from Dhobi Ghat Siding of Eastern Railway, Jamalpur.

It has further been alleged that during a preventive check conducted by the Vigilance Department of the Eastern Railway, it was found that 100 condemned wagons and 3,220 wheel sets along with other excluded fittings having net value of ₹34 crore approximately have been misappropriated by an outside private agency in connivance with others.

"Throughout the investigation, Yadav had resorted to non-cooperation with the investigation and has not divulged any truth or information, the ED said in a statement.

NHRC asks concerned States, Centre to submit report over complaints against farmers' protest

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Taking note of several complaints from the public about their business, livelihood, and daily life being adversely affected by the ongoing farmers' protests against the three Central Agriculture Laws, the National Human Rights Commission on Tuesday stepped in and issued notices to the Centre and Chief Secretaries UP, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi and Director Generals of Police, UP, Haryana, Rajasthan and Commissioner of Police, Delhi "calling upon them to submit their respective Action Taken Reports".

The NHRC said it had "received several complaints regarding the ongoing farmers' protest", including about 9,000 micro, medium and large companies being adversely affected.

"Allegedly, transportation is also adversely impacted, causing commuters, patients, physically challenged people and senior citizens to suffer due to the heavy congestion on roads. There are also reports that people have to travel long distances to reach their destinations and barricades have been put on the borders," the NHRC statement said.

"There is an allegation that there is breach of the COVID-19 protocols by the agitating farmers at the protest site. There is further allegation that the inhabitants are not being allowed to

move out of their houses due to the blockade of the passage. Since the agitation involves the issue of human rights, the right to agitate in a peaceful manner is also to be respected. The Commission needs to take care of various human rights issues," the statement read.

Also, the commission has requested the Delhi School of Social Work, University of Delhi, is to depute teams to conduct a survey and assess and submit a report on the disruption of livelihood, lives of people, impact on the aged, and infirm persons due to protracted agitation by farmers. The institute has given a deadline of October 10 to send the report.

The NHRC said it had also sought reports from the National Disaster Management Authority, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and the Union Ministry of Health on the adverse impact on COVID-19 protocols at the protest sites.

Besides, it has issued notice to the district magistrate, Jhajjar in Haryana, in the case of alleged gang rape of a human rights activist at the protest site and asked a reply to it by October 10. In effect, it has issued a fresh reminder to the official to file a report.

The farmers have been picketing and staging indefinite sit-ins at a number of places in these states, including the outskirts of Delhi's borders.

SC dismisses plea seeking ex-gratia for family of deceased lawyers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea seeking directions to the Centre and others to pay ₹50 lakh ex-gratia to kin of advocates who have died with in 60 years whether due to Covid-19 or other reasons, saying life of lawyers cannot be said to be "more precious" than others.

Observing that it cannot encourage filing of "bogus" public interest litigation (PIL) by lawyers, a bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud said the plea is a "publicity interest litigation" and not a single relevant ground has been raised in it.

The bench, also comprising Justices Vikram Nath and B V Nagarathna, said several people have died due to Covid-19 in the country and there is already a judgement passed by the apex court dealing with framing of guidelines for disbursement of compensation to kin of those who have died as a result of coronavirus.

"Are other people of the society not important," the bench told advocate Pradeep Kumar Yadav, who had filed the petition.

"This is a publicity interest litigation and just because you are in black coat does not mean your life is more precious than others," the bench observed, adding, "We must not encourage lawyers to file bogus PILs."

The top court, which observed that "cut-copy-paste" has been done in the plea, said it would not happen that lawyers will file PIL like this to demand compensation and the court will allow it.

It said several people have died of COVID-19 and lawyers cannot be an exception.

Yadav requested the bench that he will withdraw the plea and file it with better grounds.

The bench, however, dismissed the petition with a cost of Rs 10,000 payable to the Supreme Court Bar Association within a week.

Covid cases remain below 30,000 for 3rd day in row

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In the third day in a row, the daily count of covid cases on Tuesday remained below the 30,000-mark with the country reporting 25,404 daily new cases pushing the overall coronavirus tally to 33,289,579. The count of active cases declined to 3,62,207, said the Union Health Ministry in a statement here.

Of the new cases reported, Kerala recorded Covid-19 cases and 99 deaths which pushed the total infections to 43,90,489 and the death toll to 22,650.

The death toll due to the disease has climbed to 4,43,213, with 339 daily fatalities being recorded, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The tally of active cases has declined to 3,62,207, which comprises 1.09 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate was recorded at 97.58 per cent, the ministry said.

A reduction of 12,062, cases has been recorded in the active Covid-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.78 per cent. This has been below three per cent for the last 15 days.

The weekly positivity rate was recorded at 2.07 per cent. The fig-



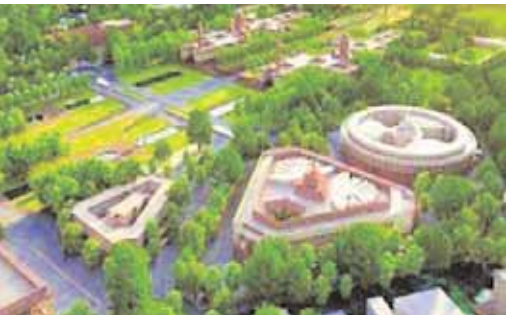
ure has been below three per cent for the last 81 days, according to the Ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 3,24,84,159, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.33 per cent.

The cumulative number of Covid-19 vaccine doses administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive has reached 75.22 crore, according to the ministry.

India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5, 50 lakh on September 16, 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and the one-crore mark on December 19.

PM to inaugurate office complexes of Def Ministry, part of Central Vista project



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Thursday inaugurate the office complexes of the Defence Ministry here. They are part of the Central Vista project.

These offices have been constructed at a cost of ₹ 775 crores provided by the Defence Ministry. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development undertook this project.

Over 7000 officers and staff belonging to 27 different organizations (attached offices of defence ministry, Service Headquarters and other subordinate offices) are going to get new office complexes. They were earlier functioning from hutments and buildings near the South Block.

The new office complexes have come up at the Kasturba Gandhi Marg and Africa Avenue, officials said here on Tuesday. In addition to the office space for the officers and staff, there is provision for multi level car parking for over 1500 cars in these complexes.

The new buildings, which are under the Central Vista Development/Redevelopment Master Plan provide modern eco-friendly, green building environment. The total space in these buildings is 9.60 Lakhs sq ft as against 9.22 Lakh sq ft vacated in various hutments and buildings.

The new buildings also provide modern amenities, connectivity and welfare facilities like canteens and banks. The location and space of these buildings have been so designed that pre existing trees have not been disturbed.

The project has released 37 acres of land (as only 13 acres of land have been used for modern office complex as against the existing 50 acres of land) for office space for Central Vista Development Master Plan, they said.

Naidu, Modi, Om Birla to jointly launch Sansad TV today

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Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will jointly launch Sansad TV on Wednesday, the Prime Minister's Office said. The launch date coincides with the International Day of Democracy, the PMO noted.

The decision to merge Lok Sabha TV and Rajya Sabha TV was taken in February, and the CEO of Sansad TV was appointed in March. However, during a Session, the two channels will live broadcast the proceedings of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha separately. The PMO said Sansad TV programming will primarily be in four categories; functioning of Parliament and democratic institutions, governance and implementation of schemes, policies, history and culture of India and issues, interests, concerns of contemporary nature.

Not going to reopen decision on grant of reservation in promotion to SCs, STs: SC



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it would not reopen its decision on granting reservation in promotions to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) as it was for the States to decide how they implement it.

Taking up various pleas pertaining to alleged hurdles in granting reservation in promotions to SCs and STs in various States, a three-judge Bench headed by Justice Nageswara Rao directed the Advocate on Records of State Governments to identify issues peculiar to them and submit those within two weeks.

"We are making it very clear that we are not going to reopen Nagraj or Jarnail Singh (cases) because the idea was only to decide these cases in accordance with the law laid down by the court," said the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B R Gavai.

The top court noted that in its earlier order, the state governments were directed to finalise the issues which are peculiar to them sothat court can proceed in the matter.

The issues framed by the Attorney General K K Venugopal and the ones circulated by others are enhancing the scope of cases, it said.

"We are not willing to do that. There are certain issues which are already decided in Nagraj that also we are not going to take up. We are very clear that we are not going to permit any arguments for reopening of cases or arguing that law laid down from indira sahney is wrong because the very scope of these cases is to apply the law as laid down by this court," the court said.

BJP prevented me from visiting my constituency multiple times, alleges ex-Tripura CM Manik

BJP unleashing violence in Tripura, says Sitaram Yechury

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Former Tripura Chief Minister and CPI(M) leader Manik Sarkar on Tuesday alleged that he was prevented from visiting the State and his constituency by the ruling BJP multiple times.

Addressing the media here along with the party general secretary Sitram Yechury, Sarkar accused the BJP Government of unleashing political violence in Tripura.



"In Tripura, the Constitution of India doesn't work. CPI(M) MLAs, including me, aren't allowed to visit their constituency. In the 42 months that the BJP has been in power, I have been stalled 15 times from visiting various parts of the state and my Constituency," alleged Sarkar, who was Chief Minister from 1998 to 2018.

The two Left leaders claimed that there is a "huge discontent" against the BJP government in Tripura. "The CPI(M) is spearheading efforts to galvanise people's protest. They (BJP) do not want to allow this process and are unleashing violence?" Yechury alleged. A few days ago, in his letter to the Prime Minister, Yechury had alleged that the party's offices in Tripura were attacked by "mobs of BJP men" in a "pre-planned fashion" on September 8.

In the letter, Yechury has alleged the "impunity" with which the attackers operated shows the "connivance of the state government".

INSHORTS

I&B Min to counter fake news on Telegram

New Delhi: The Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry on Tuesday launched its account on social media platform Telegram to counter fake news. It was launched as 'PIB Fact Check', which is one of the few government entities to have a telegram channel, and aims to verify information related to the Centre and disseminate to its subscribers.

Flight from Raipur returns to runway after hitting bird

New Delhi: An Air India flight that took off from Swami Vivekananda Airport of Raipur for Delhi returned to the runway shortly after it hit a bird. Union minister of state for tribal affairs Renuka Singh, who was going to Delhi to attend a meeting of the Union cabinet, was among the passengers.

Assam, NDDB to promote dairy sector jointly

New Delhi: The Assam Government and the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) will set up a joint venture for the promotion of the dairy sector in the State. In an attempt to expedite the economic development of the milk farmers and make the dairy sector more commercially viable, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had a meeting with the senior officials of NDDB.

CAG gets Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar by Home Ministry

New Delhi: The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been conferred with the highest award 'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' by the Ministry of Home Affairs for best implementation of Rajbhasha Niti. The award was presented by Home Minister Amit Shah to the Director General (HQ), Manish Kumar of CAG office on Tuesday.

SC asks AIIMS to give age determination report of girl recovered by police

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to give by September 17 its report on determining the age of a girl who went missing from Gorakhpur in UP since July 8 and was later recovered by Delhi Police earlier this month.

The apex court observed that further steps will be taken in the matter depending on the age determination report of the girl, who according to her mother is aged around 15-16 years while in Aadhaar her age is mentioned as 13.

A Bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar also permitted two lawyers assisting senior advocate K V Viswanathan, who was nominated by the top court to appear for the girl as she was not represented before it through a counsel, to interact with her.

"We direct the concerned authority of AIIMS, Delhi to ensure that age determination report is given before the next date of hearing which we sched-



ule on September 17," said the bench, also comprising justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar.

The top court had on September 7 handed over the investigation of the case lodged in Uttar Pradesh, after the girl was missing from Gorakhpur, to Delhi Police which recently recovered her and arrested the alleged abductor.

During the hearing on Tuesday, Viswanathan said that he has seen the two status reports and also the suggestions of Additional Solicitor General (ASG) R S Suri, who is appearing for Delhi Police, and the counsel appearing for the girl's mother.

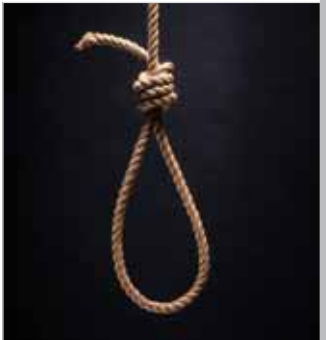
He said age of the girl has to be determined as the report says pregnancy was detected but ultrasound does not show pregnancy.



Humane touch

The SC correctly favours suicide by COVID-19 patients to be treated as medical deaths

Continuing to keep a watchful eye on the rehabilitation of those devastated by COVID-19, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to consider suicides by COVID-19 patients as COVID-19 deaths so that their families can get compensation. Only extreme suffering from the infection could have led to the patients dying by suicide, the court reasoned. The Bench of Justices MR Shah and AS Bopanna made the remarks while examining the Centre's guidelines for issuing COVID-19 death certificates and payment of compensation. The guidelines do not consider deaths due to poisoning, suicide, murder and accident as COVID-19 deaths even if the infection was an accompanying condition. The court was satisfied when the Government said it would re-examine the matter. The court's proposal is certainly a humane gesture but both the Government and the judiciary should first consider the issue in its totality because of the implications involved. To cut to the chase, any suicide is the result of the victim being forced into taking the step due to extremely frustrating and depressing circumstances. The suicide leaves the family members without a bread winner if the victim was the only person employed and, in dire straits, if they were poor and disadvantaged. Technically speaking, it will be a challenge for the Government to prove that the suicide of a COVID-19 positive patient was owing to the infection and not any other reason. Secondly, several frustrating and compelling factors, as dangerous as COVID-19, force people to commit suicide.



Any Government policy to compensate only families of COVID-19 positive patients committing suicide may be seen to be discriminating against suicides for other, equally terrible reasons. Thirdly, the Government and the courts will need to sensitise the people who continue to think that suicide is merely a crime and which colours their attitude towards the victims. Suicide is a crime under the archaic Section 309 of the Indian Penal Code. The section was not repealed even though its scope was reduced by the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, that said anyone who attempts suicide is presumed "to have severe stress and shall not be tried and punished" and calls on the Government to "provide care, treatment and rehabilitation" of the person in order "to reduce the risk of recurrence" of such an attempt. The humanitarian aspect of the law needs to be popularised to blunt indifference to circumstances that lead to suicides and encourage rehabilitation of survivors or families of victims. Thousands of farmers commit suicide in India because of bankruptcy, indebtedness and crop failure. There is a compensation plan in place for them though farmers who do not hold title to their land, like women farmers in most cases, are not yet eligible for compensation. A rational approach to the matter is perhaps hidden in the question of whether a healthy farmer who committed suicide because he became indebted after failing to save his crop during the COVID-19 lockdown would be eligible for compensation as well.

PICTALK



A man on a rickshaw wades through a waterlogged street during heavy rain in Nadia, West Bengal

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Quad unity

Biden's 'shift of focus to China' must show at the Quad Summit if he means business at all

The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) was formed with an aim to contain China's growing influence in Asia and ensure territorial integrity in the Indo-Pacific region. After US President Joe Biden quit the unresolved Afghan war in order to "shift focus to China", the dialogue becomes way more important to him than ever. Hence, he is all set to host the first ever in-person Quad Summit at the White House in Washington on September 24 which shall be attended by the leaders of all four member countries — the US, India, Japan and Australia. The dialogue shall focus on areas such as combating COVID-19, addressing the climate crisis, partnering on emerging technologies and cyberspace, and promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific. Biden has received multiple setbacks because of his soft stance lately, and this Summit could actually help rescue his lost relevance. A virtual meeting of the Quad leaders was also held in March this year, and the members pledged to work closely on COVID-19 vaccines and ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific. Quad is, by all means, the need of the hour for the US, the Quad and the Asean countries, and it is high time that Biden realises what Trump had learned back in 2017. Trump helped revitalise Quad and had called Nato "obsolete" because of its little relevance now. At the inaugural two-plus-two ministerial dialogue with Australia held on Saturday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that Nato was a "cold war term" while Quad looks to the future.



The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's primary objective was to deal with the USSR and its main constituent Russia, which is economically in a battered state today, while China is economically as well as militarily the toughest rival. On the other side, Beijing's aggressive behaviour towards Taiwan and other surrounding countries and its dominance in international waters is a grave concern. The Taiwan issue is likely to be on the agenda, and it should be. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian lashed out at the upcoming Quad Summit and said, "The relevant countries should abandon the obsolete Cold War mentality and narrow-minded geopolitical rivalry and view correctly and respect people's aspiration in the region." Biden needs to show that he means business. The rising instances of global terror after the developments in Afghanistan and maritime security in the Indo-Pacific must be discussed by the leaders.

Joe Biden slips with his soldiers

The POTUS, who managed five draft deferments from going to Vietnam, is again found wanting in his treatment of the US soldier in Afghanistan



BHOPINDER SINGH

Joe Biden is the 46th President of the United States, but not one of the 29 who served in the military, in some capacity. He had managed five draft deferments from going to Vietnam and equivocated on the Vietnam War *per se*, whilst politically opposing Richard Nixon's conduct of war. This flip-flop of positions was visible in Biden asserting that he was against authorising the Iraq War in 2002 as he was supposedly "against it from the moment it started", whilst contradicting himself with his vote for the Authorisation for Use of Military Force (AUMF) for the invasion, as the Chair of the Senate Relations Committee. Later, a chance duel against a decidedly racist, sexist and xenophobic Donald Trump (who clownishly and dangerously sought to usurp the imagery of the US military) ensured that Biden was sworn in as POTUS and, therefore, Commander-in-Chief of its Armed Forces. Clearly for many Veterans who traditionally supported the more rightwing Republican Party, Biden was the better of the two bad choices.

For a persistently combat-engaged nation with approximately 19 million Veterans as per the Department of Veteran Affairs, representing nearly 10 per cent of the total US adult population — the opinion of the 'Uniformed' fraternity matters. Biden frequently invoked the memory of his late son in his presidential campaign, Beau Biden, who served and rose to the rank of Major in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Beau tenanted Iraq from 2008 to 2009 and received a Bronze Star for his services. Biden's "sacred obligation" campaign towards military families entreated that sentiment, "As parents of a service member who was deployed to Iraq, Vice-President Joe Biden and (Dr) Jill Biden understand that it's not just military members who sign up to serve our nation, their families do too." Meanwhile the ham-handed approach of Trump, including upsetting the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley, as also respected Veterans like Generals James Mattis and HR McMaster, swung the mood in favour of Biden — aided immeasurably by Trump's



guffaws and derelictions.

Today, over eight months as the POTUS, Biden has taken one substantial decision in the militaristic realm, ie, withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan and his consequential approval ratings have plummeted. While ending the 20-year war in Afghanistan was much sought after, the unheroically defeated and hurried manner (with the casualty from the ISIL-K attack) in which they withdrew has diminished the image and perceptions of the US military, externally and internally. Comparisons of a Vietnam redux are inevitable and odious, and it is only the Veteran who will pay that ignominious price and humiliation over time. Despair is magnified by the unfiltered reality of having amateurly underestimated the speed of collapse, the obvious lack of an operational plan and the embarrassment of having to take permission from the 'enemy', ie, Taliban, to 'evict safely'. Unlike the militarily uninitiated and unconcerned politicians, the US soldier will suffer the additional and unimaginable moral injury in the know of what it has left behind in terms of allies (interpreters, drivers and support staff), and the sure fate that awaits them. The chaotic and mismanaged departure has left the uni-

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formed fraternity pained, frustrated and shamed, and the blame is coming understandably on the POTUS.

Seemingly, Biden cannot seem to get much right with the 'uniformed' sentiments as he was seen disrespectfully checking his watch as casket after casket appeared during the somber "dignified transfer" ceremony for the 13 fallen US troops who were killed at the Kabul airport.

Many also commented on the inappropriateness of the President repeatedly invoking his late son's name, instead of that of those who had actually fallen under his watch. Many family members of the fallen soldiers refused to meet the President, while some others who did so, did some plain-speaking to his face. The mother of one called Biden "a dementia-ridden piece of crap who doesn't even know he's in the White House". Importantly, it is not a partisan divide as many of these families have equally slammed Donald Trump's ill-timed opportunism in politicising the soldiers' deaths, with many calling it "without honour", "disgusting" and "gross".

Trump with his patent cattiness has sought to spin grieving families predatorially into dangerous territory — insincere and qualified as his support always is, only to those

who back him politically, and smearing those who don't, like the Gold Star family of Captain Humayun Khan. The political tooling of the military is increasingly irresistible in democracies across the world with unwarranted usurpation of the narrative, parading and milking of raw emotions towards electoral harvest — even mature democracies like the US are prone to it.

In an unavoidably comparative sense, most Veterans know that the Commander-in-Chief requires selfless devotion to constitutionality, restraint, depth of character and principled leadership — and, therefore, they may still back Biden over Trump, but the recent handling of Afghanistan has led to the rightful questioning of Biden beyond partisanship. In the world of professional 'uniform', winning a "just war" is important and, if not that, then going down fighting with valour and dignity is the only other option — in Afghanistan, neither of the two was achieved, and the slip is clearly showing for Biden amongst the fraternity. He must be put to question, beyond partisan preferences.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOOK LAUNCH PROVED COSTLY

Sir — During a pandemic, a certain amount of restraint is expected of everyone. Indian cricket team coach Ravi Shastri, along with the batting coach, fielding coach and physio contracted Coronavirus in England when the team was in the midst of a Test series and on the cusp of creating history. Shastri's book — *Stargazing: The Players in My Life* — has been hitting the headlines with its extracts being published in the media. But was it so important to release a book at a function where outsiders were allowed, and most of them did not adhere to personal protection, is the moot question?

It is said that no prior permission was sought from the BCCI by Shastri. The entire Indian team, too, was present at the book release in London on August 31, two days before the fifth Test at Manchester. The hugely anticipated fifth Test was called off. Obviously, Shastri knows he is not answerable to anybody, let alone the board. After all this, the Indian team's image has taken a beating. This comes at a time when the team seemed to have hit a purple patch.

Ganapathi Bhat | Nagpur

UNREASONABLY NEET

Sir — The Tamil Nadu Government has passed the Anti-NEET Bill, 2021, in the Assembly to ban NEET exams in the State. The decision to pass the Bill was taken in the wake of the suicide by death of a medical aspirant. With the passing of the Bill, students would get admission to UG medical degree courses based on the qualifying HSC or class 12 marks. TN has been in strong opposition to NEET since its recommendation in 2013. The TN Government's move to ban the exam raises questions about its suitability for admission to medical courses.

Strong arguments have been put forward against the need of conducting the exam. NEET is an assault on the autonomy of private, unaided institutions. It is an example of over-centralisation of education and violates the rights of

'Oscar Anna' bids final adieu



With the passing away of Oscar Fernandes, the nation has lost a highly respected politician, a veteran parliamentarian and a Congress stalwart who made significant contributions to Indian politics over the last few decades. Fernandes became a close confidant of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi after the demise of Rajiv Gandhi and remained a disciplined party man throughout his political life. The veteran leader was a five-term member of the Lok Sabha and four served

unaided, private and minority institutions. As most of the institutions are in cities and the fees are very high, poor students from rural areas face disadvantage. Considering all these facts, it is of great importance to arrive at a decision whether the imposition of NEET is fair. If all State Governments conduct admission to medical courses in fair and transparent ways, the imposition of NEET would be unreasonable.

Venu GS | Kollam

INUNDATED BY HEAVY RAINS

Sir — The schools in Odisha are closed for two days amid downpour; there is record rainfall in Puri and Bhubaneswar. The Odisha Government has shut down schools in 12 districts for two days as rain continues to lash the State for the third day due to a deep depression over the Bay of Bengal. The deep depression after crossing the coast has moved west-northwest and is now lying as a depres-

sion over north coastal parts of Odisha and adjoining BoB. The system will continue to move west-northwest towards Chhattisgarh in the next 24 hours and over southern parts of Madhya Pradesh and adjoining Maharashtra in the subsequent 24 hours. Heavy rainfall is expected during this period over these States till September 15. Slight breather is foreseen between September 16 and 19 as of now. The rainfall deficiency for Odisha will drop back to normal range from a whopping 30 per cent or even more till August. Some of the districts will possibly shift to surplus for the season. Heavy rainfall over the State will continue for 24 hours and reduce thereafter. It is indeed good news but the damage caused by rains has given the State Government sleepless nights.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

SOUND BITE

The ED interrogated Abhishek Banerjee for nine hours. We cannot be threatened. We are not the Congress or Akhilesh Yadav or Sharad Pawar.



West Bengal CM — Mamata Banerjee

The people of Afghanistan need a lifeline. After decades of war, suffering and insecurity, they face perhaps their most perilous hour.

UN Secretary-General — Antonio Guterres

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Actor — Yami Gautam

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FIRST COLUMN

SUPER-SPREADERS OF EDUCATION, NOT VIRUS

Life seems to be otherwise going normal but educational institutions still face restrictions



BRIJENDER SINGH PANWAR

States are still dilly dallying on opening educational institutions in the country. Non-vaccination of students or vaccine unavailability for children are the given reasons. Institutions are, therefore, seen as “super spreaders”. And there is fear of the third wave of COVID-19. Yet, life seems to be otherwise normal all around us. Political parties are holding rallies, farmers are organizing protests, election commission is holding elections, market places and malls are open, recreational activities are going on full-swing. There is no restriction on domestic air and surface travel. Then why restrictions only for students and educational institutions? Across the world, India is among five countries where educational institutions have remained closed for long. Millions of students are deprived of active learning at pre-school level and break in education for older students. States are registering a high dropout of students from the school system, especially girl students. They may never get an opportunity to go back to school again. The gains made through enrollment of



through Right to Education may be lost. A group of 56 renowned academicians, doctors including epidemiologists and other experts have urged state chief ministers to reopen schools and colleges. The signatories include Dr Chandrakant Lahariya, epidemiologist and public health expert, Professor Suneela Garg of the Lancet Covid-19 Commission, Dr Naveen Thacker of the International Paediatric Association, and Shaneen Mistri, Teach For India CEO Shaheen Mistri. The letter says, “There is an urgent need to bring children back to school. Since younger children are least at risk, we urge you to permit primary schools to open first, in line with Indian Council of medical Research (ICMR) recommendations, and then higher classes. Vaccination is not a prerequisite for reopening schools.”

The purpose of vaccination is to prevent severe illness and death, and children are at relatively low risk of severe or fatal COVID-19. It is well known that the lack of education for students, particularly girls, affects the health and livelihood of next generation. These are extreme costs. Government and task forces must strike a balance of risks and such balance is overwhelmingly in favour of opening schools. NK Arora, senior member of the National COVID-19 task force said in a recent interview, “There are 44 crore children in India, out of which 12 crore are in the 12-17 age group. ...Based on Indian and global data, the risk of severe disease and death are rare in children. However, children can spread infection. Adults have almost 15 times higher risk of death and severe disease compared with children below 18 years. So, if adults around them at home or at school are vaccinated, it will form a protective ring around them. There will be limited virus and disease transmission in that condition. I strongly feel that parents should send their kids to school without waiting for Covid-19 vaccine for two reasons; one, their risk of developing a severe disease is rare; second going to school is important for their cognitive, physical and mental development.” The Ministry of Home Affairs says the pandemic situation is stable. Experts justify arguing that if earlier prediction of India witnessing a rise of four-five lakh cases daily in a third wave was true, it would have happened by now. But it has not happened. On the contrary, our big cities are witnessing normal life with no substantial increase in cases, the reason being that on an average, over 67 per cent of our population have antibodies against the virus and the pace of vaccination is increasing every passing day. That is a good enough reason to consider reopening schools even if in a phased manner.

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Caste in UP polls: A case of Brahmins

Reported persecution of Brahmins is believed to be the new mantra of UP politics with all major parties out to woo this small but influential section



BISWAJEET BANERJEE

Political parties, gearing up for the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, are looking for new political strategies that could bring them back to power. Caste and religion are the two basic fundamentals on which this election would be contested and the parties are planning their strategies around these planks. In this melee, the biggest casualty is development as no political party is talking about it. “Sadak, pani, bijli” is no longer an issue for them, but caste and religion are.

Just a few months back the opposition parties were tearing apart the Yogi Government for its failure to prevent deaths of people in the second wave of COVID-19. Then there were issues of poor law and order and lack of governance which the opposition claimed will prove detrimental for the ruling BJP. We were expecting protests across the state, almost every day, highlighting people's issues. We were expecting the opposition would come up with a vision and project itself as an alternative to the BJP; nothing of that sort has happened so far.

For the last one month, dengue and viral fever have been raging in western Uttar Pradesh where over 100 children have died so far. Senior leaders have criticized the government by issuing statements through tweets but none of the top opposition leaders has visited the affected region. Opposition leaders of substance merely shared their agonies through press notes.

The shades of what we can expect in the elections have started emanating when Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) claimed that it will start its Tiranga Yatra after “darshan of Ram Lalla” in Ayodhya. Samajwadi Party national president Akhilesh Yadav has started hopping from one temple to another while in an attempt to invigorate Muslims, Asaduddin Owaisi, President of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), has raised the issue of the razing of a mosque in Barabanki. He even targeted the Samajwadi Party saying why it did not protest.

The Bharatiya Janata Party, on the other hand, is silently working on its Hindutva agenda. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has declared a 10 sq. km.-area around the Krishna Janmashstami around Mathura-Vrindavan as pilgrimage area thus prohibiting sale of liquor and meat in 22 wards of Mathura city. The Deepotsava in Ayodhya would be a grand affair this year. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to attend the program when the government will attempt to break the Guinness record by lighting over seven lakh diyas.

Then there is caste which is the fulcrum of elections in Uttar Pradesh since the Mandal days. The emergence of smaller caste parties that have influence in small pockets has changed poll dynamics. The big parties are too eager to align with them realizing that all small gains can catapult them into power. This is evident



WHY ARE THE POLITICAL PARTIES GIVING SO MUCH ATTENTION TO THIS VOTE BANK IN UP? FIRST, THE BRAHMINS MAKE UP A SIGNIFICANT SIZE OF THE ELECTORATE, AND, SECONDLY, THEIR STRONG SOCIO-POLITICAL HISTORY HELPS IN INFLUENCING OPINION DURING ELECTIONS. THIRDLY, THOUGH BRAHMINS LARGELY REMAIN WITH THE BJP, THEY DO NOT HESITATE TO SWITCH SIDES

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the way Bharatiya Janata Party is trying to woo Apna Dal, a Kurmi based party and Nishad party, that has influence among Nishads - the boating community.

Akhilesh Yadav too has shown his willingness to align with smaller parties as he has publicly claimed that Samajwadi Party will not forge an alliance with big parties but his party's doors are always open for smaller parties. He has already declared an alliance with Mahan Dal and is also in touch with Om Prakash Rajbhar, an OBC leader whose SuheldevBharatiya Samaj Party, is an alliance with AIMIM but he is looking for greener pasture.

Castes like Sahus, Kashyaps, Sainis, Kushwahas, Mauryas, Shakyas, Pals, Dhangers, Gaderiyas, Kumhars, Nishads, and Mallas are much in “demand”. The BJP in 2017 had also expanded its reach among Other Backward Castes (OBCs), by allying with Om Prakash Rajbhar's Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) and the Nishad Party in 2019. The SBSP, however, broke off ties after the 2019 Lok Sabha elections despite Rajbhar being made a cabinet minister in the Yogi Government and his son and other supporters given chairmanships of state-run corporations.

On the other hand, Samajwadi Party is focussing on Kurmis, Mauryas, Sainis, Sahus, Kashyaps, and other such. There is a feeling in Samajwadi Party that it might give more tickets to non-Yadav OBCs in the coming elections.

The search for caste alliance is not limited to backward or Other Backward Caste (OBC) only even the upper caste, particularly Brahmins are now much in demand. Persecution of Brahmins is believed to be the new mantra of UP politics as Bahujan Samaj Party and the Samajwadi Party have declared that if their parties return to power, they will order a probe into the atrocities being committed against Brahmins during the Yogi Raj.

At the concluding session of the BSP's Prabudh Sammelan, Mayawati declared that if she was voted to power, a Commission would be set up to enquire into atrocities and injustice done to Brahmins by the BJP government. She even claimed that injustice was also done during Akhilesh Yadav's regime and her the party will work to restore the “samman” of the Brahmins.

Remember, this is the same Mayawati whose party had coined the slogan “Tilak tarazu aur talwar, inkomaarojutteychaar” (Beat Brahmins, Vaishyas, and Thakurs with slippers). Such is her compulsion to appease Brahmins that she did not hesitate to go for identity politics when she accepted a trishul, conch shell, and a silver elephant, the election symbol of the party, as gifts during a Prabudh Sammelan from party leaders.

The Brahmins, who constitute around 10 percent of the vote share in Uttar Pradesh, have suddenly become very important in Uttar Pradesh. Not only opposition,

even the ruling BJP has started looking for Brahmin icons to appease this politically important community. This was probably the first time when a ruling party celebrated the birth anniversary of Govind Ballabh Pant, a Chief Minister of an opposition party. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath himself laid a wreath on the statue of the former Chief Minister.

Why are the political parties giving so much attention to this vote bank in UP? First, the Brahmins make up a significant size of the electorate, and secondly, their strong socio-political history helps in influencing opinions during elections. Thirdly, though Brahmins largely remain with BJP, they do not hesitate to switch sides.

The Brahmins can influence 104 assembly seats out of 403 seats. According to the Lokniti-CSDS survey data, more than half of the Brahmin electorate always voted for the BJP till 2004. However, the community's support for the BJP fell below 40 percent in the 2007 assembly elections when Mayawati's BSP won the majority. It stayed that way till equations changed in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections when the BJP got almost 72 percent of the Brahmins votes. The trend was repeated in the 2017 assembly and the 2019 Lok Sabha elections when the party got 80 percent and 82 percent of Brahmin votes, respectively. After these three elections, Brahmin votes are to the BJP what Yadav votes are for the SP and Jatav votes are for the BSP.

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— UP DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER
KESHAV MAURYA

Birthday bashes and the personality cult of leaders

Narendra Modi is aware of how important image-building is for a politician

Who does not want a birthday bash, particularly politicians? It has been in vogue for many years, particularly among the famous and populist leaders. There are dedicated birthday functions for Jawaharlal Nehru, Mahatma Gandhi, Indira Gandhi, B R Ambedkar, and so on.

It is normal practice for supporters to greet their leaders with flowers and cakes. The bigger the cake they get, the better the leader is pleased with his courtiers. RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav celebrates his birthday with secular cakes. On his 55th birthday, the cake was shaped like a church, masjid, and temple. Late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa once cut a cake in the shape of parliament, reveal-



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ing her ambition for a national role.

Mayawati uses her birthday for crowdfunding and gets enormous amounts for her party on January 16. Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav was presented an 81-kilo “laddoo” when he turned 80 in November 2019. On Narendra Modi's birthday in 2019, a Surat bakery baked a 700-foot-long cake. In Delhi, BJP MPs cut a 370 kg cake to celebrate the revocation of Article 370.

The BJP too has found novel ways of celebrating birthday events. For instance, the silver jubilee function of the party held in Mumbai in 2005 had BJP leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee emerging from a vast lotus built for the occasion at the Shivaji stadium.



The BJP plans to celebrate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 71st birthday as a mega event. A flurry of events is scheduled from September 17 (his birthday) till October 7 (when he became Gujarat Chief Minister 20 years ago). Last year, there were no grand birthday celebrations when Modi turned 70 because of the pandemic.

In the past, his birthday was marked as “Seva Saptah”.

The drive this year has been widened as “Seva our Samarpan Abhiyan” in tribute to his service and dedication. This period will also include the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi (October 2) and Deen Dayal Upadhyay (September 25).

The campaign will focus on how Modi had handled the aftermath of the Bhuj earthquake and how he managed to create brands such as the Gujarat Model and Vibrant Gujarat. Five crore “Thank You Modiji” postcards will be mailed directly to him as a token of gratitude. Fourteen ration bags with Modi's picture will be distributed. Videos and documentaries will be shown projecting Modi as the messiah of the poor.

The Covid-19 pandemic is not yet over. Then why these gala functions?

Internationally, Modi has much to be pleased about. Morning Consult, a US research firm has recently given Modi the highest approval rating of 70 per cent among global leaders. He led the chart that tracked 12 other leaders. Japan's Yoshihide Suga was at the bottom.

No doubt the opposition, which is looking for an issue, has criticised this mega programme when people still suffer from Covid-19. They point out that mishandling the pandemic is one of the significant failures of the Modi government, particularly the second wave, which took everyone unawares. The econ-

omy is down, and there is massive unemployment, inflation and price rise. So, what is there to rejoice, they ask.

Modi is aware of how important image-building is for a politician. Elections are scheduled in half a dozen states, including UP, early next year. The party's election machinery has already been activated. The birthday celebrations will give a boost to the party cadres and prepare them to face the elections.

Further, they are intended to make Modi a cult figure, through BJP's parent organisation, RSS, is against such culture. Many regional leaders practice personality cults, including Mamata Banerjee, Mayawati, Kejriwal, Lalu Prasad Yadav, and others who have their own fiefdoms.

These little tinpot dictators coexist in a democracy with their personality cults, which is indeed a paradox.

Modi is presently in the mid-term of his second stint. Despite fulfilling most of the RSS-BJP core agenda like revoking Article 370 and building of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, Covid-19 has unexpectedly ruined the BJP's plans for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. His courtiers argue what is wrong with using the birthday as an occasion to project Modi as pro-poor. They contend that one should not grudge Modi his birthday bashes. After all, it is now clear that Modi is BJP and BJP is Modi and damage to one will damage the other. Birthday bashes are indeed a show of strength.

Council's Fri meet to mull fuel under GST

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The GST Council might on Friday consider taxing petrol, diesel and other petroleum products under the single national GST regime, a move that may require huge compromises by both central and state governments on the revenues they collect from taxing these products.

The Council, which comprises central and state finance ministers, in its meeting scheduled in Lucknow on Friday, is also likely to consider extending the time for duty relief on Covid-19 essentials, according to sources in the know of the development.

GST is being thought to be a solution for the problem of near-record high petrol and diesel rates in the country, as it would end the cascading effect of tax on tax (state VAT being levied not just on the cost of production but also on the excise duty charged by the



Centre on such output).

In June, the Kerala High Court, based on a writ petition, had asked the GST Council to decide on bringing petrol and diesel within the goods and services tax (GST) ambit. The sources said bringing petrol and diesel within GST would be placed before the Council for discussion in the light of the court asking the Council to do so. When a national GST subsumed central taxes such as excise duty and state levies like VAT on July 1, 2017, five petro-

leum goods – petrol, diesel, ATF, natural gas and crude oil – were kept out of its purview for the time being. This is because both central and state government finances relied heavily on taxes on these products. Since GST is a consumption-based tax, bringing petroleum products under the regime would have mean states where these products are sold get the revenue and not ones that currently derive the most benefit out of them because of they being the production centre.

WPI inflation rises to 11.39 pc in Aug on costlier mfg goods; food prices soften

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The wholesale price-based inflation rose marginally to 11.39 per cent in August, mainly due to costlier manufactured goods, even as food prices softened.

Snapping the two-month easing trend, WPI inflation rose in August and remained in double-digit for the fifth consecutive month.

In July 2021, WPI inflation was 11.16 per cent, while in August 2020 it was 0.41 per cent. “The high rate of inflation in August 2021 is primarily due to rise in prices of non-food articles, mineral oils; crude petroleum and natural gas; manufactured products like basic metals; food products; textiles; chemicals and chemical products etc as compared the corresponding month of the previous year,” the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement.

Inflation in food articles eased for the fourth straight month, recording (-) 1.29 per cent in August, against zero per



cent in July, even as onion and pulses prices spiked.

Inflation in onions was high at 62.78 per cent, while that in pulses was 9.41 per cent. In vegetables it was (-) 13.30 per cent in August.

Inflation in crude petroleum and natural gas was 40.03 per cent in August. In manufactured products, inflation stood at 11.39 per cent in August, against 11.20 per cent

in July. The manufactured goods inflation has remained in double digit for the fourth month in a row.

The RBI, which mainly takes into account retail inflation, in its monetary policy last month kept interest rates unchanged at record lows. It projected CPI or retail inflation at 5.7 per cent during 2021-22, up from its earlier projection of 5.1 per cent.

India needs \$8 trillion new greenfield assets to be \$5 trn economy by FY27: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India will need USD 8 trillion (around ₹ 588 lakh crore) of gross capital formation or new greenfield assets to become a USD 5 trillion (around ₹368 lakh crore) economy by FY2027, a report said.

The report by Deloitte said despite the Covid-19 disruption, FDI inflow into the country provides necessary

optimism and display underlying strengths of the Indian economy. In FY2020-21, FDI inflows (including equity, re-invested earnings, and capital) amounted to a record USD 81.72 billion, 10 per cent higher than the previous financial year, it said. While India remains a favoured foreign direct investing (FDI) destination, the country must enact more reforms to ensure FDI flows not only continue but also play a meaningful role in attaining the USD 5 trillion economy target, the report compiled based on the survey response of 1,200 business leaders of multinational corporations in the US, the UK, Japan and Singapore said. It found that India remains an attractive destination for investments, scoring highly for its skilled workforce

and prospects for economic growth. It also suggested that the country must continue to enact reforms and initiatives that drive improvement, building confidence in and enhancing the competitiveness of India's economy. While these inflows were driven primarily by the services sector, a more proportionate contribution to gross capital formation and the increase in exports can be



achieved through greater FDI in manufacturing, it said, adding, average FDI from FY15 to FY21 in manufacturing was USD 8.6 billion compared to about USD 25 billion for services.

“Our analysis shows that India will require at least USD 8 trillion of cumulative gross capital formation to grow into a USD 5 trillion economy, assuming we are on the fastest growth track. Based on past trends, our research suggests India needs approximately USD 400 billion of foreign capital cumulatively over the next six years,” it said.

New Delhi (PTI): India and the 10-member ASEAN bloc should strive to announce the review of the free trade agreement (FTA) between them before the year-end, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel sug-

gested on Tuesday. The issue came up for discussion during the 18th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultations. The ASEAN-India Trade in Goods

Agreement was signed on August 13, 2009. It came into force on January 1, 2010.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) members are --

Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, Brunei and Laos.

Patel resolved to complete the scoping process expedi-

tiously to make the agreement trade facilitative, user-friendly with contemporary and streamlined customs and regulatory procedures, the commerce ministry said in a statement. She

stated that the trade arrangement has to be reciprocal, mutually beneficial and should balance the aspirations of all the partners. Patel emphasised on the need for securing the FTA provisions to prevent misuse of preferential treatment.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	17420.35	17438.55	17367.05	17380.00	24.70
INDUSNDRK	999.00	1039.00	997.00	1035.50	39.20
HCLTECH	1216.00	1240.60	1207.00	1237.00	28.60
HEROMOTOCO	2800.00	2861.00	2800.00	2846.00	56.20
ADANIPORTS	747.80	762.75	745.45	756.50	11.40
TATAMOTORS	302.25	307.20	302.20	305.75	4.55
BAJAJ-AUTO	3717.40	3767.00	3690.00	3754.55	55.00
IT	1676.00	1698.80	1675.40	1696.50	24.80
TECHM	1435.00	1457.00	1429.50	1449.10	19.60
KOTAKBANK	1850.00	1879.00	1845.15	1865.00	24.95
ITC	214.90	217.25	214.20	216.75	2.60
TITAN	2038.90	2061.50	2032.05	2052.95	22.30
IOC	114.00	115.90	114.00	115.15	1.15
TCS	3849.95	3896.50	3825.00	3880.10	34.75
NTPC	115.25	116.15	114.80	115.80	0.80
M&M	744.80	752.55	744.65	750.40	4.85
ONGC	123.30	125.40	122.80	123.85	0.80
AXISBANK	791.00	801.00	790.00	793.05	4.65
HDFCLIFE	737.80	744.00	736.10	739.00	4.10
SBI	117.00	117.40	115.80	117.40	4.85
BRITANNIA	409.00	415.00	408.40	410.00	15.15
WIPRO	611.00	627.00	610.00	623.20	2.45
EICHERMOT	2818.80	2870.00	2809.65	2814.00	9.00
GRASIM	161.00	161.90	159.40	161.00	4.65
MARUTI	6910.00	6955.00	6851.00	6893.00	19.30
SUNPHARMA	784.70	788.00	777.30	782.50	2.20
BHARTIARTL	695.00	699.70	689.10	694.80	1.50
CIPLA	954.00	958.35	949.60	952.15	1.70
DRREDDY	4949.90	4989.00	4923.75	4938.60	7.20
ICICI	713.25	714.00	706.00	707.95	0.55
JSWSTEEL	684.60	702.00	692.25	694.95	0.55
DIVISLAB	5125.00	5191.40	5071.80	5088.95	3.75
SBN	435.00	436.75	432.25	432.95	0.10
COALINDIA	155.35	155.50	153.35	154.60	0.00
POWERGRID	173.90	175.10	173.00	173.85	-0.05
RELIANCE	2375.00	2394.00	2366.00	2370.50	-1.05
HINDALCO	483.10	483.45	473.20	478.00	-0.35
ASIANPAINT	3384.90	3388.60	3356.85	3362.50	-4.55
SHREECEM	30665.10	30785.00	30033.00	30607.10	-56.25
TATACONSUM	884.80	885.90	877.60	880.20	-1.90
INFY	1695.95	1695.95	1678.60	1686.50	-5.40
HDFCBANK	1560.00	1564.50	1546.00	1550.00	-5.55
UPL	748.00	764.85	751.00	753.00	-3.00
BAJFINANCE	7690.00	7530.00	7408.00	7415.00	-30.55
BAJAJFINSV	17000.00	17040.00	16795.80	16840.00	-98.20
HINDUNILVR	2802.00	2804.00	2751.05	2764.45	-21.90
TATASTEEL	1476.00	1476.00	1449.00	1451.40	-12.05
NESTLEIND	20450.00	20609.15	20180.00	20242.00	-210.25
BPCL	501.00	503.00	490.50	492.95	-5.15
HDFC	2864.95	2869.00	2810.00	2820.20	-29.60
ULTRACEMCO	7970.00	7973.05	7850.00	7855.00	-89.45

BSE 500

SCRIP	Open	High	Low	LTP
KOTAKBANK	1850.00	1878.80	1845.55	1867.50
IRCTC	3495.00	3759.90	3478.55	3737.15
IDEA	7.96	8.99	7.93	8.69
KAJARIACER	1156.05	1180.25	1155.65	1160.80
ZEE	205.45	270.85	205.45	261.50
KEI	796.00	824.45	796.00	808.00
JKCEMENT	3480.00	3511.50	3385.00	3394.00
HINDUNILVR	2809.90	2809.90	2749.95	2762.85
BPCL	501.90	503.00	490.45	493.00
BAJFINANCE	7494.00	7531.05	7410.50	7417.95
JSWENERGY	307.80	308.45	300.00	308.45
RELIANCE	2378.00	2394.00	2366.10	2368.30
BAJAJ-AUTO	3725.00	3766.70	3691.60	3758.95
GAIL	146.70	156.60	146.70	155.95
ENDURANCE	1593.50	1643.80	1581.50	1585.00
DIVISLAB	5120.00	5190.00	5078.10	5091.45
HDFCBANK	1563.00	1564.75	1546.20	1550.65
BHARTIARTL	695.95	699.70	689.10	694.10
BHEL	55.15	58.45	55.15	58.10
TATASTEEL	1475.25	1476.65	1449.00	1452.25
ESCORTS	1378.25	1477.15	1377.80	1469.80
TATAMOTORS	303.00	307.15	302.40	306.05
HATHWAY	23.35	25.65	23.35	25.10
APOLLOHOSP	4765.00	4774.10	4698.15	4735.20
BARHATFORG	774.25	791.35	774.25	776.90
ITC	215.00	217.25	214.20	216.05
NAUKRI	6629.00	6931.05	6603.65	6719.50
IBULSHGIN	229.00	240.30	229.00	239.30
INDUSINDBK	997.25	1039.00	997.25	1036.50
DELTA	232.35	233.60	222.25	230.30
HEROMOTOCO	2792.50	2860.40	2792.50	2849.70
ADANIENIT	1544.00	1547.35	1497.00	1515.90
ICICI	1628.50	1628.50	1580.00	1615.95
MARUTI	6900.00	6957.00	6855.00	6895.00
HCLTECH	1215.00	1240.00	1207.60	1238.30
SUZLON	6.30	6.57	6.23	6.51
ECLERX	2210.00	2260.00	2200.00	2241.30
PEN	2579.00	2656.80	2567.55	2655.00
PNB	37.70	38.35	37.65	37.80
ALLCARGO	225.25	235.90	221.15	230.55
LAURUSLABS	646.25	666.00	646.20	651.25
SUNTV	491.00	514.60	491.00	512.25
VOLTA	1219.00	1233.90	1213.75	1227.85
WIPRO	674.00	675.50	670.00	673.20
VEDL	310.25	310.25	302.50	303.20
PPC	138.80	140.55	137.70	138.30
SUNTECK	395.50	418.90	394.90	413.40
SBN	435.05	436.80	432.25	435.05
JUBLFOOD	4133.00	4162.90	4092.05	4113.65
MINDTREE	3945.00	3965.15	3901.65	3937.90
IDFC	56.90	57.15	53.25	54.70
INDUSTOWER	238.80	249.70	238.00	246.40

Donors pledge \$1.2 bn for helping Afghans

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA

The international community has announced over \$1.2 billion in aid for the Afghanistan humanitarian crisis, with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres underlining the importance to engage with the Taliban to ensure continued humanitarian assistance in the country and address other concerns including terrorism, human rights and the nature of the Government.

The United Nations on Monday convened a high-level ministerial event in Geneva on the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan to highlight the acute needs in the country and underscore the urgent funding support and actions required by international partners to support the people of Afghanistan.

UN agencies and non-governmental partners launched a flash appeal seeking \$606 million for the remainder of the year to bring vital relief to 11 million people in the war-torn nation.

In his closing remarks to



the meeting, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths said more than \$1.2 billion in humanitarian and development aid has been announced by “very generous member States” for the Afghanistan humanitarian crisis. This includes funding for the flash appeal as well as for the regional response.

“This conference has fully met my expectations in relation

to the solidarity with the people of Afghanistan,” Guterres said at a Press conference.

“Considering the flash appeal, considering the support to neighbouring countries and other programmes that several countries mentioned, today we already heard clearly more than \$1 billion of pledges. It is impossible, as I said, to say how much of these will be for the flash appeal; but in any case, it represents a quantum leap in relation to the financial commitment of the international community towards the Afghan people,” he said.

The UN chief emphasised that “it is impossible to provide” humanitarian assistance inside Afghanistan “without engaging with the de facto authorities of the country”.

“It is very important to engage with the Taliban at the present moment for all aspects that concern the international community, be it about terrorism, be it about human rights, be it about drugs, be it about the nature of the Government, our attitude is to engage,” he said.

FM says Taliban Govt won’t allow attacks on others

AP ■ KABUL

The Foreign Minister in Afghanistan’s new Taliban-run Cabinet on Tuesday said the Government remains committed to its promises not to allow militants to use its territory to attack others.

The first Press conference by Amir Khan Muttaqi since the Taliban formed an interim Government a week ago comes as governments around the world — and many Afghans at home — are searching for indications on how it will rule Afghanistan after sweeping out the US-backed Government and taking over Kabul a month ago.

The US and its allies have pushed the Taliban not to repeat its harsh rule of the 1990s, when it monopolised power and imposed its harsh interpretation of Islamic law, including severe restrictions on women and minorities.

Mottaqi gave little sign whether the Taliban will bend to the international pressure. He would not give say how long the



Foreign Minister in Afghanistan’s new Taliban-run Cabinet, Amir Khan Muttaqi

interim Government would be in place or whether it would eventually be opened up to other factions, minorities or women.

He repeatedly insisted other countries must not interfere in Afghanistan’s internal issues, including in response to a question on whether elections would eventually be held.

Mottaqi, a longtime Taliban negotiator, did make the first confirmation by a member of the new Government of its commitment to the Taliban deal last year with the United States that opened the way for the American withdrawal from Afghanistan.

China slams upcoming Quad summit

PTI ■ BEIJING

China on Tuesday hit out at the upcoming first-ever Quad summit to be hosted by US President Joe Biden, saying the formation of “exclusive cliques” targeting other countries runs counter to the trend of the times and is “doomed to fail”.

President Biden would host the first in-person Quad summit on September 24 in Washington which will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Prime Minister Scott Morrison of Australia and Japanese premier Yoshihide Suga.

Asked for his comment on the upcoming Quad summit, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here that cooperation between the countries should not target third parties.

“It is China’s consistent belief that any regional cooperation mechanism should follow the trend of peace and development, and help pro-

mote mutual trust and cooperation among regional countries rather than target a third party or undermine its interests,” Zhao said.

“Forming closed and exclusive ‘cliques’ targeting other countries runs counter to the trend of the times and deviates from the expectation of regional countries. It thus wins no support and is doomed to fail,” he said. China is not only a major engine of economic growth in the Asia-Pacific, but also a staunch defender of regional peace and stability, he said.

“China’s development is a force for world peace and a boon for regional prosperity and development. Relevant countries should discard the outdated zero-sum mentality and narrow-minded geopolitical perception,”

view China’s development correctly and respect people’s aspiration in the region and do more that is conducive to solidarity and cooperation of regional countries,” he said.

Modi, Joe Biden to address UNGA in person next week

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden will address the UN General Debate in-person next week, as over 100 heads of state and Government arrive in New York to attend the annual high-level General Assembly session, which had gone virtual in 2020 due to the Covid-19.

Modi will address world leaders from the iconic UN General Assembly hall on the morning of September 25, a day after he participates in the Quad Leaders’ Summit in Washington DC hosted by Biden on September 24.

Modi, Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his Japanese counterpart Yoshihide Suga will participate in the Leaders’ Summit of the Quadilateral Framework in Washington and “review progress made since their first virtual Summit on 12 March 2021 and discuss regional issues of shared interest,” the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement. Modi will address the General Debate of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on

September 25. “The theme for this year’s General Debate is ‘Building Resilience through hope to recover from Covid-19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalise the United Nations,” the MEA statement said. As per the second provisional list of speakers for the General Assembly, about 109 heads of state and government will address the General Debate in person and nearly 60 will deliver speeches through pre-recorded video statements.

Biden will travel to New York to deliver his first address to the 193-member General Assembly as American President. The US is traditionally the second speaker after Brazil at the General Debate, which this year will run from September 21 to 27.

Afghanistan’s diplomat is listed as the last speaker on the last day of the General Debate. Currently the Afghan envoy at the UN is Ambassador Ghulam Isaczai, who was appointed by former President Ashraf Ghani as Kabul’s envoy to the UN in June 2021. The interim Taliban government in power has not yet made any submission challenging Isaczai’s credentials.

The diplomats of Myanmar and Guinea are also listed to speak on behalf of their countries on the last day of the debate. However, following the coup in Myanmar, its military rulers have said the country’s Ambassador at UN Kyaw Moe Tun has been dismissed and they want Aung Thurein to replace him. In response to a question on who should represent Myanmar at the UNGA, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres had said that “it is a matter that is strictly in the hands of the Credentials Committee and, of course, we will abide by what member states decide in the Credentials Committee or eventually, if necessary in the General Assembly. This is an area where the Secretariat has no power whatsoever.”

Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Israel’s new Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas are among the world leaders who will address the session in person. The 76th session of the UN General Assembly will begin on Tuesday. Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid will be President of the year-long session.

India voices disappointment over ‘unwarranted remarks’ by UN human rights chief on J&K

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS/GENEVA

India on Tuesday expressed disappointment over “unwarranted remarks” made by the UN human rights chief on Jammu & Kashmir, saying her comments do not reflect the ground reality and any shortcomings in upholding human rights must be addressed in an impartial manner and anchored in non-interference in a country’s internal affairs.

“We take note of references to India in the oral update by the High Commissioner and express our disappointment over her unwarranted remarks on the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, which do not reflect the ground reality,” Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs Reenat Sandhu said on Tuesday while delivering India’s statement under the General Debate on Oral Update of the High Commissioner at the 48th

Session of the Human Rights Council. Sandhu said India’s approach to global promotion and protection of human rights is based on “our own experience as a pluralistic and inclusive society and vibrant democracy.”

She said India believes that promotion and protection of human rights are best pursued through dialogue, consultation among States and through provision of technical assistance and capacity building.

“Any shortcomings in upholding human rights must be addressed in a transparent and impartial manner, anchored in respect for national sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs of States,” she said.

UN high commissioner for human rights Michelle Bachelet on Monday described as “worrying” India’s use of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act as well as “frequent” temporary communication blackouts in J&K.

Japan, America, South Korea urge North Korea to return to arms talks

AP ■ TOKYO

Senior diplomats from Japan, the United States and South Korea urged North Korea on Tuesday to return to talks over its missile and nuclear development, a day after it announced it successfully tested new long-range cruise missiles, indicating an advancement of its military capabilities.

The three-way meeting in Tokyo was attended by US Special Representative for North Korea Policy Sung Kim, South Korea’s Special Representative for Korean Peninsula Peace and Security Affairs Noh Kyu-duk and Japanese Director-General for Asian and Oceanian affairs Takehiro Funakoshi.

US Envoy Kim said the three countries were open to diplomacy with North Korea “to make tangible progress that increases the security of the United States and our allies.”

GLOBE TROTTING

PUTIN TO SELF-ISOLATE DUE TO COVID CASES

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin is going into self-isolation because of coronavirus cases in his inner circle, the Kremlin said on Tuesday, adding that he tested negative for Covid.

OPPOSED TO UNHRC INITIATIVES: LANKA

Colombo: Sri Lanka on Tuesday said that it is opposed to the UNHRC initiatives adopted through its latest resolution on the country’s human rights accountability, stressing that any such move will “polarise” the society. Foreign Minister GL Peiris made the comments during an oral submission at the on going 48th session of the UNHRC, which got underway in Geneva on Monday.

HAITI OMBUDSMAN SEEKS PM RESIGNATION

Port-Au-Prince: Haiti’s Office of Citizen Protection posted a video on Monday demanding that Prime Minister Ariel Henry step down as authorities seek to interview him about telephone calls he allegedly had with a key suspect in the President’s assassination.

EGYPT OPENS ANCIENT TOMB OF KING DJOSER

Saqqara (Egypt): Egypt on Tuesday showcased an ancient tomb structure belonging to the cemetery complex of King Djoser, a pharaoh who lived more than 4,500 years ago, following extensive restorations of the site. The structure - known as the Southern Tomb - is largely underground and includes a labyrinth of corridors, decorated with hieroglyphic carvings and tiles. A central funeral shaft houses a massive granite-clad sarcophagus from Egypt’s Third Dynasty.

OZ PREDICTS RECORD FARM PRODUCTION

Canberra: Australia is forecast to reap record farm revenues this year despite pandemic challenges, a mouse plague and a trade dispute with China.

DESPITE COVID, S AFRICA TO HOLD KEY LOCAL POLLS

Johannesburg: After uncertainty if Covid-19 would force South Africa to postpone local Government elections, the courts have ruled that the crucial polls should move ahead. Despite concerns about political rallies spreading the disease, South Africa’s courts ruled earlier this month that the Independent Electoral Commission should hold the polls on November 1. The elections may see erosion of support for the ruling party.

MODI PRAISES...

Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath too were present at the event. Modi and Yogi also visited exhibition models of the Aligarh node of the Uttar Pradesh industrial defence corridor.

Talking about the defence corridor, the Modi said India is moving ahead with an aim to carve its identity as a global defence exporter and UP will come out as the country’s largest and advanced defence manufacturing centre with the manufacturing of the next-gen State of the art “BrahMos missiles” in Lucknow node of defence corridor.

“Development of Aligarh, will give it a new identity and also to nearby regions. Aligarh will work to protect the borders of the entire country,” he said.

Modi praised the level of development and the efforts being taken by the Yogi Government in the State as he said laying the foundation stone of the Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh was a big day for Aligarh and West UP.

“The occasion of Radha Ashtami today makes it more holy. Today, when India is moving towards development, the university established by the state government is a perfect tribute to Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, a freedom fighter, educationist and social reformer,” he said.

The university set up over 92 acres in Lodha and Musepur Kareem Jarouli villages of Aligarh’s Kol tehsil and will provide affiliation to 395 colleges of the Aligarh division.

“Many of the national icons, whose contributions towards the nation have been immense, were ignored and forgotten over the decades since Independence by previous Governments. But today, be it, Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh or Suhel Dev, or many others, are being given the importance they truly deserve,” Modi said. Lauding Yogi, Modi said

the Government is working towards development in the State. “Today, Uttar Pradesh is becoming an attractive place for every small and big investor in the country and the world. This happens when the right environment is created for development,” he said.

“Under ODOP, the Government has done the work of giving a ‘new identity to the ‘locks and the hardware of Aligarh’, which has in turn given a major platform nationally and internationally to the MSMEs and the youth. The Aligarh node of defence corridor will provide a massive boost to the existing and new MSMEs and will create new opportunities for small entrepreneurs,” he said. Hailing the double-engine Government in the State, he said today UP has become a perfect example of a State reaping double benefits of the double-engine Government. Hitting out at former Government led by SP and BSP, he said people of UP cannot forget what kind of scams used to happen here, how the governance was handed over to the corrupt. Modi said before 2017, for execution or implementation of any welfare scheme in UP, we had to send letters to the State Governments frequently and even then the work used to be delayed or was not carried out in the way it should have been. Modi said UP, which was seen as a hindrance in the development of the country is now leading the country’s big campaigns. Stating that the Yogi Government is working towards uplifting the poor and deprived, the Modi said, “Under Yogi’s leadership, Uttar Pradesh has administered more than 8 crore vaccine doses so far free of cost. The State has a record of administering the highest doses of vaccines in a day. The State Government has worked to protect each and every life by fulfilling the mantra of Sabka saath, sabka vikas aur sabka vishwas.”

Reacting to Prime Minister

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Narendra Modi’s appreciation, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed his gratitude to the PM for his guidance and support throughout the pandemic through schemes and for providing free Covid vaccines. “I want to extend my gratitude on behalf of the people of Uttar Pradesh to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his guidance and support to everyone amid Covid pandemic through schemes and coronavirus vaccines. Under Modi ji’s leadership, India has presented a model to the world on COVID-19 management. Today, India became successful in vaccinating 75 crore people which in itself is a huge achievement and nearly nine crore people in Uttar Pradesh have been provided vaccines. No other country has supplied as many vaccines,” Yogi said in his address at the function in Aligarh.

Highlighting the state’s progress, the chief minister said, “In February 2018, the prime minister inaugurated UP’s first Investors’ Summit and today the state has been transformed into one of the most investor-friendly destinations in the country. In addition, Uttar Pradesh is providing employment and job opportunities to the youth in their respective residential areas themselves. Under the prime minister’s guidance, the state is fast moving towards growth and development.”

76% DECLINE...

The upcoming UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow this November, hosted by the UK in partnership with Italy, earmarked by COP President-designate Alok Sharma as “the COP that consigns coal to history”, will be a key moment for demonstrating momentum away from new coal, and for richer countries to provide support to countries in pivoting towards a coal-free future.

The report’s author Chris Littlecott, Associate Director at E3G, said, “The collapse of the global coal pipeline and the rise of commitments to ‘no new coal’ are progressing hand in hand. Ahead of COP26, governments can collectively confirm their intention to move from coal to clean energy.

“The economics of coal have become increasingly uncompetitive in comparison to renewable energy, while the risk of stranded assets has increased. Governments can now act with confidence to commit to ‘no new coal’.”

Averaged over the next 20 years, global temperature is expected to reach or exceed 1.5 degrees celsius of warming, according to the latest report by IPCC, a United Nations body. At the 2015 Paris Agreement, the world had agreed to limit the global temperature rise in this century to well below two degrees celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees celsius.

YOGI’S ‘ABBA JAAN’...

In this context, he also took a swipe at JMM leader and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren for his remarks allegedly aimed at Bhojpuri and Magahi-speaking people of the State. “Everybody has a right to settle in whichever part of the country they like,” he said. Addressing a programme in Kushinagar on Sunday, Yogi had said that people did not get rations before 2017 as they do now.

“Because then, people who say ‘abba jaan’ used to digest the rations. The rations of Kushinagar used to go to Nepal and Bangladesh. Today, if anybody tries to swallow the rations meant for poor people, he will land in jail,” the Chief Minister said.

‘Abba jaan’ is the Urdu term for father. In the past in

2017 election rally at Fatehpur in UP a comment on the construction of ‘kabristan and shamshan’ and availability of electricity there made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had created a similar major controversy and seemingly polarised the voters on the religious lines. In his Press conference, the JD(U) president, a Lok Sabha MP from Munger, also played down the decision of his party, the biggest BJP ally, to send its senior leader K C Tyagi to a rally being organised in Jind on September 25 by INLD chief Om Prakash Chautala, seen as part of effort for forming a non-BJP, non-Congress front.

“We are strongly part of the NDA (BJP-led alliance),” he said and dismissed the talks about the Third Front, saying his party will attend the rally as it is being organised to mark the birth anniversary of Devi Lal, a towering third front leader of his era. Singh also recalled Kumar’s old association with Chautala. Chautala had invited Bihar Chief Minister, who has expressed his inability to attend it. The JD(U) leader also named former MLA Khiru Mahto and Gulab Mahto as the party’s president and vice president respectively for its Jharkhand unit. Singh said the JD(U) used to be a strong party in the state and added that the appointments are part of its effort to strengthen the regional party in different parts of India.

153 AF MEDIA...

Last week, the Taliban had detained Taqi Daryabi and Nematullah Naqdi, a video editor and a video reporter with the daily newspaper Etilaatroz, following their coverage of ongoing protests in Kabul.

The two journalists were taken to a local police station, where they were separated in two rooms, insulted, and flogged with cables. The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) reported citing sources. “Taqi Daryabi’s lower back, upper legs, and face,

and Naqdi’s left arm, upper back, upper legs, and face were marked by red lesions after the beatings, as seen in photos posted to Twitter by Etilaatroz and Zaki Daryabi and on the Los Angeles Times’ website. Daryabi appeared to be unable to walk unaided, according to a video posted on Twitter by Zaki Daryabi,” ICJ said.

COVID PUSHED...

In high-and low-income countries alike, women have been harder hit than men by the global recession that was triggered by the pandemic.

“Women face structural barriers in every corner of the world, leaving them more vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic,” said Melinda French Gates. An analysis by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) predicted a drop of 7 percentage points in global vaccine coverage, half from the prediction last year.

Further, stating that the so-called “miracle” of Covid-19 vaccines was the result of decades of investment, policies, and partnerships, the report also called against vaccine inequality.

“The lack of equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines is a public health tragedy,” said Bill Gates. “We face the very real risk that in the future, wealthy countries and communities will begin treating Covid-19 as yet another disease of poverty. We can’t put the pandemic behind us until everyone, regardless of where they live, has access to vaccines,” he added.

TMC NOMINATES...

The Rajya Sabha seats fell vacant after sitting AIADMK members, R Vaithilingam and KP Munuswamy resigned on getting elected to the Tamil Nadu Assembly in 2021 polls.

Kanimozhi is the daughter of late Union Minister, NVN Somu, and State medical wing Secretary of the party, KRN Rajesh Kumar is the party Namakkal east district unit.

Israel PM in first official trip to Egypt in over a decade

AP ■ CAIRO

The leaders of Egypt and Israel have met as part of the first official trip to Egypt by an Israeli Prime Minister in over a decade, and rising tensions in the Gaza Strip at the top of their agenda.

Gaza is sandwiched between Israel and Egypt, and both countries have enforced a border blockade of the territory to varying degrees since 2007 when the Islamic militant group Hamas took control there. The meeting between Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi and Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett on Monday signalled a warming in a relationship that had security-focused but somewhat cool under Bennett’s predecessor, Israeli hard-liner Benjamin Netanyahu.

UK to roll out Covid booster jabs for over-50s

PTI ■ LONDON

The British Government will be accepting an expert panel’s recommendation and begin the rollout of booster vaccine shots across England for over-50s from next week, UK Health Secretary Sajid Javid told Parliament on Tuesday.

Tabling the government’s winter strategy to tackle Covid-19, Javid told the House of Commons that the National Health Service (NHS) in England is preparing for the rollout following the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation’s (JCVI) recommendation earlier.

Wales has also accepted the JCVI advice, with other devolved regions of the UK —

Scotland and Northern Ireland — also expected to follow.

“I can confirm that I have accepted the JCVI’s advice and that the NHS is preparing to offer booster doses from next week,” said Javid.

“There’s evidence that the protection offered by Covid-19 vaccines reduces over time, particularly older people who are at greater risk, so booster doses are an important way of keeping the virus under control for the long-term,” he said.

Among the other announcements for the government’s winter strategy of “living with the virus” without the need to resort to further full lockdowns, Javid also outlined a “Plan B” of contingency measures, including working from home and face coverings.

Education has completely moved on from its traditional setup and reskilling is vital in a post pandemic scenario. COVID-19 has opened up a new way of studying and therefore, returning to normal comes with multiple challenges. It also presents an ocean of opportunities to improve skills. Ongoing global pandemic brought to light various issues, and concurrently created a sense of urgency for both students and professionals to accelerate their growth towards the future.

As Class XII Board result is out now, the students are in chaos about what to opt for a better future and also, it is a crucial time for students as the choices made at this stage may define what they do in their long-term career. At this point of time approximately 80% students feel pressured to take up a course just because their parents think it is best or just because their friends are going for it. Before investing your time, money and efforts into pursuing a course, you should keep a steady head and weigh all the options carefully.

As the world is adopting the digital paradigm, there is a growing need to polish the old skills and learn new ones. Before finalising the admission in any course, here are some demanding courses with alluring career options for students.

■ CYBER SECURITY

As the persistent rise in the cases of cybersecurity in India, now as Governments and organizations are facing cyber threats, hackers target Government agencies because its interwoven systems contain vast amounts of information from citizens. Not only government but private or public organisations are also at risk.

As per the source, country's demand for cybersecurity professionals is likely to rise 200 per cent by 2024. Cybersecurity has become one of the most in-demand careers for students. Those who are interested in working as a cybersecurity professional, rest assured there will be no lack of jobs for you. To kickstart a career in cybersecurity, one needs to start off with a background in Information Technology. To embrace a career in Cybersecurity to pursue after Class XII following are your options:

- B.Tech (Information Technology)
- B.Tech (Information Science & Engineering)
- B.Tech (Cyber Security and Forensics)
- B.E. (IT)
- B.Sc.(Forensic Science)
- Diploma in Cyber Security

■ ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

India will play a pivotal role in the AI revolution and nowadays AI is being used across various industries.

As students hustle to choose the right course at this time of the year, PC CHHABRA shares five demanding courses which may help shape your future path

RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU

trial sectors (Healthcare, agriculture, automobile, education and transport) etc. AI enters our professional lives and it entails the amazing career opportunities for freshers and professionals. To be part of the AI profession, you will know about the future growth of Artificial Intelligence and its various aspects that can be inculcated in a machine using Artificial Intelligence.

The advancements in technologies also fuel the future scope of Artificial Intelligence in India in subsets of AI like Deep Learning, Machine Learning, etc. One can opt for a course in AI after Class XII is:

- B.Tech. in Computer Science
- B.Tech. in Robotics and Automation
- B.Tech. in Electronics Engineering
- B.Tech. in EC Engineering
- B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering

■ PHARMACEUTICALS SCIENCE

In India the pharmaceutical market is one of the few sectors that have shown double-digit growth rate (CAGR) in the last few years. India is a rapidly growing its presence in the global pharmaceuticals industry. In the ongoing pandemic,

Cybersecurity has become one of the most in-demand careers for students. The country's demand for such professionals is likely to rise 200 per cent by 2024

ic, the demand for medicines are increasing day by day, so the employment in the pharmaceutical sector is also increasing at an increasing rate. The sector is growing at a consistent rate in India and offering great career opportunities to thousands of students. After completing Class XII, candidates can opt for:

- Bachelor in Pharmacy
- Bachelor in Pharmacy (Lateral Entry)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy (Ayurveda)
- Diploma in Pharmacy

■ NURSING

Nursing career is one of the most lucrative career options for students because there are no restrictions for students irrespective of their academic background. As medical facilities are rising in India, the demand for nursing courses has also increased immensely. Nurses are one of the pillars of the healthcare systems and Indian nurses are the most trusted health care professionals in the world.

Nursing offers different courses after Class XII:

- B.Sc. Nursing
- ANM

■ GNM

■ DATA SCIENCE

Data has become an essential part of our life. In current scenario, each and every industry has opened their doors for the role of data analytics professionals.

The scope of data science is wide and has emerged as an attractive and top most career option in India because of its vast future offerings and opportunities.

Candidates who are passionate about research and computers through data analytics, will find the option of pursuing data science as a lucrative career option. For this interested candidate needs to opt for one of the courses mentioned below:

- B.Sc Data Science
- B.Tech Big Data Analytics
- BCA Data Science
- IBM Data Science professional Certificate

■ Applied Data Science with Python Certifications

Before making a decision, keep searching top courses and demand in your desired fields.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

— Marian Wright Edelman

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN FIRE TECHNOLOGY & SAFETY MANAGEMENT

The Delhi College of Fire and Safety Engineering announces the commencement of admissions for its one-year certificate course in Fire Technology Industrial and Safety Management, one-year-and-six-month course in Health Safety Environment and six-month certificate course in Fire Fighting.

The study of this programme is incorporated to train candidates to gain knowledge about the preventive measures to be applied during times of emergency.

Eligibility: This full-time diploma course has been thoughtfully designed for those who have recently cleared Class X or 10+2 from any recognised Board and want to work in Fire and Safety Management Industry can enroll for these courses.

How to apply: To apply please visit www.dcfse.com or the application forms brochure may be obtained from admission office of Delhi College of fire and safety Engineering, Mundka, New delhi-110041

Application deadline: September 30, 2021.

DIPLOMA, UG & PG COURSES AT SU

The Sanskriti University (SU), Mathura invites online applications for admission to Diploma, Under Graduate, and Post Graduate Programmes in Engineering, Management & Commerce, Education, Special Education, Humanities & Social Sciences, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Fashion Designing, Law and Legal Studies, Yoga and Naturopathy, Tourism & Hotel Management, Medical & Allied Sciences, Basic & Applied Sciences, Ayurveda, Unani, and Nursing courses.



How to apply: Applicants seeking admission are required to fill an online application form available on www.sanskriti.edu.in.

The submission of the application form can be done online or in-person at the university by depositing ₹1000. For online submission, use the link <https://www.sanskriti.edu.in/register>. The admission prerequisites will be in accordance with the various regulatory bodies as amended from time to time.

Admission process: Applications for academic year 2021-22 are open to applicants who have passed or will appear for the qualifying examinations under the higher secondary (10+2) from any recognised Board of Education like CBSE/ICSE, or equivalents. For admission to diploma programmes, students are required to have passed the Class X examination from any state or central board like CBSE/ICSE.

Application deadline: September 30, 2021.

COURSE IN EXPORT IMPORT BUSINESS

The 11th batch of the Certificate Course on Export Import Business held under MVRDC World Trade Center Mumbai will commence from September 18, 2021.

The course will be held virtually or online thrice a week.

To register kindly visit: <https://forms.gle/6F51Q9u84UtzK8uEA>.

Communication is key

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 realise 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 organization and achieve desired goals.

Courses

With increased competition, the companies are much concerned about maintaining an impeccable image. Corporate image conveys everything about a company through visual communication, product advertising etc. 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 & mass communication can help one get an easier access into this sector. The Indian Institute of Management has an Executive Program in Communication



strategies for corporate leaders. Many private institutions provide short term courses for public relations managers, business and workplace communication, writing skills etc. Students may choose to specialize in various fields like advertising, public relations, internal communications, investor relations, crisis management, brand management and event management.

Scope and job prospects

For fresh grads in corporate communication, 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, Digital Marketing Specialists, Event Managers, or media planners.

One can work as communication

specialist in private companies, Public Administration, Non-Profit Organisations, Government & Corporate Affairs, MNCs, or Ministry (MIB).

Essential skills requisite

♦ 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 stakeholder belief and positively impact premium customers. One needs to have an Inherent Interest in Current Affairs and Trending Stories.

♦ The 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, have passion for public speaking, have 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 organize events, then one is already on course for a career in corporate communications.

Pandemic affect

The ongoing pandemic has been a rare and perhaps most uncertain period for corporate communication. Besides the forced lockdowns and subsequent global slowdowns, the executives face information disorders. 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. Particularly the need to timely inform the employees about the prevailing situation and the policy changes. Importantly 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. Companies need to rethink advertising and promotion strategies to be more in line with the current times. The communication needs to be transparent with shareholders and stakeholders. When dealing with uncertainty one needs to keep honest communication going without having the fear of doing something wrong. As Charles Darwin has said, "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."

The writer is Dr Mukesh Kwatra, founder of Smiling Tree

Curbing tech giants monopoly

The monopoly war has become prevalent in tech companies. PRABHAT SINHA shares how the Government is curbing the monopoly of these companies

During the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, big IT companies like Google, Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Microsoft have accelerated their activities of business expansion and gaining a monopoly. As a result, governments in several major countries, including the US and India have started amending old laws and enacting new laws to curb the monopoly of these companies.

The monopoly war has become very prevalent in tech companies. Google, funded Apple and other mobile manufacturing companies, carriers, and browsers to put its search engines and other apps as the default apps. This led to fewer consumers of other search engines and a drastic surge of Google's search engine subscribers. There are also allegations that Google and Apple have teamed up to outplay competition like Nokia and BlackBerry. Most apps are now downloaded from Google's Play Store or Apple's App Store, for which Google and Apple charge up to 30 percent commission from App Manufacturers.

Leading E-commerce companies like Amazon & Flipkart continue to have a different game of monopoly in India. These companies are control-

ling their operations and product prices by promoting selected vendors on their platforms. The Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh, an organization of retailers, had filed a complaint to the Competition Commission of India (CCI) accusing Amazon and Flipkart of trying to end competition by using wrong means. After which the CCI had directed the Director-General for Preliminary Inquiry of the allegations. Amazon and Flipkart also approached the Karnataka High Court and the Supreme Court to avoid these investigations but could not find any relief. Microsoft is known for ruining its competitors since the success of Windows as an operating system. A successful browser named Netscape was made incompatible and Internet Explorer was promoted to swipe the business.

Similarly, whether it is search engine business or cloud computing, or social media, Microsoft never shied away from using unethical tactics to derail competitors in every business line they are into. As a result, Microsoft has already been prosecuted for antitrust in 2001 as well.

Major cases of antitrust have taken place in the past and

hard steps have also been taken. In 1911, John D. Rockefeller's company Standard Oil was split into 34 parts for an antitrust violation. Realizing the urgency of the occasion, the US Congress passed five new antitrust bills in June 2021 - the American Innovation and Choice Act, The Platform Competition and Opportunity Act, The Ending Platform Monopoly Act, the Access act, The Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act. The European Union has proposed two bills to control anti-competition and illegal content in December 2020 itself.

In India, MRTP Act 1969 - Monopolistic and Restrictive Trade Practice Act was already in practice since 1969. However the rule was too old to control the antitrust after the 90s globalization, so the Competition Act was passed in 2002 under which the Competition Commission of India was constituted in 2009. New IT law - Intermediary guidelines and digital media ethics code 2021 and amendment into Consumer protection (e-commerce) Act 2020 are the few major steps to curb the tech giants and protect the interest of consumers.

The writer is IT Expert and author of Innovate & Seize Your Success

Faculty development programme

PNS ■ NOIDA

The Institute of Management Studies (IMS) Noida organised a Faculty Development Programme on the topic of "Personal and Professional Ethics for Teaching Effectiveness." The keynote speaker was Dr Parin Somani,

Philanthropist Motivational Speaker and author and Dr Kulneet Suri Senior Director IMS Noida.

While addressing the session Dr Kulneet Suri, Senior Director said: "Effectiveness is the quality of being successful in producing an intended result. Especially, the teaching profession is

expected to evolve a set of ethical principles to guide the conduct and behaviours of its members."

The ethical principles provide the basis to differentiate between desirable and undesirable professional conduct and behavior of the teachers. Further, she added that the importance of

having an effective teacher with professional ethics in the process of education is one of the important needs of society.

"In terms of teachers ethics, educators should possess good qualities and avoid vices. The survey method is adopted for the college teachers," Suri said.

AI platform to find vaccine targets

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Amity University and Baylor College of Medicine (BCM-Houston, US) researchers have developed a powerful Artificial Intelligence (AI) platform to find clinically important vaccine targets and epitopes that could transform vaccine discovery process for deadly infectious diseases like COVID-19 and Chagas disease.

The results of this study have

been published in UK based journal *Scientific Reports*, and *PubMed*, titled Identification of Vaccine Targets in Pathogens and Design of a Vaccine Using Computational Approaches by Dr Kamal Rawal, scientist, Associate Professor and Project Director, Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Amity University.

Dr Peter Hotez, (Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine), Dr Maria Elena

Bottazzi (Co-Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine, BCM) and Dr Ulrich Strych (Associate Professor, BCM) are senior co-authors.

According to Dr Rawal, "The key innovation is using artificial intelligence to combine several hundred parameters to mine several thousand proteins and genes to reach to the right targets and design vaccine using these proteins."

Researchers tested this plat-

form on several known experimental vaccine targets including those that are already available in the market.

The team have long standing interest in neglected diseases of poverty so they opted to analyse the whole genome and proteome. These are a set of all protein sequences in a cell of an important pathogen which is popularly known as Trypanosoma cruzi or as (T. cruzi).



BE A FORENSIC EXPERT

The study of forensic science is used everywhere around the world to enforce criminal laws and regulations. A career in this field can be lucrative, says DR RANA SINGH

The work of the forensic experts captivated us. Many people are drawn towards human anatomy and study of forensic science. The study of forensic science also known as criminalistics is used everywhere around the world to enforce criminal laws and regulations to protect public health and to resolve civil disputes. India has 37 States and seven central forensic science labs, 29 fingerprint bureaux, several regional forensic science labs and district mobile forensic units. We also have an advanced Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology and Central Forensic Science Laboratory which facilitates DNA profiling. The country also has private sectors at several places providing opportunities in this field. Even with so many opportunities in the field of criminalistics in India, there are only 0.33 forensic scientists per 0.1 million population. The need for forensic scientists is immense. Here are the

opportunities in this field. **Crime Scene Investigator:** Students wanting to have a career in this field should at least have a bachelor's degree, mostly a master's degree is preferable. One should have a degree in the field of science and criminal justice. The role of a Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) is to conduct analysis, help in investigating crime scenes, work with body parts and many more. **Forensic Ballistics Expert:** A ballistic expert is basically a firearm examiner who is trained in criminal justice. The duty of a ballistic expert is to collect and analyse evidence on live ammunition, bullet fragments, firearms and other tools associated with it. Another work of a ballistic expert is finding out the point of origin of fire rounds, examining if a gun was fired recently, identifying the type of bullet and more. Students wanting to pursue a career in this field should hold a bachelor degree in forensic science and have knowledge in Maths, Physics and

Students wanting to pursue a career as a polygraph examiner should have a degree in psychology, law enforcement or criminal justice. The work includes conducting lie detector examinations and working with investigators

Chemistry. A background in human anatomy and biology is compulsory. **Forensic DNA Analyst:** A DNA analyst plays a vital role in the field of Forensic Science. The work of the DNA analyst is to examine the samples of victims, suspects, and various people as it helps in identifying whether the given person was present at the crime scene or not; DNA results are more accurate than fingerprint testing. A career in this field should be taken by students who are passionate and determined. Students should have at least a four-year degree having educational qualification in one of the streams. The fields that one can gain qualification in order to become a DNA analyst is biology, criminalistics, biochemistry, genetics and chemistry. **Lie Detector Examiner:** Students wanting to pursue a career as a polygraph examiner should have a degree in psychology, law enforcement or criminal justice. The work of a lie detector

examiner includes conducting lie detector examinations, working with investigators, testifying in court and many more. **Digital Forensic Expert:** To become a digital forensics expert, students should have a bachelor's degree in one of these courses like computer engineering, applied mathematics, cybersecurity information technology, and many others. To have a superior position in this field a master's degree is required. Due to an increase in cases in cybercrimes, there is a great demand for digital forensics experts. The work of digital forensics includes analysing information in investigations and solving crimes related to computers. As the career scope of criminalistics is vast, the students can get employed in hospitals, institutes, forensic labs, pharmaceutical MNCs and Government and private agencies. There are endless opportunities for those who wish to have their forensic practice and forensic service office. The writer is VC, Sanskriti University

Tips on how to crack ISB entrance

Are you looking to apply for admission at Indian School of Business? SUMIT SINGH GANDHI shares tips that can help an aspirant

The Indian School of Business (ISB) is a private business school founded in 2001. ISB is the first business school in India to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). However, ISB is not accredited by the Indian statutory body and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) as ISB has chosen not to apply for its accreditation. **Programmes offered** **■** Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) **■** An incisive one-year programme designed for mid-career professionals **■** Post Graduate Programme for Working Professionals (PGPpro) **■** A weekend residential MBA programme designed for mid-career working executives **■** Post Graduate Programme In Management for Senior Executives (PGPMAX) **■** Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) **■** Executive Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) **■** 3-year Doctoral level programme designed for working executives **■** Executive Education Programmes **■** Programmes for working professionals that are designed to provide timely learning interventions that help them progress in their careers. **■** Advanced Management Programmes **Exams to pass For PGP** GMAT/GRE (TOEFL/IELTS/PTE score required if language of instruction at UG study level was not English) **For FPM** GMAT/GRE/CAT/GATE/JRF (TOEFL for applicants whose language of instruction at UG level is not English). **For PGPpro, PGPMAX, EEP, AMP** **How to prepare for these exams** **■** GMAT Examination: The Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) tests you across various skills, but can primarily be split into 4 different sections: Verbal, Quant, Integrated Reasoning and Analytical Writing. The best method to understand what the GMAC is testing you on is to take a Diagnostic Test. Mock tests will enable you to understand the overall context of



Sumit Singh Gandhi
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the subject areas involved in the GMAT. And your score should be 720 **■** GRE Preparation: The GRE exam has two test formats - GRE General Test and GRE Subject Test. The GRE syllabus is different for each **■** GRE General Test: General Test is the standard exam that tests students' verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and analytical writing skills **■** GRE Subject Test: For more specific courses a GRE Subject Test might be required by the college, as the GRE Subject Test focuses on judging the candidate's expertise in specific fields **■** CAT preparation: CAT syllabus 2021 can be divided into three sections: Quantitative Ability; Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning and Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension **■** ISB Eligibility: (PGP): **■** The candidate must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent in any discipline **■** The candidate must have at least 24 months of full-time post-qualification work experience as of March 31 of that year **■** Valid GMAT/GRE score **■** GMAT (TOEFL/IELTS/PTE required if language at UG was not English)

July 24, 2021 was an incredible day for India at the Tokyo Olympics. She celebrated hoover first medal as Mirabhai Chhanu bagged silver in weightlifting. Around 5,000 years back, a distressed Arjun in the middle of the Kurukshetra battlefield, unable to bear his thoughts, driven by grief, decided not to fight even if he was attacked by the enemy. He was terrified thinking about the outcome of the war by fighting his own kith and kin. He expressed his internal dilemma and mental distress and collapsed in the middle of the battlefield. He then surrendered to his friend Krishna for guidance. Bhagavan Krishna then became his Guru as Arjun awakened

to discipleship. Thus followed the wisdom of *Bhagavadgita*. Bhagavan Krishna told Arjun that it is the fundamental duty of a human being to perform his duties. It is also important that those duties be performed with the right attitude, following Dharma. Krishna reminded Arjun that as a warrior, it was his duty and nature to fight the war. Bhagavan Krishna also explained the nature of action (*karma*) to be performed and the approach to the result. The right attitude while performing duties is when we do it sincerely with maximum effort, without pondering over the result. Tokyo Olympics this year has seen the

MIND IT

emotional breakdown of many of its biggest star athletes. It was the fear of failure at the game that brought internal turmoil to the participants. Many athletes withdrew at the last minute, overwhelmed by stress. When the time to perform came, they lost self-confidence and lacked courage. Let us look at an example from *Mahabharat*. Abhimanyu is one of the key personalities known for his competence, fearlessness and wisdom. He knew his death was certain the moment he set out to

penetrate the *chakravyuh*. But his confidence, courage and commitment were so strong that he was not ready to give up. What was his motivation? To fight for what is right, irrespective of whether he had the might to do it alone. We may come across many situations in our life that are beyond our control. In such circumstances, we often create a *chakravyuh* in our own minds, with negative thoughts and tendencies. Many times, it is our response to these situations that makes the problem worse.

Instead of overthinking, we can always try to plan and control our response to these adverse situations. We should remember that we have the option of fighting like Abhimanyu without losing our inner strength rather than running away from the circumstances. We should face every challenge with confidence rather than fear, like the brave Abhimanyu. The real Kurukshetra war does not happen externally, it happens internally, in our minds. We must realise this and change our attitude towards the situations we face, instead of trying to change the external factors that contribute to it. Satguru Mata Amritanandamayi Devi,

(Amma) says: "The *Gita* is not teaching us to worship a God who resides up in the sky on a golden throne, nor to strive to get into heaven after we die. It teaches us to experience peace and happiness. *The Gita* helps us to realise our true self." The Olympic creed says: The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well. This is an important life lesson for us all. Sometimes we stumble, and get wounded, heartbroken or scared as well. Only if we win over our inner conflicts and challenges, can we bag a gold medal in the Olympics of life.



The Anant Fellowship for Climate Action invites applications for the year 2021-22. It also announces the first set of Fellows for its 2022 cohort. The Fellowship received 2,614 applications from 46 countries, with candidates as young as 16 and as old as 59 applying to be one of the 30 fellows.

The fellowship gives fellows the chance to work with top climate pioneers in the world. It is a unique one-year international climate education programme based on a mentor-mentee framework. It is designed to help fellows develop the skills required to lead large scale solutions to mitigate climate change. The first set of seven fellows for the 2022 cohort, announced, will arrive at the fellowship, having already made a mark in their fields ranging from Microbiology and Biotechnology to AI and Data Science and Forestry and Environmental Sciences. The Anant Fellowship for Climate Action is a member of MIT Solve, an initiative of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, US, to solve world challenges. **How to apply:** Visit: <https://anu.edu.in/programme/anant-fellowship-for-climate-action/>

Application deadline: It is September 18, 2021.

The University of Birmingham Dubai announces scholarships for Indian students domiciled and living in India. The University of Birmingham is a global top 100 university and a member of the elite Russell Group of UK universities. It is atop most targeted university by leading employers with its own campus in Dubai.

The scholarship is available for all students. Once the student has submitted the application and if they receive an offer from the university, the value of the scholarship will be advised based on predicted grades or on meeting the offer conditions. The scholarships supports applicants who wish to experience the high-quality education we deliver in Dubai. Applications for Fall 2021 are open until late September, provided applicants have all documents.

The value of scholarship will be advised based on predicted grades or on meeting offer conditions. **Award:** Up to 40% of tuition fees (2021 entry). For scholarship inquiries, please contact: dubai-queries@contacts.bham.ac.uk For more information visit: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai/index.aspx> **How to apply:** Please visit: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai/study/apply/index.aspx>.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT TRIVY TECHNOLOGIES

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/324060
Deadline: September 25, 2021

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT SOLERA LIFE SCIENCE

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹7,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/740791
Deadline: September 25, 2021

HR AT OST PLACEMENT SEARCH

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/0d3426
Deadline: September 25, 2021

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT FITKIN

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹8,000-₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/e66c05
Deadline: September 22, 2021

CONTENT WRITING AT PROMOTEDIGITALLY

Location: Lucknow
Stipend: ₹7,500 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/520d97
Deadline: September 22, 2021

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT SCHOOLBELLQ* SERVICES

Location: Bhubaneswar
Stipend: ₹8,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/931628
Deadline: September 22, 2021

DIGITAL MARKETING AT JARVICS TECHNOLOGIES

Location: Chandigarh
Stipend: ₹7,000-₹12,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/bda0e1
Deadline: September 22, 2021

IN BRIEF

APPRENTICESHIP-BASED BVOC COURSE

The University of Trans-disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU) has launched vocational education programmes leading to Bachelor of Vocation (BVoc) and Post-Graduate Diploma degrees. These programmes, inspired by Gandhiji's *nai talim*, are based on work-integrated training and are fully apprenticeship/

internship enabled. They empower students with the earn-while-you-learn feature that makes the programme affordable to them. The Students will work full-time as apprentices/ interns at the premises of industries and businesses for eight hours a

day, five days a week, and take theory courses during the evenings and weekends. The apprenticeships/ internships are provided to students in the towns and cities where they live, through local industries and businesses. TDU also arranges to deliver the theory courses to them locally.

This programme will give students an edge over their contemporaries in other conventional courses such as BA, BSc, and BCom, since they will have three years of work experience by the end of their course which makes them highly employable.

Students will also learn in real-life situations, on functional, state-of-the-art, infrastructure available with their employers.

ORIENTATION AT MU-SOM

The Mahindra University School of Management (MU-SoM) welcomed its first batch of UG students in a day long orientation

programme. The school is launched in collaboration with SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell University, US. Ninety students

from B.A. in Economics and Finance, BBA in Digital Technologies and BBA in Computation Business Analytics were welcomed.

RESEARCH IN BIOENERGY

The National Institute of Technology Andhra Pradesh is encouraging its faculty and researchers towards advancements in the field of Bioenergy.

The institute organised a five-day online faculty development programme on

'Waste to Bio-energy: A Sustainable solution from September 13-17, 2021.

The programme aims to bring advancements in the field of Bioenergy through waste utilization and minimise the dependency on fossil-based fuels to improve energy security.

SRIAS' HYPER MODEL FOR ASPIRANTS OF 2022 UPSC

The Shubhra Ranjan IAS (SRIAS), coaching institute for Civil Services Exams has launched a resilient hyper model to coach its students. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the institute has deployed technology and innovation to facilitate learning beyond traditional classrooms.

The model gives aspirants the choice to either avail online coaching or attend classes physically

at any of its centres. It also gives them the flexibility to combine both online and offline modes. The institute will be conducting live classroom programmes for GS and optional subjects at Pune, Bengaluru and Hyderabad by connecting the Delhi classroom directly.

Teachers will conduct separate Q&A sessions for all three centres to clear doubts. The SRIAS has also launched a GS

prelims-cum-Mains tablet course wherein the student is provided a T295N Samsung 8-inch tablet configured to use its app.

The course lectures are relayed on the tablet, followed by Q&A sessions. Over 300 GS course lectures are also available in recorded format on the tablet with 2,250 hours of viewing. Other tablet courses like Sociology + GS Prelim-cum-Mains, are also available.

GOVERNING COUNCIL TO EXPAND RESEARCH FOOTPRINT

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras and Hedera Hashgraph, the most used, sustainable, enterprise-grade public network for the decentralized economy announced the newest member of its Governing Council.

The globally-renowned technology university joins a rotating council of up to 39 global organisations that are from a

diverse array of industries and geographies, and each runs an initial network node that enables the decentralized governance model for the Hedera public ledger.

IIT Madras will also use its term on the Hedera Council to ramp up its R&D efforts in the DLT space, testing use cases leveraging key services.

FIITJEE TO CONDUCT BIG BANG EDGE TEST

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 conveniently to them.

It is a unique platform for students aspiring all-round excellence as it will help students realize and maximize their current potential for National and

International Level Competitive as well as Scholastic exams.

The students will have an opportunity to accelerate their preparation for JEE Main, JEE Advanced, BITSAT, Olympiads, KVPY, X and XII Boards, NTSE & Jr Olympiads, without break, impediments, and hurdles even amidst COVID pandemic. Students who are aspiring for IIT, IISc, NIT & other engineering colleges

or aiming for success in NTSE, X/XII Boards, KVPY, Sr Olympiads & Jr Science Olympiad, or having an inclination towards any stream – Arts, Commerce, Humanities, Medical or are interested in doing Bachelor's in Science then this test can put them on the right suitable path to achieve their goals through FIITJEE's life changing classroom and integrated school programme.

Malinga retires from all forms of cricket

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka pace veteran Lasith Malinga on Tuesday announced his retirement from all forms of cricket after terrorising the world's best batsmen for over a decade and a half with his toe-crushing yorkers delivered from a low and distinct sling-arm action.

A white ball legend in his own right and one of the greatest T20 bowlers, the 38-year-old was captain of Sri Lanka's 2014 T20 World Cup winning team. He posted a message on his social media account announcing his decision.

"Hanging up my T20 shoes and retiring from all forms of cricket! Thankful to all those who supported me in my journey, and looking forward to sharing my experience with young cricketers in the years to come," Malinga tweeted.

"I want to give 100 per cent rest to my T20 bowling shoes. While my shoes will rest, my love for the game will never ask for rest," a smiling Malinga added in the video.

Malinga last played a T20I match for Sri Lanka in March 2020 against West Indies in Pallekele.

Malinga, who took a total of 546 wickets across all formats for Sri Lanka, had already retired from Test cricket in 2011 and after that from ODIs as well but continued to

play T20Is for the national side.

He wasn't named in Sri Lanka's squad for upcoming World Cup.

Last year, he had expressed his desire to lead Sri Lanka in the T20 World Cup, which was originally scheduled to be held in Australia in October-November 2020 but will be held next month after a COVID-forced postponement.

"I am looking forward to help youngsters and guide them in the coming years," he said as he thanked his national team and all the franchises that he has played for, including IPL team Mumbai Indians.

Malinga, who has played a staggering 122 IPL matches, has 170 wickets to his credit, the highest in the cash-rich league, with the best bowling figures of 5/13.

He picked up 107 wickets in 84 T20 Internationals, 338 scalps in 226 ODIs and 101 wickets in 30 Tests.

He was the first bowler to bag 100 T20I wickets and finishes fourth in the highest wicket-taker category in the list behind Dwayne Bravo, Imran Tahir and Sunil Narine.

The Sri Lanka pacer had also announced his retirement from franchise cricket in January this year after being released by Mumbai Indians.

Malinga, one of the best T20

bowlers of all time, was a key figure in the teams he played for in the Indian Premier League, the Big Bash League, the Caribbean Premier League and other franchise tournaments.

During his 12-year stint at Mumbai Indians, he was part of MI's four of the five IPL title triumphs but had opted out of the 2020 tournament due to personal reasons at a time when his father was not keeping well.

"The experience that I have gained through the past 17 years will no longer be needed in the field since I have decided to retire from T20I cricket marking my retirement from all formats of cricket," said Malinga in a video on his YouTube channel.

He added, "But I will be continuously supporting the younger generations who strive to uplift the spirit of the game and I will always be there with all who love the game."

A fearsome pacer known for his menacing yorkers, the leading wicket-taker in T20I also has two T20I hat-tricks to his name.

Malinga also picked up three hat-tricks in ODI cricket, with his performance against South Africa in the 2007 World Cup in West Indies etched in history.

"Today is a very special day for

me," he said.

"I want to thank each and everyone who supported me throughout my T20 journey. I want to thank the Sri Lankan cricket board and team members.

And Mumbai Indians cricket team, especially the team owners and officials.

"I would also like to thank the team members and staff at Melbourne Stars, Kent, Rangpur Riders, Kayana Warriors, Maratha Arabians and Montero Tigers. When I played with you all, I got many experiences through my cricketing journey."



Ulsan - Kawasaki rivalry headlines Asian Champions League

AP ■ SEOUL

Japan and South Korea may have wobbled in World Cup qualification earlier this month but their clubs are dominant in Asian competition. Between them, the two countries have won 10 of the last 15 Asian Champions League titles and also provide seven teams in the Round of 16 of the 2021 tournament.

The eastern zone of the competition starts the knockout stage Tuesday with a clash between two of the title favorites: defending champion Ulsan Horang-i and Japanese champion Kawasaki Frontale.

"I came to Ulsan because I want to win titles," Ulsan midfielder Valeri Qazaishvili told the Asian Football Confederation's website.

"I've heard a lot about Kawasaki and I know they're a very good team who play good football," Qazaishvili said.

"It's a huge advantage for us to have this match at home in Korea with our fans behind us; to play at home is always special."

Both teams are top of their domestic leagues. When the Asian Champions League group stage finished in May, Kawasaki was way out in front at the top of the J League but one win from the last five games has left the club just one point clear and



out of the Levain Cup.

"We really wanted to win in the cup game and progress to the next stage so it is a painful feeling," coach Toru Oniki said.

"We have no time to think about that as we have to look forward to a tough game in Asia against the champion Ulsan and that gives us a chance to put the cup exit behind us."

The other two meetings between clubs from Japan and South Korea feature Nagoya Grampus hosting Daegu FC and Pohang Steelers, three-time Asian champion, traveling to Cerezo Osaka. Korea's Jeonbuk will host BG Pathum United of Thailand.

In the western zone, Tractor of Iran asked the Asian Football Confederation for its game with Al-Nassr of Riyadh to be postponed.

The team is struggling to put together the required 18-man roster as it has been hit by injuries and an outbreak of COVID-19.

Covid situation had us petrified: McCullum



PTI ■ DUBAI

Kolkata Knight Riders head coach Brendon McCullum says they were "paralysed a little bit by fear" when coronavirus struck the first half of the IPL in India.

It was KKR spinner Varun Chakravarthy and seamer Sandeep Warrier, who first tested positive for COVID-19 in May in the middle of the League, which was eventually postponed. The Purple and Gold brigade led by England white-ball skipper Eoin Morgan had an underwhelming first half. They are languishing at the seventh spot but McCullum is hopeful for a strong showing when action resumes from September 19 in the UAE.

"In regards to the tournament which is upcoming (second half of the IPL phase), we can end it right. We can take the game on and we're in a situation where we need things to go our way," McCullum was quoted as saying by the KKR website.

E-bidding for new IPL teams planned on October 17

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BCCI is planning to have an e-bidding for the two new IPL teams on October 17 and the bids to buy the sides can be made till October 5. "The Board is planning to have the bidding on 17th October and it will be an e-bidding," sources in the know of things told PTI on Tuesday. The BCCI had on August 31 invited bids to own an IPL franchise with "Invitation to Tender" available for purchase till October 5.

"The Governing Council of the IPL invites bids to acquire the right to own and operate 1

(one) of the 2 (two) new teams proposed to be introduced to take part in the Indian Premier League from the IPL 2022 season, through a tender process," the BCCI had said in a statement.

"Any interested party wishing to submit a bid is required to purchase the ITT.

"However, only those satisfying the eligibility criteria set out in the ITT and subject to the other terms and conditions set out therein, shall be eligible to bid. It is clarified that merely purchasing this ITT does not entitle any person to bid," the cricket body had said.

"We need to hit the ground running, challenge one another privately, support one another publicly and try and get the best out of one another in the next 4-5 weeks. Who knows where we can go with this.

"There were sometimes throughout the season when I just felt we were being paralysed a little bit by fear," he added.

The virus had wreaked havoc in India at that time, claiming thousands of lives.

The 39-year-old former New Zealand skipper, who started his IPL journey as a player with KKR, is hopeful the team will be able to get rid of the angst that had been built in the first phase of the league.

"I wasn't able to free the guys up enough to understand

that and that's sort of a challenge for me. But it is also a good challenge for the guys as well that they need to push the envelope of their own thinking as well.

"Hopefully we will be able to strip away a bit of the angst which had built up in the first part of the season, just go out there and try and enjoy ourselves.

"That's the ambition that I have got for the franchise and hence why I am unapologetic and unrelenting in my belief that we need to play a braver style of play," he said. Talking about his coaching style, McCullum said, "When we left India (after IPL was called off due to Covid), I think everyone understood me as a coach on how I want our team to play."

Indian women's team has improved since T20 WC defeat: Mandhana

PTI ■ BRISBANE

Indian women's cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana says her side has improved "massively" since the World T20 final defeat to Australia last year and will be "extra competitive" during the upcoming series here which also features its first day-night Test outing.

India and Australia are set to lock horns in a multi-format series comprising three ODIs, the day-night Test and three T20s, starting on September 21. The Test will be played from September 30 to October 3 in Canberra.

The last time the two sides met was at the women's T20 World Cup final at the MCG last year where the hosts had hammered India by 85

runs to lift the trophy.

"The team has grown massively (since the T20 World Cup)," Mandhana told 'The Scoop' podcast.

The Indian squad finished its 14-day hard hotel quarantine on Monday.

"COVID was a big break after the T20 World Cup and a lot of girls had a chance to go back and understand more about their games, where they lack as an individual and come back stronger."

The stylish southpaw said that after the COVID-19 enforced break, the Indian team is slowly getting back into the rhythm of playing cricket.

"The whole team has worked on their fitness and skills... We are



Lee takes joint first position with Mithali

PTI ■ DUBAI

India skipper Mithali Raj was on Tuesday joined at the top by South Africa opener Lizelle Lee, whose unbeaten 91 in the opening match against the West Indies helped her take joint-first position in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings.

While Mithali, who retains her number one spot, is now tied in first place with Lee at 762 rating points, with Australia's Alyssa Healy in third place, India opener Smriti Mandhana also held on to her ninth spot.

Lee, who first seized the top position in June 2018 and again reached the summit in



March this year, scored 18 runs in the second match, which also counted towards this week's rankings update.

Veteran Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami and senior spinner Poonam Yadav remained static on fifth and ninth respectively among bowlers, while Deepti Sharma maintained her fifth spot in the all-rounders' list.

mindset. Hopefully the series goes well for the whole team. India have reached Australia after a multi-format series against England in June and July, while

Indian teen star Shafali Verma held on to her top rank in the T20 rankings with 759 points, ahead of Australian Beth Mooney (744) and India T20 vice-captain Mandhana (716).

There was no movement for Sharma (sixth) and Yadav (eighth) in the T20 bowling rankings with the former also retaining her fourth spot in the all-rounders' list.

In T20 rankings for bowlers, England's Sarah Glenn has moved up a slot to second position while New Zealand off-spinner Leigh Kasperek (up seven places to 15th) and all-rounder Jess Kerr (up eight places to 58th) have also moved up the table.

a few players like white-ball skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, teen batting sensation Shafali Verma and Mandhana also featured in The Hundred tournament.

Pele recovering, set to leave intensive care: Daughter

IAN S ■ RIO DE JANEIRO

The eldest daughter of Brazilian football legend Pele has said that her father is expected to move out of intensive care this week as he recovers from surgery to remove a tumour from his colon. The 80-year-old underwent the procedure at Sao Paulo's Albert Einstein hospital on September 4 after the tumour was found during routine tests. "He is doing well post-surgery, he is not in pain and is in a good mood (annoyed that he can only

eat jello but will persevere!). He will move into a regular room in the next day or two and then go home," Kely said in a post on Tuesday morning (IST). Kely said the three-time World Cup winner has been buoyed by the support of fans from around the world and praised the work of doctors. "He is strong and stubborn and with the support and care of the brilliant team at Einstein and all of the love, energy and light that the world is sending, he will get through this," she added.

Split captaincy is a good idea, Rohit can lead well: Madan Lal

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Former Indian cricketer Madan Lal on Tuesday came out in support of split captaincy theory in India, saying it will "ease the pressure on Virat Kohli." "I guess this could be a nice option. We are in a very good position right now. We are lucky that we have Rohit Sharma in the team and whenever Virat Kohli feels that he wants to concentrate on one or two formats then Rohit can

step in, and he has a lot of experience," Madan told IANS. "So, in a way, I feel it will benefit India. I read that Virat is likely to step down from captaincy (of ODI and T20) as he wants to concentrate on his batting, which is a good idea I guess. India as a team is doing a great job, we have seen that in England (Test series) recently. So, let's see what happens."

There are reports that Team India limited-over side could see a change of leader-

ship after the T20 World Cup next month with Kohli set to take a big call soon. If Kohli decides to give up on the captaincy, then opener Rohit will take over the reins in ODI and T20 cricket.

It was also reported that Virat is planning to take this decision since he wants to concentrate on his batting form which has dipped considerably over the last year. And meetings were also held within the BCCI in this regard.

Olympic bronze medal is just the beginning: Shamsher

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Forward Shamsher Singh on Monday said winning the Olympic bronze medal was just ticking off one box in the new beginning for the Indian men's hockey team, which aspires to be the world number one side.

The men's hockey team produced an inspiring performance at the Tokyo Games, where it edged out Germany 5-4 to claim a bronze medal, the country's first in the sport in 41 years.

"We still have a lot of targets to achieve as a team. We have ticked off the target of winning an Olympic medal but we have been striving to be the best side in the world in the last few years," Shamsher was quoted as saying in a Hockey india release.

"We are going to

give everything we have in every match we play in the future, especially in big tournaments such as the FIH Hockey Pro League. We are confident that if we keep improving match by match, then one day we will surely be the world number 1 team," he added.

Shamsher said the Tokyo Olympics will always hold a special place "in my heart."

"I am so lucky to be part of an Olympic bronze medal-winning team at such an early stage of my career. I also know that this is just the beginning for us as a team.

"We have the belief that we can do even better in the future and we are going to work towards our goals in the upcoming years."

Asked what is that one thing that helped the Indian

Yuriy Sedykh, hammer throw world record holder, dies at 66



AP ■ MOSCOW

Yuriy Sedykh, a two-time Olympic champion in the hammer throw whose world record from 1986 still stands, has died. He was 66.

The Russian track and field federation said Sedykh died early Tuesday following a heart attack. "Deeply mourn the loss of Yuriy Sedykh," World Athletics

senior vice president and pole vault great Sergei Bubka wrote on Twitter. "For me, Yuriy was a friend, a wise mentor." Sedykh won gold at the 1976 and 1980 Olympics, but missed the 1984 Los Angeles Games because of a Soviet boycott. He returned to win a silver medal at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and won a world title in 1991.

Sedykh threw a world record 86.74

meters at the European Championships in Stuttgart, Germany, a mark which still stands. At this year's Tokyo Olympics, all 12 finalists in the men's hammer were born after Sedykh set the record.

Sedykh made his huge throw at a time when track and field was starting to realize the scale of performance-enhancing drug use.

Former Moscow anti-doping laboratory director Grigory Rodchenkov wrote in a book last year that Sedykh was "a huge steroid abuser" who benefited from a Soviet cover-up. Rodchenkov said one of Sedykh's samples contained such large traces of the steroid stanozolol that it contaminated laboratory equipment.

Sedykh denied doping. In a 2015 interview with Russian newspaper Sport Express, Sedykh said athletes' big throws in the 1980s were because of better coaching and the Soviet Union's intensive talent scouting program.

After retiring, Sedykh worked in France as a physical education teacher. He was married to another Soviet world record holder, shot putter Natalya Lisovskaya. Their daughter Alexia won hammer gold for France at the 2010 Youth Olympics.

South Africa interested in hosting FIFA's Club World Cup



AP ■ CAPE TOWN

South Africa is interested in hosting FIFA's Club World Cup in December after Japan withdrew because of COVID-19, South African Football Association president Danny Jordaan.

Jordaan told The Associated Press he would meet with FIFA secretary general Fatma Samoura in Lagos, Nigeria this week to get more details on what kind of bid South Africa must present to the world body to host the seven-team men's tournament. The Club World Cup will feature European champion

Chelsea and the other five continental club competition winners. The league champion from the host country also gets a place.

Japan withdrew last week amid fears the tournament would cause a rise in infections in a country that has just staged the Summer Olympics and Paralympics.

FIFA has yet to comment on the alternative host, with Saudi Arabia also keen to step in. An extended 24-team Club World Cup was due to debut this year in China but it was shelved because the pandemic required the rescheduling of national team competitions in June and FIFA was unable to raise the necessary funding for the planned quadrennial event. So the seven-team format was extended for another year.

The South African Football Association must get government approval to hold the tournament and meetings with the sports minister were also planned, Jordaan said.