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UN must ensure nations don't exploit Af: Modi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Pakistan holds the ignoble record of hosting the largest



First Secretary Sneha Dubey

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

The entire world has suffered because Pakistan nurtures terrorists in its backyard, she said.

"Regrettably, this is not the first time the leader of Pakistan has misused platforms provided by the UN to propagate false and malicious propaganda against my country, and seeking in vain to divert the world's attention from the sad state of his country where terrorists enjoy free pass while the lives of ordinary people, especially those belong-

ing to the minority communities, are turned upside down," she added.

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

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

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CAPSULE

VAX: UP BREACHES 10 CRORE-MARK

Lucknow: Breaching the landmark of administering 10 crore Covid vaccine doses on Saturday, Uttar Pradesh is well on its way to vaccinate the entire adult population soon. Revealing the latest feat, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath attributed its success to the health workers and citizens of the state. Taking to Twitter, Yogi posted, "It is the result of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's guidance and the tireless efforts of UP government."

CM YOGI LAUNCHES GARIB KALYAN MELA

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RIGHTS ACTIVIST KAMLA BHASIN PASSES AWAY

New Delhi: Eminent women's rights activist, poet and author Kamla Bhasin passed away on Saturday after a battle with cancer. She was 75.

PM to bring home 157 antiquities from US

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The USA has handed 157 artefacts and antiquities to Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his ongoing visit to attend the United Nation's General Assembly.

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

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



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

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

Their make spreads across

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

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

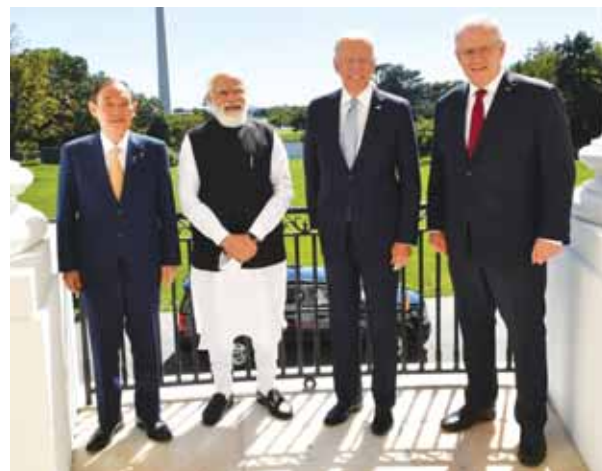
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Faced with growing assertiveness by China in the Indo-Pacific region, India, US, Japan and Australia resolved to resist any "coercion" and work together for ensuring peace and prosperity in the region and the world as a whole.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

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

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



Banerjee said, "I had been invited to attend a world peace conference being held in Rome ... the Italian Government had given special permission to me for attending the programme ... which was likely to be attended by the likes of German Chancellor and Pope Francis... but this Government denied me the clearance saying that it was not a right programme for a Chief Minister to attend."

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

AP ■ KABUL

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

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

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

There was no immediate comment from the Taliban.



A dead body hangs from a crane in the main square of Herat city in western Afghanistan on Saturday

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Mullah Nooruddin Turabi, one of the founders of the Taliban and the chief enforcer of its harsh interpretation of Islamic

law when they last ruled Afghanistan, told *The AP* this week that the hard-line movement will once again carry out

executions and amputations of hands, though perhaps not in public.

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Channi to retain some, drop some of Capt loyalists

Punjab Cabinet induction today

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

After several rounds of discussion with the high command, a couple of them extending till the wee hours, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Saturday met Governor Banwarilal Purohit here to submit the names of Ministers likely to be inducted into the new Cabinet and take oath on Sunday.

Party sources indicated that those likely to be dropped from the previous Captain Amarinder Singh Cabinet include Balbir Singh Sidhu, Gurpreet Singh Kangar, Rana Gurmeet Sodhi, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot and Sundar Shyam Arora. The new faces in the Cabinet are likely to be Pargat Singh, Kuljit Singh Nagra,



Sangat Singh Gilzian, Raj Kumar Verka, Amarinder Raja Warring and Gurpreet Kotli.

Sources indicated that the party has decided to retain Vijay Inder Singla, Manpreet Singh Badal, Brahm Mohindra, Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Arun Chaudhary, Razia Sultana and Bharat Bhushan Ashu from the Capt Amarinder Singh Government.

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CM launches Garib Kalyan Mela

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While the chief minister inaugurated the Garib Kalyan Mela from Bharohia block of Gorakhpur, his cabinet colleagues and other people's representatives launched it in other districts and blocks on Saturday.

Pledging to work for the welfare of the poor and marginalised sections, Yogi said, "Every poor and needy should get enrolled under Ayushman Bharat so that they can avail the benefits of the scheme during time of illness. There should be no lack of treatment to any needy in the state. Our government is standing by each victim's family and every poor through its welfare schemes in the state. The Central and state governments are working with full commitment for the uplift

of the last rung of society. The Garib Kalyan Melas are being organised simultaneously in all 826 development blocks of the state which is an indicator of this commitment."

Highlighting the government schemes, the chief minister said under Jan Arogya scheme brought by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019, over six crore eligible people in Uttar Pradesh were covered with free medical service up to Rs 5 lakh through Ayushman Golden Card.

"These cardholders can get free treatment in government or empanelled hospitals. Those who could not get the benefit of this scheme are being covered under Chief Minister Jan Arogya Yojana," he said.

The chief minister further said that more than 29,460 girls had been linked to Kanya Sumangala Yojana in Gorakhpur, adding that in Bharohia block itself, 1,061 girls had got the benefit of the scheme. He said 68,341 destitute women had been linked to destitute women's pension scheme

in Gorakhpur and in Bharohia block, 1,661 women were availing the benefit of this scheme.

He said that no destitute woman should feel helpless in the state and instructions had been given to link them to the scheme by setting up camps.

Similarly, 26,525 divyangjans (physically-challenged) were being benefited by the pension scheme in Gorakhpur, including 606 of Bharohia and along with pension, artificial limbs and assistive devices were also provided to the specially-abled, he said.


Mentioning Ujjwala Yojana, the chief minister said that the first phase of the scheme was launched by the prime minister from Ballia and 2,44,519 women were given free LPG connections in Gorakhpur. Under Ujjwala 2.0, 19,000 new beneficiaries had been linked, he added.


Highlighting the Poshahar scheme for women and children, Yogi said that around 1,33,926 children between six months to three years and about 74,626 children between three years and six

years had been given nutritious food through Anganwadi centres in Gorakhpur.

"As many as 54,417 pregnant and lactating women have also benefited from the Pushtahaar scheme. In Bharohia block, 4,278 children of six months to three years, 2,208 children of 3-6 years, and 1,656 lactating-pregnant women have benefited from this scheme," he said. The chief minister also mentioned the achievements of many other welfare schemes and said that 5.19 lakh farmers in Gorakhpur were given the benefit of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Besides, he said, 1.49 lakh people received the benefit of Old Age Pension scheme, including 4,201 of Bharohia block.

"Also construction of 37,451 houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana has been completed in the district including 751 of Bharohia. Also, 9,228 new beneficiaries have been selected under the PM Awas Yojana in the district. People are also being given houses under CM Awas Yojana," he said.

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2.	M/s Vanita Caters Prop.: Smt. Vanita Kanwar Branch: Civil Lines, Kanpur Mob. No. 7889016230	Sri Rajiv Kanwar S/o Sri Bharam Swaroop Kanwar	Land and Building consisting of Flat No. 2, situated on 4th Floor in Premises No. 113/121, Swaroop Nagar, Kanpur Area: 30.04 Sq. mtrs. Bounded:- East: 9.14 mtrs Road West: Plot No. 169 North: Plot No. 160 Part C South: 30.48 mtrs Road Flat No.2 Bounded:- East: Other Flat West: Other Flat North: Rasta and Stairs South: 100 ft. main road and balcony	10.05.2021 23.09.2021 34,85,468.00 + int. & Others charges
3.	Sri Arun Kumar & Smt. Deepa Branch: Civil Lines, Kanpur Mob. No. 7889016230	Sri Arun Kumar S/o Sri Kumar Raj & Smt. Deepa W/o Sri Arun Kumar	Land and building consisting of Plot No. 375, Block LIG, Scheme Tatya Tope Nagar Phase-2, Kanpur Nagar Area: 60 Sq. mtrs. Bounded:- East: Plot No. 374 West: Plot No. 376 North: 7.5 meter Road South: Others Land	07.05.2021 23.09.2021 20,54,482.00 + int. & Others charges

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Yogi thanks PM

Lucknow (PNS): Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for sanctioning a Medical Device Park for Uttar Pradesh and said that the park would rapidly expand investment opportunities besides making significant contribution in realising the prime minister's resolve of 'Self-reliant India'. A top government official said that the Medical Device Park would be set up across 350 acres of land in Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority of Gautam Buddha Nagar (Noida).



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Original lease deed Dt. 31.12.1979 which was executed for the Property Plot No.454 Block 4) Scheme II Kidwai Nagar Kanpur by Kanpur Development Authority in favour of Mohammad Wakeel S/o Mohammad Umar Vide Lease deed Book No.1 Volume 488 Page No 88/109 Original No. 145 Mussanna No. 146 Registered Dated 08.02.1980 has been lost dated on 05.08.2021 Between my house and market. Ghanshyam Das Agrwal S/o Late Tara Chand Agrwal R/o 128/363 H- Block Kidwai Nagar Kanpur.





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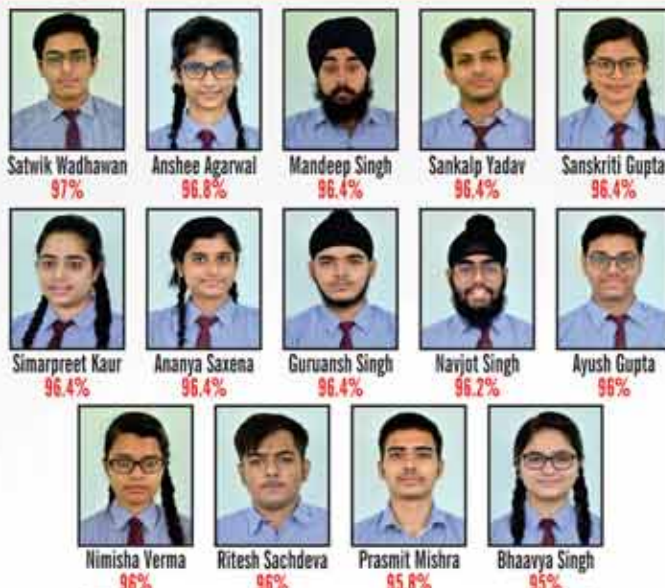
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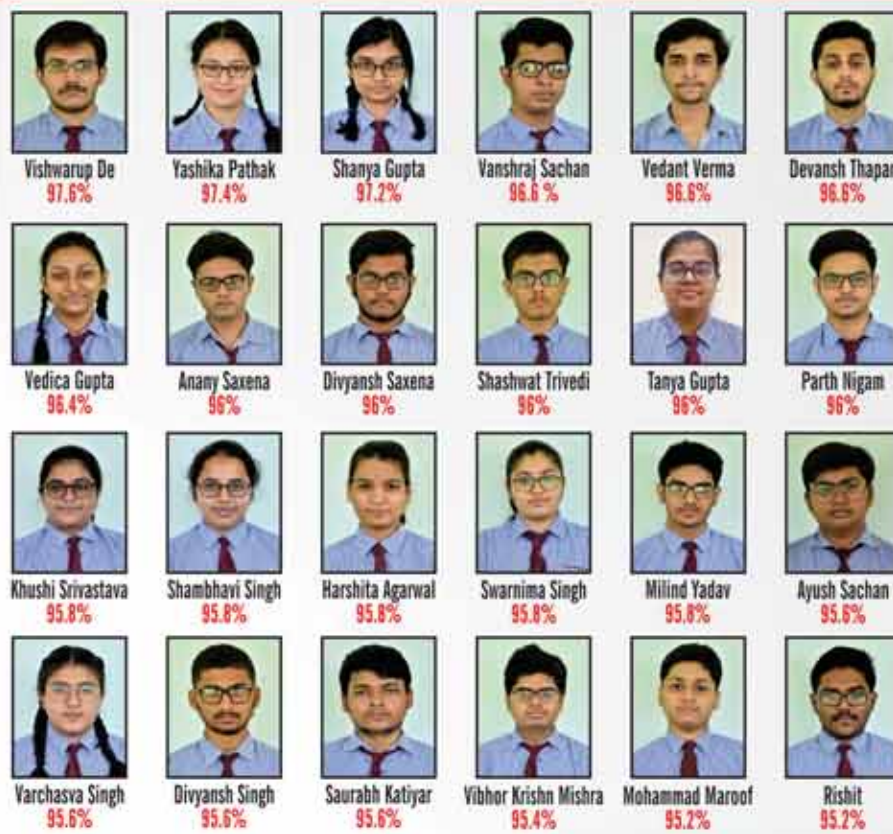
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पारेषण भवन, कक्ष संख्या 212, ए०एल०डी०सी० परिसर, निक्ट मंत्री आवास, विभूति खण्ड-2, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ ई-टेन्डरिंग निविदा सूचना अनुसूची फर्मा / ठेकेदारों / अधिभूत विक्रेताओं / निर्माताओं से निम्नलिखित कार्य के सम्मान हेतु सीलबन्ध ई-निविदायें दो भागों में ई-टेन्डरिंग वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। **अति-अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा संख्या-05-विपाखडि (नं)/ 2021-22** वि० पार० खण्ड-1। लखनऊ के अधीन 220 कवी उपकेन्द्र गोमती नगर पर स्थापित मल्लीफायर सिस्टम नये प्रेशर स्विच आदि लाने, लगाने, कमिशनिंग एवं टेस्टिंग आदि व संपूर्ण कार्य का विभिन्न बाल्व की सर्विसिंग एवं ओवरहालिंग का कार्य-घरोहर राशि रु० 2000.00 ई-निविदा भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 30.09.2021, समय 13:00 बजे, ई-निविदा भाग-2 (प्राइज पाटी) खुलने की तिथि हेतु तदनुसार वेबसाइट पर सूचित किया जायेगा। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रु० 236.00 (18 प्रतिशत जी०ए०ए०टी० सहित)। ई-निविदा का भाग प्रपत्र व द्वितीय-प्राइज बिड (दरें एवं शर्तों) www.etender.up.nic.in पर मरी जायेगी। भाग-1 में घरोहर धनराशि व निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य जोकि अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, लखनऊ के खाता संख्या-07580021000093361, IFSC code- PUNB0691100 पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, शाखा विजयनगर खण्ड, लखनऊ में RTGS/NEFT के माध्यम से स्थानांतरण कर यू०टी०आर० संख्या तथा पे-रिलिफ की प्रति www.etender.up.nic.in web site पर निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ सह प्रमाणित पेन एवम जी०एस०टी० में पंजीकरण प्रमाण-पत्र, कार्य अनुमति प्रमाण-पत्र व अहंकारी शर्तें एवम अन्य सम्बंधी प्रपत्र तथा निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में मूल्य / दरें www.etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 30.09.2021 सायं 11:00 बजे तक ही Up-Load की जानी है। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग के प्रपत्र फिगरित लिथि पर 12.00 बजे अगला उसके उपरान्त ही Down-Load किये जायेंगे। निविदाओं के प्रथम भाग के मूल्यांकन के उपरान्त उपयुक्त पायी गयी निविदाओं के ही द्वितीय भाग Down-Load / खोला जायेगा। निविदा सम्बंधी समस्त जानकारी, निगम व अहंकारी शर्तें निविदा प्रपत्र में अंकित है जो www.etender.up.nic.in द्वारा Down-Load या अवलोकित की जा सकती है। ई-निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की स्थिति में ई-निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस पर फिगरित समय तक स्वीकार की जायेगी एवं फिगरित समय पर खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये ई-निविदा / ई-निविदाओं को अस्वीकार / विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। **अधिशासी अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय** पत्रांक-1773 दिनांक-25-9-2021 "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें"

कानपुर विद्युत आपूर्ति कम्पनी लिमिटेड 14/71, सिविल लाउन्स "केसा हाउस" कानपुर, अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा ई-निविदा वेबसाइट www.kesco.co.in/https://etender.up.nic.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। ई-निविदायें प्रपत्र पूर्ण कर निविदादाताओं द्वारा वेबसाइट पर (खुलने की तिथि के अपराह्न 12:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती हैं।) उक्त ई-निविदा उसी दिन 15:00 बजे से 17:00 बजे तक वेबसाइट पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेंगी। उक्त तिथि को अवकाश घोषित होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्यदिवस में नियत समय पर खोली जायेंगी। ई-निविदा धनराशि का भुगतान ऑन लाईन एन०ई०एफ०टी० / आर०टी०जी०एस० (खाता सं० 628805018266 आई०एफ०एस० सी०कोड- ICIC0006288) के रूप में, केस्को कानपुर के पक्ष में देय होगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर दिये गये समय से दो घण्टे पूर्व तक वेबसाइट से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ यू०टी०आर० की स्कैनड प्रति अपलोड करना अनिवार्य है। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग में घरोहर धनराशि का भुगतान ऑन लाईन एन०ई०एफ०टी० / आर०टी०जी०एस० / बी०जी० / एफ०डी०आर० (खाता सं० 628805018266 आई.एफ.एस.सी. कोड-ICIC0006288) के द्वारा स्वीकार किया जायेगा एवं निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग में निर्धारित पी० व्यू आर० एवं तकनीकी अभिलेख होंगे तथा निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरें एवं व्यवसायिक शर्तें होगी, बिना घरोहर धनराशि के तथा सर्वात निविदायें खोली / स्वीकार नहीं की जायेंगी। **ई-निविदा सं० 12/ 21-22 पात्र फर्म** मूल निर्माता /अनुसूची छपायी कार्य में दक्ष एवं अधिकृत विक्रेता / आपूर्तिकर्ता **विवरण** विभिन्न प्रकार की रेटेशनरी की आपूर्ति हेतु **घरोहर धनराशि (रु०) 18000 /- निविदा धनराशि रु० में (जी०ए०ए०टी० के साथ) 3540 /- ई-निविदा अपलोड करने एवं खोलने की तिथि 11.10.2021 उपरोक्त ई-निविदा की पूर्ण प्रक्रिया केस्को की ई-टेन्डरिंग वेबसाइट www.kesco.co.in/https://etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से की जायेगी। तकनीकी योग्यता पूरा न करने वाले निविदादाता की निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।** सामग्री क्रय की मात्रा घट बढ़ सकती है। अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास बिना कोई कारण बताये किसी एक अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकृत / अस्वीकृत करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा। (ललित कृष्ण) **अधिशासी अभियन्ता (मण्डार क्रय)** पत्रांक- 392 दिनांक- 25.9.2021 राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें

CM to interact with farmers at Kisan Sammelan today

Lucknow (PNS): Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will address farmers and distribute agricultural equipment and Kisan credit cards at a programme that aims at reach out to farmers, and address

around 25,000 farmers of the state at a Kisan Sammelan in Lucknow on Sunday.

The Kisan Sammelan is a part of the ambitious Mission Kisan Kalyan of Uttar Pradesh government.

To be held at the Defence Expo Ground, the chief minister will interact with farmers in the Kisan Sammelan and an exhibition will also be organised. The distribution of agricultural tools, Kisan credit card and soil health cards will also be done at the event.

Along with the chief minister, Bharatiya Janata Party state president Swatantra Dev Singh, Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi and Sugarcane Minister Suresh Rana will also participate in the programme.

Official sources claimed that the Yogi government has transformed the agriculture sector in Uttar Pradesh with its commitment to double their income.

A record payment to over Rs 1.44 lakh crore has been

made to more than 45.74 lakh cane farmers in the state in the last four-and-a-half years. The government has also waived loans of 86 lakh small and marginal farmers to the tune of Rs 36,000 crore.

More than 433.86 lakh metric tons of food grains have been procured by the government and over Rs 79,000 crore have been paid to about 78.23 lakh farmers. Under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana of the Central government, around 18 lakh farmers have been given Rs 32,521 crore.

Similarly, more than two crore farmers are associated with Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and a compensation of Rs 2,376 crore has been given to more than 25.60 lakh farmers under this scheme.

Shopping complex of Mukhtar aide razed in Mau

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Continuing the drive against mafia and criminals who amassed ill-gotten wealth, the Uttar Pradesh government authorities razed a four-storey shopping complex owned by a contractor and close aide of jailed don-turned-politico Mukhtar Ansari in Mau on Saturday.

The demolished shopping complex was reportedly owned by Ansari's crony of Umesh Singh and was built at a cost of about Rs 10 crore and it was operating for the last several years in Bhatti locality of Kotwali area in Mau city.

Identified as a close confidant of Ansari, Umesh Singh too has several criminal cases against his name in Mau and he also 'deal' in coal trade in eastern UP.

Circle Officer (City) Dhnanajay Mishra said that the illegal construction was demolished on the order of the city magistrate.

A case of illegal construction in Mau city magistrate's court was going on against Umesh Singh, Ajay Singh, Vijay Singh and Vinay Singh. On Friday the court issued an order for demolition of the shopping complex.

Well-placed sources said, "At the instance of the state government, a crackdown to weaken the empire of mafia was launched so that they did not raise their heads again and show their muscle power and commit crime.

The crackdown on the fiscal empires, estimated to be to the tune of crores of rupees, of Mukhtar's gang started from Mau district after May 31 and later action was taken in districts like Ghazipur, Jaunpur, Azamgarh and Varanasi.

As of now, over Rs 60 crore worth movable and immovable properties of Mukhtar's henchmen have been seized/freed by the government.

The properties were allegedly earned by crime activities like extortion from businessmen and others.

BJP denying OBC their due share in power: Akhilesh

A false sympathy, retorts UP govt

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party of denying the Other Backward Classes their due share in the power structure by declining a caste-based census.

The Uttar Pradesh government, however, dismissed the criticism, saying that Akhilesh Yadav was extending false sympathy towards the OBCs as the party did nothing for the community's welfare and development when in power in Uttar Pradesh.

On Saturday, Akhilesh lashed out, "The outright refusal by the Centre to carry out an OBC census is extremely serious and very worrying. It exposes the BJP's electoral interests in the OBC politics and shows the difference between what they are claiming and what they are doing. The demand for a separate census for OBCs had been gathering steam in the country but the Centre's stand has dashed their hopes."

The SP chief further said, "By declining to accept the long-standing demand of the OBCs for caste-based census, the BJP has proved that the ruling party is against the concept of social justice. The BJP is against the inclusion of the caste category in census as the party wants to deny the OBCs their due share in power as per their share in population."

The political war over a census for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) has heated up after the Centre submitted in the Supreme Court that inclusion of the category in the ongoing census at this stage was cumbersome and hence not possible. The Centre submitted an affidavit in the Supreme Court calling the OBC census at this point "administratively extremely complex" and stating that it will "not yield accurate information". The affidavit also said that the "raw data of 2011 socio economic caste census is also flawed".



The BJP-led UP government, however, contradicted the claims of the SP chief and government spokesman Sidharth Nath Singh said, "Akhilesh Yadav is only dishing out false sympathy towards the OBCs as his party has always patronised a particular 'caste'. Akhilesh Yadav has never been concerned about the people of Uttar Pradesh and instead his party has always been biased towards the people of a particular caste. The Samajwadi Party stood thoroughly exposed when it came to serve the underprivileged and poor."

"Did Akhilesh do anything else apart from posting tweets on different issues only to malign the image of the Yogi Adityanath government, that too without any substantive evidence?. He should come out with concrete facts as to what SP did for underprivileged when it was in the power", Singh sought to know and added that the former chief minister of UP had always practised politics of appeasement and hence he was now scared of simple word 'abba-jaan'.

Earlier on Friday, Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati had hit out at the BJP, a day after the Centre declined in the Supreme Court to include caste as a category in census, saying that the BJP continued to remain against the OBCs.

The long-pending demand of the OBCs has been gathering steam in the recent months with several states, including BJP allies and opposition parties in UP, bidding to outdo each other for the OBC vote bank ahead of the 2022 UP assembly elections.

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04381/04382 Prayagraj Sangam - Faizabad Jn. - Prayagraj Sangam Unreserved Mail/Express Special (Daily)					
TRAIN NO. 04381		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04382	
ARR.	DEP.			ARR.	DEP.
—	06:30	Prayagraj Sangam	▲	23:30	—
12:00	—	Faizabad Jn.	▼	—	17:45

Days of Run : 04381 Ex Prayagraj Sangam and 04382 Ex Faizabad Jn. from 01.10.2021 till further advice.

Stoppages: Prayag Jn., Phaphamau Jn., Siwaith, Mau Aimma, Dhirganj, Bishnath Ganj, Bhupia Mau, Partapgarh Jn., Chilbila Jn., Khundaur, Ramganj, Piparpur, Sultanpur Jn., Dwarakaganj, Kurebhar, Chaure Bazar, Kharajurhat, Malethu Kanak, BharatKund and Masodha stations.

04383/04384 Prayagraj Sangam - Jaunpur Jn. - Prayagraj Sangam Unreserved Mail/Express Special (Daily)					
TRAIN NO. 04383		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04384	
ARR.	DEP.			ARR.	DEP.
—	07:30	Prayagraj Sangam	▲	21:30	—
12:10	—	Jaunpur Jn.	▼	—	17:35

Days of Run : 04383 Ex Prayagraj Sangam and 04384 Ex Jaunpur Jn. from 01.10.2021 to till further advice.

Stoppages: Prayag Jn., Phaphamau Jn., Tharwai, Sarai Chandi, Phulpur, Ugrasenpur, Barya Ram, Janghai Jn., Jarauna, Barsathi, Bhanaur, Warigaon Newada, Mariahu, Shudnipur, Salkhapur, Kaigaon Terhwan and Zafarabad Jn. stations

04245/04246 Prayagraj Sangam - Jaunpur Jn. - Prayagraj Sangam Unreserved Mail/Express Special (Daily)					
TRAIN NO. 04245		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04246	
ARR.	DEP.			ARR.	DEP.
—	16:40	Prayagraj Sangam	▲	11:00	—
22:10	—	Jaunpur Jn.	▼	—	06:45

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Lucknow leads in vaccination figures

Lucknow (PNS): Lucknow is leading other districts of the state in terms of the total number of Covid vaccine doses administered so far. The state capital has vaccinated 35,29,901 people till September 24. The districts behind Lucknow are Varanasi with 294605 doses, Ghaziabad (25,92,364), Prayagraj (25,25,675), Gorakhpur (24,87,489), Gautam Buddha Nagar (23,69,836), Kanpur (23,50,311), Agra (23,39,363), Bareilly (22,56,736) and Azamgarh (21,79,067).

Besides, Gautam Buddha Nagar has fully vaccinated 36.4 percent of its population in the age group of 18-45 years, followed by Lucknow (16.6%) and Ghaziabad (16.4%).

In the age group of above 45 years too, Gautam Buddha Nagar is leading after fully vaccinating 54% of the population, followed by Meerut (40%), Lucknow (39%), Mahoba (28%) and Bhadohi (24%). District Immunisation Officer Dr MK Singh said Lucknow is leading in the state in terms of the number of vaccine doses administered so far. In the mega vaccination camp which will be held on Monday (September 27), efforts will be made to ensure a good turnout in rural areas, he said. Dr Singh said they have increased the number of data entry operators so that the session sites can be increased.

"The data entry operators have been sent to Mohanlalganj, Mall, Malihabad, BKT, Gosainganj, Aliganj, Indiranagar and Tudiaiganj CHCs apart from other blocks for on-spot training," he said. Meanwhile, Deputy CM Dinesh Sharma, Union minister Kaushal Kishore, Urban Development Minister Ashutosh Tandon, Law Minister Brajesh Pathak and Mayor Sanyukta Bhatia felicitated Covid warriors on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay.

Besides, the district administration organised 'Garib Kalyan Diwas' in all the blocks of Lucknow. DM Abhishek Prakash said people could get regular immunisation as well as Covid vaccination at these fairs.

Meanwhile, on World Pharmacists Day, experts stressed on the key role of pharmacists during the Covid pandemic.

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1.	05013	Jaisalmer-Kathgodam	Kathgodam	04.55 (Arrival)	05.05 (Arrival)
2.	03019	Howrah-Kathgodam	Kathgodam	09.00 (Arrival)	09.25 (Arrival)
3.	02040	New Delhi-Kathgodam	Kathgodam	11.40 (Arrival)	11.55 (Arrival)
4.	04690	Jammu Tawi-Kathgodam	Kathgodam	13.35 (Arrival)	13.45 (Arrival)
5.	04667	Kanpur Central-Kathgodam	Kathgodam	14.40 (Arrival)	14.55 (Arrival)
6.	02091	Dehradun-Kathgodam	Kathgodam	23.35 (Arrival)	23.45 (Arrival)
7.	04126	Dehradun-Kathgodam	Kathgodam	07.15 (Arrival)	07.20 (Arrival)
8.	04616	Amritsar-Laikuan	Laikuan	20.30 (Arrival)	21.05 (Arrival)
9.	05060	Anand Vihar (T)-Laikuan	Laikuan	20.30 (Arrival)	21.05 (Arrival)
10.	02353	Howrah-Laikuan	Laikuan	06.55 (Arrival)	07.00 (Arrival)
			Kathgodam	11.45 (Dep)	11.15 (Dep)
11.	05044	Kathgodam-Lucknow Jn.	Haldwani	11.57/12.02(Arr/Dep)	11.32/11.45(Arr/Dep)
			Laikuan	12.35/12.40(Arr/Dep)	12.20/12.30(Arr/Dep)
			Kathgodam	09.05 (Dep)	08.45 (Dep)
12.	05036	Kathgodam-Delhi	Haldwani	09.19/09.22(Arr/Dep)	09.02/09.07(Arr/Dep)
			Laikuan	09.54/09.59(Arr/Dep)	09.40/09.45(Arr/Dep)
			Kathgodam	15.30 (Dep)	15.10 (Dep)
			Haldwani	15.45/15.47(Arr/Dep)	15.27/15.29(Arr/Dep)
13.	02039	Kathgodam-New Delhi	Laikuan	16.17/16.19(Arr/Dep)	16.02/16.04(Arr/Dep)
			Rudrapurcity	16.42/16.44(Arr/Dep)	16.46/16.48(Arr/Dep)
			Ramnagar	22.20(Dep)	22.15(Dep)
14.	05314	Ramnagar-Jaisalmer	Kashipur	22.50/22.55(Arr/Dep)	22.45/22.50(Arr/Dep)
			Ramnagar	10.10(Dep)	10.00(Dep)
15.	05356	Ramnagar-Delhi	Kashipur	10.33/10.38(Arr/Dep)	10.30/10.35(Arr/Dep)
16.	05059	Laikuan-Anand Vihar (T)	Laikuan	04.30(Dep)	04.25(Dep)
17.	05028	Gorakhpur-Hatia	Gorakhpur	07.25(Dep)	07.20(Dep)
18.	05048	Gorakhpur-Kolkata	Gorakhpur	11.30(Dep)	11.25(Dep)
19.	02108	Lucknow Jn.-Lokmanya Tilak (T)	Lucknow Jn.	22.45(Dep)	22.40(Dep)
20.	05307	Lucknow Jn.-Raipur	Lucknow Jn.	22.45(Dep)	22.40(Dep)
21.	09269	Porbandar-Muzaffarpur	Gorakhpur	10.55/11.10(Arr/Dep)	10.55/11.05(Arr/Dep)
22.	04060	Anand Vihar (T)-Muzaffarpur	Gorakhpur	10.55/11.10(Arr/Dep)	10.55/11.05(Arr/Dep)
23.	09076	Ramnagar-Bandra (T)	Ramnagar	16.35(Dep)	16.30(Dep)
24.	05022	Gorakhpur-Shalimar	Gorakhpur	13.50(Dep)	13.40(Dep)
25.	05331	Kathgodam-Moradabad	Kathgodam	08.15(Dep)	07.25(Dep)
26.	05333	Ramnagar-Moradabad	Ramnagar	07.20(Dep)	07.15(Dep)
27.	05034	Barhni-Gorakhpur	Barhni	15.20(Dep)	15.00(Dep)
			Kathgodam	18.20 (Dep)	18.15 (Dep)
			Haldwani	18.33/18.37(Arr/Dep)	18.32/18.35(Arr/Dep)
28.	04689	Kathgodam-Jammu Tawi	Laikuan	19.13/19.15(Arr/Dep)	19.08/19.10(Arr/Dep)
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Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Jayanti celebrated

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers celebrated the birth anniversary of Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay at Smriti Sthal near Parao here on Saturday which was attended by senior party leaders, ministers, MLAs and others. Besides, on the occasion, various other programmes were also organised in the city. The function at Parao was attended by state co-incharge of the party Sunil Ojha, regional president Mahesh Chandra Srivastava, UP Minister Anil Rajbhar and many others. They highlighted the contributions of Pt Upadhyay in creating the ways of nationalism among the people.

On the occasion, at Smriti Sangrahalaya there a programme was also held in which the key speaker was chief editor of Kamal Sandesh Patrika Shakti Bakshi. He said that Pt Upadhyay advocated for the growth and upliftment of all the sections of the society in view to help the nation become Vishwa Guru. He also elaborated the principles of Antodhyay and Ekatmavad. During the function, a good number of women workers including former MLC Dr Veena Pandey and others were also present. They also paid tributes to Pt Upadhyay.

In Banaras Hindu University (BHU), a quiz contest was organised under the auspices of Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Peeth in Faculty of



BJP workers celebrating Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jayanti at Parao in Varanasi on Saturday.

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Social Sciences (FSS) in which the Dean of Students Prof MK Singh, FSS Dean Prof KK Mishra, students' advisor Dr Anuradha Singh, head of History department Prof Keshav Mishra, Prof Parvesh Bhardwaj and Vivek Kumar Upadhyay were also present. They also expressed their views. The function was conducted by Sumit Singh, while coordinated by Shubham Mishra.

Meanwhile, in Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, chief mentor of Youth Rural Entrepreneur Foundation

Sanjay Rai Sherpuria, while participating in a programme on New Education Policy (NEP), threw light on various aspects of the NEP. Speaking on the need to implement the NEP, he said that till now in India, several commissions on education policy had been constituted but, the basic structure of education remained the same as in the colonial period. In such a situation, the need to bring a NEP was bound to be felt.

Sherpuria also emphasised that if the report of the Kothari Committee on education pol-

icy had been implemented honestly, then the condition of Indian languages and especially Sanskrit would not have become so bad.

By implementing NEP, emphasis will be given on vocational education from class 6 onwards. He also raised the issue of privatisation of education seriously. He said that instead of jumping to any hasty conclusions regarding the issue of privatisation of education and especially higher education, its purpose, policy and regulation will have to be understood in detail.

Fit India Freedom Run organised

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

As a part of Azad Ka Amrit Mahotsav being celebrated by the government to commemorate the 75th years of the independence of the country, the Nehru Yuva Kendra on Saturday organised Fit India Freedom Run from Bharat Mata Mandir in Sriga.

Flagging off the Run, the vice chairman of Nehru Yuva Sangthan Dinesh Pratap Singh, said that we could build a strong nation only with healthy mind and body and added, it will all depend on all of us that we take the nation in which direction in coming 25 years when the country will celebrate



Fit India Freedom Run being taken out in Varanasi on Saturday.

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centenary year of the independence.

The volunteers and cadets

of various organisations such as Nagrik Suraksha Sangthan, National Service Scheme and

National Cadet Corp participated in the run which began from Bharat Mata Mandir in the morning and reached Gandhi Adhyayan Pith in Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith (MGKV). Thereafter, it culminated at the starting venue at Bharat Mata Mandir.

The Deputy Controller of Nagarik Suraksha Sangthan Neeraj Mishra, District Yuva Welfare Officer Nikhil Gupta, divisional warden of collectorate division of Sangthan Sanjay Kumar Rai, post warden Arvind Vishwakarma and others were present on the occasion.

World Pharmacy Day observed in BLW

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

On the occasion of World Pharmacy Day, a function was inaugurated at the Central Hospital in Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) here on Saturday by Principal Chief Medical Officer (PCMO) Dr Sujit Mallick following the Covid guidelines. Then the PCMO, along with Chief Pharmacist Hembram Singh and others lit the lamp and cut a cake. Addressing the function, Dr Mallick and Additional Chief Medical Superintendent Dr Sunil Kumar appreciated the work of pharmacists.

Hembrem Singh, while mentioning his responsibility,

informed about the incomparable work and devotion of all the pharmacists. During the programme a song was sung by senior pharmacist Lokpati Shukla.

Recently, under the guidance of General Manager (GM) Anjali Goyal and Dr Sujit Mallick, commendable work was done by the pharmacist team in BLW during the Covid period. Anurag Jaiswal conducted the programme, while Chief Pharmacist Antony Singh proposed the vote of thanks.

The function was also attended by Dr SK Sharma, Dr SK Maurya, Dr Minhaj Ahmed, Dr Amit Gupta, Dr

Vishal, Dr Anand, Public Relations Officer (PRO) Rajesh Kumar, Staff Council members VD Dubey, Naveen Sinha and Sushil Kumar Singh, Chief Pharmacist Somnath Hembram, Rajendra Prasad Kushwaha and many others. Pharmacists of North Eastern Railway (NER) and Banaras Hindu University (BHU) were also present.

Earlier, a seminar was organised at Technical Training Centre (TTC) auditorium in BLW to commemorate the establishment day of Railway Protection Force (RPF) in which Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, NER (Varanasi) Ashish

Kumar Rai, while speaking as the chief guest, threw light on the rights and duties of the authorised officers and members of the force, highlighting the errors in the legal proceedings. He also tried to make the doubts and problems raised by the RPF personnel clear.

Security Commissioner Ajit Kumar Shahi welcomed the guests. BLW's Assistant Security Commissioner Deepak Singh Chouhan was also present. The seminar was conducted by Inspector in-charge (RPF) KK Singh, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Ajit Kumar Shahi.

Hindustani Academy chairman honoured

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

The Varanasi Zonal Office of the UCO Bank organised a function 'UCO Acharya Ramchandra Shukla Bhasha-Setu Samman' under Hindi Fortnight. In the function held at Katra Branch in Prayagraj, the chief guest Pt Ramnaresh Tiwari 'Pindiwas' of the Central Secretariat, Hindi Parishad, Prayagraj honoured the Chairman, Hindustani Academy, Prayagraj Dr Uday Pratap Singh with 'UCO Acharya Ramchandra Shukla Bhasha-Setu Samman'.

Speaking on the occasion, Pt Ramnaresh Tiwari discussed the significance of the use of Hindi in the office and lauded the bank for its works to give various honours in order to promote the national language. Presiding over the function, the DGM and Zonal Head of Varanasi Zone of the bank



Zonal Manager of UCO Bank Ghanshyam Parmar at a felicitation function in Prayagraj.

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Ghanshyam Parmar congratulated the bank staff to bag the Rajbhasha Kirti Award and exhorted them to discharge their duty with sincerity.

Receiving the honour, Dr Uday Pratap Singh threw light on the outstanding contribution of Acharya Ramchandra

Shukla in the field of Hindi literature and encouraged the young generation to read Hindi literature. He emphasised on the maximum use of Hindi in daily life to promote the national language. The Senior Manager, Rajbhasha, Varanasi Zone Punam Kumari Prasad

outlined the function and also conducted the proceedings jointly with the Senior Manager, Pratapgarh Lalit Narayan Pandey, while many graced the occasion including the Chief Manager Priyanka Yadav, Neeraj Kumar and heads of branches.

Narendra Giri named Balbeer Giri as his successor in will: Lawyer

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

The lawyer of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad (ABAP) chief Mahant Narendra Giri said that the Mahant got his will prepared in 2010 but changed it twice in 2011 and 2020, finally naming Balbeer Giri as his successor.

Mahant Narendra Giri (62) was found dead at Shri Math Baghambari Gaddi in Prayagraj on September 20. Advocate Rishi Shankar Dwivedi said the Mahant had got his will prepared for the first time on January 7, 2010.

"I became his lawyer in 2011 and at that time, he had already got a will prepared, wherein he had named Balbeer Giri as his successor. However,

he asked me to change the will on August 29, 2011 and name Anand Giri as his successor. He got his will changed again in 2020, replacing Anand Giri with Balbeer Giri, saying the latter would look after the Math and the temple in a better manner," Dwivedi said.

On why the Mahant made a will so early, Dwivedi said the practice has been common among the seers as they believe death could occur anytime.

The advocate said he doubted that the signature and handwriting in the alleged suicide note was that of Mahant Narendra Giri. "Although it is for the police to decide, I have seen his handwriting. He never wrote such long letters, and to

the best of my knowledge, it is not his handwriting," Dwivedi claimed.

He said that on September 20, Narendra Giri had called him around 12:45 pm from a new number and said he wanted to discuss something very important, but did not disclose the matter.

"There were differences between Mahant Narendra Giri and Anand Giri over a portion of land on the premises of Baghambari Math. Narendra Giri had earlier given a piece of land measuring about 400 square feet (on the right side of the entrance of the Math) on lease to Anand Giri. He wanted to cancel the lease and open a petrol pump so that the money could be used to meet

the expenses of the Math. However, Anand Giri opposed the move which led to differences between the two," he added.

Dwivedi, a resident of Allahapur locality of Prayagraj, said irrespective of what was written in the alleged suicide note, Balbeer Giri should be the Mahant's successor as per his last will.

On a question about the allegations made by Anand Giri that his guru made a lot of property in the name of his relatives and disciples, Dwivedi said: "These are false claims. The fame and prosperity earned by the Math under Narendra Giri is matchless. Whatever he did, it was only for the Math."

Cong, BJP supporters scuffle

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

A scuffle broke out between the Congress's and BJP's supporters in Uttar Pradesh's Pratapgarh district on Saturday. Congress leader Pramod Tiwari, along with the regional MLA, visited the Garib Kalyan Mela held in Sangipur block on Saturday. BJP MP Sangam Lal Gupta also reached there. A scuffle broke out between the supporters of both over sloganeering. On Saturday afternoon, regional MLA Aradhana Mishra Mona reached the mela venue along with senior Congress leader Pramod Tiwari. After some time, MP Sangam Lal Gupta also reached the auditorium and sat on the stage beside the Congress leader. Meanwhile, BJP supporters Omprakash Guddu, Nagesh Nagesh Pratap Singh and many others reached the stage and started raising slogans against the Congress.

The Congress supporters got angry and soon, a scuffle



Congress leader Pramod Tiwari talking to police personnel.

broke out among the supporters of both the parties. Pramod Tiwari and Mona tried to paci-

fy the people even as Gupta left the premises. SDM Rahul Yadav, CO Jagmohan reached

the auditorium. Administrative officials also reached the venue for investigations.

Covid vax jabs cross 25 lakh-mark

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

The number of Covid vaccine jabs administered in the district crossed the 25 lakh-mark on Saturday. The Health department data revealed that over 25.20 lakh jabs have already been administered to 14 lakh men and 11 lakh women in the district so far.

Besides, over 7 lakh jabs have already been administered this month. On September 23, 46,651 people were vaccinated, including 39,267 with the first dose and 73,267 with the second.

District immunisation officer (DIO) and ACOMO Dr Teerath Lal told newspersons that incere efforts were under-

way to vaccinate as many people in villages, blocks and urban areas as possible. "Special camps are also being held at several places in the city to cover maximum number of people under the vaccination drive," he said.

He pointed out that five special camps have already been conducted, including two

in August and three this month. The department has increased the number of vaccination sites with each passing month, and September witnessed the highest number of sites (400). Roughly, 52 percent of the targeted population has been vaccinated and around 11 percent of the people have been fully vaccinated.

Library of NCZCC inaugurated

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

The library of North Central Railway was opened for public on Friday. Member of Parliament from Phulpur constituency Keshari Devi Patel and director of NCZCC Prof Suresh Sharma dedicated this cultural library to public. A portrait of SR Ranganathan, who had conceptualised the library, was garlanded as a mark of respect.

A kavi sammelan was organised after the inauguration of the library under the ongoing Hindi Pakhwara, which was also inaugurated by Patel, who stressed on the need for the uplift of theatre activists

and folk & classical artists.

Welcoming the chief guest, the NCZCC director said he would make efforts for the uplift of local artists, writers and poets. The kavi sammelan was conducted by Yash Malviya and presided over by Lalji Dehati. The participating poets included Vandana Shukla, Preeti Bajpai, Jirendra Jalaj, Yogendra Mishra, Makdood Phulpuri, Shailendra Madhur, Shailendra Jay, Ashok Besharam, Nazar Allahabadi and Dr Shlesh Gautam.

4-YEAR-OLD GIRL GETS RID OF KELOID AT CENTRAL HOSPITAL: The Central Hospital, North Central Railway (Prayagraj), conducted a complicated keloid

removal surgery under the directions of Medical Director Dr Rupa Kapil.

As a result of burns two years back, a 4-year-old girl had developed a keloid (a large piece of flesh) near her elbow due to which she was unable to fold her hand. This piece was close to the arteries and nerves, thus leading to gradual narrowing of the hand as a result of compromised blood supply. In addition, there was an apprehension of loss of sensations as nerve supply of the region was also getting affected. If the lesion was left untreated, it could have led to serious ramifications, even requiring amputation.

The keloid was removed in

a surgery conducted on September 10 by Senior Divisional Medical Officer, North Central Railway, Dr Sanjay Kumar, who was accompanied by Dr Mohd Usaid and Dr SS Yadav. Matron Ruth Singh, Nursing Superintendent Manju Devi Sonkar, OTA Ghanshyam Shukla and Rajiv Kumar Patel also contributed during this complex surgery.

Vaishnavi Kushwaha, daughter of Vivek Kumar Kushwaha, who is currently employed at the NCR Headquarters, was a happy child with a big smile on her face as stitches were finally removed on September 17 and the last dressing was administered on Saturday.

Muslims will be given their rights: Owaisi

ALLAHABAD (PNS): All-India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) national president and MP Asaduddin Owaisi, who was in Prayagraj on Saturday, said that Muslims of Uttar Pradesh would be given their rights. Apart from the BJP and SP, Owaisi also spoke against the BSP. Owaisi reached Prayagraj by road from the Varanasi airport. He addressed the workers' conference at Majidiya Islamiya Inter College. He said that the BJP government at the Centre and in the state has cheated people. "The backward class has also been cheated. If there are atrocities against anyone, I will be the first to raise my voice," Owaisi said. He said people would have to unite against the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh. He said that Muslims would have to cast their votes to right candidates.

"Owaisi said that along with gas cylinders, the prices of petrol and diesel are going north. Apart from party spokesperson Officer Mahmood, other workers were also present. Meanwhile, police detained two activists of the Rashtriya Hindu Sangathan for protesting against Owaisi on Shastri bridge.

HINDI WORKSHOP HELD: Under the ongoing Rajbhasha Pakhwara organised by North Central Railway, a Hindi workshop was held in the Aravali meeting room of the General Manager's office on September 24. Principal Financial Advisor and Chief Rajbhasha Officer Ajai Mathur, while addressing the employees, said that according to the Rajbhasha Policy of the Government of India, it is their constitutional and legal obligation to perform all official

work in Hindi. Mathur instructed the employees to use Hindi as per the rules of Section 3(3) of the Official Language Act. He laid special emphasis on Hindi's use on computers, proper knowledge of Hindi typing & tools like Unicode font and various key-boards available bases on it. "We should adopt simple and popular words in our work so that passengers, customers and general public, including railway personnel, can also get information about the policies and programmes and get benefited from them," he said.

Deputy Chief Rajbhasha Officer and Dy FA & CAO (Finance and Budget) Shailendra Kumar Singh said that the work of railways is very technical, so technical words used in railway operations and management should be written in Devnagri as far as possible.

In the workshop, detailed information was given about the Rajbhasha policy. The participating employees were given detailed information about Hindi vocabulary, spellings etc through a power-point presentation by Senior Rajbhasha Officer Chandra Bhushan Pandey. Various types of popular letter formats were discussed by Rajbhasha Officer Yatharth Pandey. Rajbhasha Officer (Construction) Kripashankar Mishra guided the employees about the necessary constitutional-legal provisions and rules related to the use and propagation of Rajbhasha. Senior translator Nanhe Lal Yadav spoke about the use of Unicode and related fonts on the computer. Earlier, the Rajbhasha Prashn Manch competition for the employees was organised in the Aravali meeting hall.

Union minister highlights UP govt achievements

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Union Minister Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, while inaugurating the export conclave and exhibition at the Indian Industries Association auditorium on Saturday, said the 75th anniversary of this Amrit Mahotsav engendered the need for a qualitative comparison between the pre- and post-Independence era.

She said the fact was that India had been the guru in areas of politics, religion and economics, and India had been performing a role of "giver" to the entire world. "Had we aped the West then we would not have had pushpak viman and thus this period was the right and effective method to motivate us to remember history," she said.

The minister highlighted the achievements of Uttar Pradesh government and said the state deserved a big pat on the back. She said today that Uttar Pradesh was heading towards becoming an industrial state with over 70 countries making investment in UP.

She later appreciated the technical session where the DGFT and MSME, UP government and Centre along with FIEO and banks took up the prominent issue of export to benefit the entrepreneurs.

Addressing the function, Union Minister Bhanu Pratap Verma said the Yogi Adityanath government was committed to ensuring that the state Uttar Pradesh emerged as the industrial hub of the state and thus



Union Minister, Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti addressing the Export Conclave and Exhibition of the Indian Industries Association.

it was making every effort in the direction.

He said the Yogi government was highly flexible towards providing easy loans to the entrepreneurs so that more and more industries could be established in the state and give momentum to industrialisation.

He said this event was being organised with the support of MSME and export department and this was being done keeping an eye on the export prospects. He said on this occasion the benefits and schemes for promotions would

be discussed in the technical sessions.

He said this platform would provide artisans a big opportunity to not only promote their products but also get orders for exports. He said trade shows had been conceived of as vehicles of communication with company exhibits fulfilling an advertising and display function in the technical sessions.

He said in some instances, product or service offerings and buying processes were regarded as too complex to permit full assessment or com-

mitment to be made on-site. He said in such situations, trade shows, at best, were likely to generate sales leads to be followed up afterwards. He said this would certainly give a boost to the sagging export sector, especially from the MSME, which had immense talent.

Prominent among those present were UP Minister of State for Higher Education Neelima Katiyar, MLC Arun Pathak, IIA national president Ashok Agarwal, Commissioner of Police Asim Arun, CDO Dr Mahendra Kumar and many more from different sectors.

Govt committed to uplift of divyangjans: Sanga

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

MLA from Bithoor assembly constituency and prominent leader of Bharatiya Janata Party, Abhijit Sanga, while distributing prostheses and tricycles to physically challenged persons at 'Garib Kalyan Mela' in Bidhnu on Saturday, said the Uttar Pradesh government was committed to the uplift of the physically challenged people of the state.

He said with the effort made by the Yogi Adityanath government, the role of people with disabilities was undergoing a change. He said disabled people must acquire greater awareness of the rights of people belonging to other impairment groups in order to recognise discriminatory practices toward other members of the disabled in-group.

He said the UP government was focusing on the relevant issues related to physically challenged people. He said even to this day the society thinks that the disabled people may not be the productive members of society. He said the UP government was making every effort to retain self-esteem among the physically challenged people. He said the objective was to make the physically challenged people independent and so that they were not considered as a liability. He said the government had provided artificial limbs and other prostheses and in addition to this it had provided them the UDID Cards.

He later distributed tricycles, prostheses and other aids to the physically challenged people. He also distributed Divyangjan pension to the beneficiaries. He said the pension was an effort of the government to retain the self-esteem of the physically challenged people and ensure they had means of survival.

He then took part in the Kharif goshti (seminar) held at the development block level. A large number of officials were present on the occasion.

The physically challenged people were highly pleased with getting tricycles which will make them mobile without being dependent on anybody.

NSS Foundation Day celebrated

KANPUR (PNS): Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University celebrated the National Service Scheme (NSS) Foundation Day. The celebration function was presided over by CSJMU Vice Chancellor Prof Vinay Kumar Pathak on Friday and had social activist Dr Vandana Pathak as the chief guest. The event was attended by NSS coordinator Dr KN Mishra, CSJMU Registrar Dr Anil Kumar Yadav, Finance Controller PS Chaudhary, Dean of Student Welfare Dr Sudhir Kumar Awasthi, Dean (Administration) Dr Sudhansu Pandey, along with renowned eye surgeon, social activist and motivational speaker Dr Awadh Dubey, and 60 units of NSS from various affiliated institutes of the university.

The event was organised for the first time with the initiative of Prof Vinay Kumar Pathak to commemorate the effort of volunteers of NSS who have been tirelessly working for the betterment of society. He awarded the volunteers with the newly established Ganesh Shanker Vidyarthi Award. The award was distributed in three categories: Volunteer Award, Programme Worker Award and NSS Unit Award. The recipients of the award in each category were: Volunteer Award-- Adarsh Dwivedi from BND College, Kanpur (gold medal); Soumya Singh from Rajkiya Degree College, Banger, Kannauj (silver medal) and Jalaj from CSJMU University (bronze medal). The winners of Programme Worker Award were Dr Subhash Chandra from YB College, Lakhimpur Kheri (gold medal), Dr Neeraj Singh from Chaudhary Charan Singh PG College, Heonra (silver medal) and Dr Sashi Kala from Sacred Heart Degree College, Sitapur (bronze medal). The NSS Unit Award winners were AND College, Kanpur (gold medal); DG College, Kanpur (silver medal) and KVM Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kanpur (bronze medal).

NCL CMD visits Jayant

CORRESPONDENT ■ SONBHADRA

Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)'s top management, including CMD and functional directors, are continuously visiting the field to monitor the ground operation of the company in order to boost coal production and despatch of the company amid growing energy demand. In this context Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of NCL, PK Sinha visited the Central Workshop, Jayant and chaired a review meeting. CWS is central facility of NCL which is responsible to cater to the spare and sub assembly need for more than 1,200 Heavy Earth Moving Machineries (HEMMs) running 24x7 in the coal mining field. Director (Technical/Operations) Dr Anindya Sinha visited Nigahi Area, one of the mega projects of NCL, while Director (Finance and Personnel) RN Dubey reached Bina Project of NCL located in Uttar Pradesh, which also sends coal to upcountry coal consumers. Another mega project Dudhichua was visited by Director (Technical/Project and Planning) SS Sinha. In order to ramp up coal supplies to dependent coal consumers due to sudden upsurge in power demand of the nation, the top man-



agement of NCL is going the extra mile to meet the national coal requirement removing any bottleneck at the ground level. NCL is a pioneering miniratna company of Government of India, ensuring energy security of the nation with more than 115 MT coal output annually through its 10 highly mechanised and advanced opencast coal mines located in Singrauli and Sonbhadra districts of MP and UP state respectively. The company has been continuously achieving its annual production target for more than five years.

Missing boy recovered

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

The Padari police recovered a missing boy and handed him over to his parents on Friday. Shanti Devi, wife of Babu Lal Bind, a resident of Bhilango village under Padari police station, had informed the police that her son, Ansh Kumar (5), was missing following which they launched a search for him under the direction of SHO Manoj Kumar Pandey. After the day long search police succeeded in recovering the missing boy from Bharpua market and after completing the legal formalities the police handed him over to his parents.

BODY FOUND: The body of a woman was found hanging the help of a saree by a tree at Belahi jungle under Halia police station on Friday. On being informed about it the police reached the spot and tried to ascertain the identity of the deceased. Owing to the efforts of the police, Ramakant, brother of the deceased, identified her as Seema Devi (32), wife of Devi Das, a resident of Belahi village. On getting the information SP, ASP (Operation), CO Lalganj, SOG team, forensic science and surveillance teams reached the spot. According to the SP, as per preliminary inquiry it seems to be a case of suicide. An FIR had been registered against the deceased under sections of kidnapping and others in connection with the recovery of skeletons three days ago. The police took the body for completing

the legal formalities.

MEETING: DM Praveen Kumar Laxkar while presiding over the district level committee meeting directed to cancel those caste certificates which had been issued illegally or on the basis of doctored documents. The meeting was attended by ADM (Land Revenue) Hari Shankar Yadav, social welfare officer and tehsildars of all tehsils.

TELE MEDICINE: A renowned expert in the field of critical care Dr Sandeep Dewan at a programme on Friday highlighted the importance of tele-medicine in today's changing scenario. He said he is supported by a team of 22 doctors of various streams of medicine. He interacted with more than two dozen doctors of the district. CMO Dr PD Gupta was the chief guest at the event which was conducted by Sumit Agrawal while the vote of thanks was proposed by CP Gupta. Among those present were Vinod Goenka, Rajendra Agrawal and Samit Jain. Prior to his address to the doctors, Dr Dewan inaugurated the four bed tele-ICU unit at Ramkrishna Sevashram Hospital in the city.



Skill development training programme starts

CORRESPONDENT ■ SONBHADRA

Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), a Miniratna company of the Government of India, with the help of the Central Petrochemicals Engineering and Technical Institute (CIPET), has started the first phase of the campaign for giving training to the youth of the neighbourhood in Machine Operator - Plastic Processing (MO-PP). At CIPET's Bhopal-situated centre a six-month residential skill development training programme sponsored by NCL started recently. During it CIPET's manager (Technical Services) Dr Sanjeev Kumar Jain said 40 trainees selected from Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh have participated in this training programme. These trainees are taking training in plastic processing and various techniques so that they will be able to manufacture different types of plastic items. Earlier at CIPET's centre located in Lucknow training has also started in which about 40 local youth are taking it. This training programme is designed as per the parameters set by National Skills

Qualification Framework (NSQF) and also approved by National Skills Qualifications Committee (NSQC). The company has set a target to provide employment opportunities to maximum candidates trained under this programme. The total cost of this residential training programme will be ₹70,000 per candidate whose payment will be done by NCL under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). For selecting the candidates for this training camp, in NCL a camp was organised in August. The candidates selected during this camp will be given training in various

cadres like plastic processing, injection moulding, blow moulding, plastic recycling under plastic engineering trade at CIPET centres located at Bhopal, Gwalior and Lucknow. Under this skill development training programme a target has been set to provide training to 500 unemployed rural youth around NCL. For the second phase of the programme new candidates will be selected soon the information of which can be obtained from the CSR office of the coalfield concerned.



10 NER stations get ISO certificate

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Equipped with world class facilities North Eastern Railway (NER), Varanasi division's 10 stations received ISO 14001:2015 certificate for 'Environmental Management System' by LMS Certification Limited, England on Friday. Earlier, Banaras station received this certificate after which 11 stations of Varanasi division have now become ISO certified, Public Relations Officer Ashok Kumar said. It is a matter of pride for Varanasi division of NER that the ISO 14001:2015 certificate was received for providing clean environment in waiting rooms, retiring rooms and refreshment area in the station premises, for providing potable clean drinking water to passenger boarding trains besides cleanliness, proper disposal of solid waste and use of LED lights for energy conservation in its Varanasi City, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Belthara Road, Mau, Azamgarh, Deoria Sadar, Bhatni, Siwan and Chhapra stations.

ANTI LITTERING DAY

Along with the entire Indian Railways in Varanasi division of NER from September 16 to October 2 special cleanliness drive is being run. Many programmes are being organised on all dates during this period. In this sequence under the special

cleanliness campaign fortnight, Friday was observed as Anti Littering Day. In this campaign the supervisors and employees participated with full enthusiasm, PRO Ashok Kumar said. On the occasion on Friday under Plastic Free India Campaign and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, at NER Varanasi's Banaras railway station (Manduadih railway station) general secretary of the

the railway passengers were educated to keep the stations and trains clean in order as to check the spread of infectious diseases. 'Shramdaan' (voluntary contribution of labour) and targeted cleaning were also done by the railway employees during this period. Along with it in order to avoid the spread of Covid-19 pandemic emphasis was laid on maintaining social distancing



organisation, Ambika Prasad Social Development Society, and social worker Sachin Mishra and his team distributed bags to make the country and railway station plastic free in which NER officials Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (SDME)/Carriage and Wagon Satya Prakash Srivastava, Divisional Mechanical Engineer/ENHM Dushyant Singh and others were present. During the cleanliness drive the supervisors themselves explained the importance of cleanliness and clean environment. Besides the

and awareness about use of masks. Earlier under the special cleanliness campaign fortnight Thursday was observed as Clean Toilet Day. In this campaign supervisors and employees participated with full enthusiasm. Intensive cleaning of toilets and lavatories in the premises of Azamgarh, Ballia, Banaras, Deoria Sadar, Ghazipur City, Mau, Chhapra and Siwan stations of the division besides coaching depot, train surrounding area and completion of necessary repair work was ensured by the nominated officials.

Banks asked to allot IDs to KDA allottees

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

During a marathon meeting with banks' representatives held on Friday, Kanpur Development Authority Vice Chairman Arvind Singh directed them to allot IDs to all KDA allottees as this would facilitate the retrieval of all details of the money deposited by them at one place.

This ID is to be linked to the KDA server to avoid delay in verification of money receipts submitted by the allottees along with their applications for registry of their properties.

Representatives of HDFC Bank, SBI, ICICI Bank, Bank of Baroda and Axis Bank were present in the meeting.

This decision came in the wake of problems being faced by the KDA finance controller in quick verification of money deposited by the allottees in different banks. With the introduction of the ID system, the details of all the monies will also be available on KDA server when an allottee deposits the amount in his/her property account with the bank.

Banks are also required to introduce identical proforma of their deposit challan for use by allottees to deposit money. At the same time, the allottee will also be informed about the credit of the amount in his/her account or the failed transaction through SMS.



KDA Vice Chairman Arvind Singh held a meeting with banks' representatives.

A link to facilitate the allottees to deposit amounts against their respective property would be available on the authentic websites of KDA and the banks as well.

An allottee can also deposit the amount online with duly filled challan or offline after taking out its print copy. Additional secretary, finance controller, chartered accountant and technical staff of the KDA were present in the meeting. On this occasion, the chief officers of the banks posted in

Mumbai and other metropolitan cities and their technical associates gave a slide presentation of the proposed project.

The entire exercise propounded by the KDA vice chairman aims at facilitating the allottees on the pattern of services being provided to them by the development authorities of Mumbai, Delhi and Visakhapatnam.

He said after some time, facilities like 'real time posting' would also be made available for the allottees. He asked the

banks to install their kiosk machine (cash deposit machine) in KDA.

The banks also described the different modes of depositing money available to the allottees, including cash deposit machine, easy-pay online product, NEFT, RTGS, debit card, credit card, net banking, Paytm, etc. The banks were asked to create customer ID and a QR code of each property to facilitate linking of all correspondence exchanged between the allottees and the KDA.

Call to promote use of Hindi in every possible way

KANPUR (PNS): The prize distribution function of Rajbhasha Diwas organised by Union Bank of India emphasised upon the need to promote Hindi so that it could be used in office and as a language of India. The use of Hindi in the work of the Union Bank of India will reduce the dependency on translation and also promote the use of Hindi in every possible way and the implementation of the official language policy. Hindi is one of the world's "Big Five" languages alongside English, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic and more than half a billion people speak it.

This was stated by area head of the Union Bank of India, Sanjeev Kumar, while addressing the gathering to felicitate the winners of various Hindi contests held during the Rajbhasha Week. He said Hindi descended from Sanskrit, an



Area Head of the Union Bank of India, Sanjeev Kumar felicitating the winners of Rajbhasha Diwas competitions.

ancient language in terms of historical and cultural impact. He said many of the modern languages of India came from Sanskrit and it was still used as one of the official languages of India.

He said Hindi, especially in the Hindi belt, was facing apathy and thus there was a need for banks to adopt Hindi as their official language. He said the objective of holding various literary contests was to promote Hindi. He said common people

were unable to read or understand English thus the bank officials must ensure that their work should be in Hindi so that the common man was not only able to understand but also handle the bank activities on his own. He then administered the Rajbhasha oath and felicitated the outstanding staff members for their performance in Hindi. He appealed to the staff to join hands and ensure that they would work in Hindi and promote it as well. He said

the Union Bank of India was committed to the uplift of Hindi and it was continuing to do so honestly.

Prominent among those who took part in the function were deputy area head Piyush Pandey, Saral head AK Sinha, mid corporate branch K Janardhan Rao, operations chief Ramesh, AIBOC president Pravin Mishra and Saumya Upadhyaya.

A cultural programme was organised later.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

However, the BJP leader said his party is fully prepared for the elections and would win the elec-

tions with 50-plus seats to form the next government in Jammu & Kashmir.

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

Earlier, he was joined by National General Secretary, in-charge J&K, Tarun Chugh and other senior leaders to pay tributes to Upadhyay.

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

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

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

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

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

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



projects are being constructed across Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrity Chhabria's son arrested in cheating case

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

no progress made till 2019, Mr. Sharma had approached the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

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

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

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

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

Colaba, intercepted the vehicle and seized it.

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

Sr Chhabria -- whose brand DC Design involved in modifying cars into luxury lounges launched India's first sports car "the DC Avanti" and also showcased its second product -- the TCA at the Auto Expo -- has been booked under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120(B) and 34 of the Indian Penal Code or IPC. The investigations have also revealed that Chhabria's firm Dilip Chhabria Designs Pvt. Ltd. (DCDPL) produced 127 DC-Avantis and sold them to customers in India and abroad.

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

tration racket.

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

The modus operandi was to take loans, sometimes even multiple loans from financial institutions on cars and sell these hypothecated cars to other customers before or after availing the finance through the fraudulent means. The investigators estimated that the loss to the state exchequer could be around Rs 40 crore.

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

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

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

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

DCDPL rolled out its first indigenously made sports car "the DC Avanti" in 2016, a year after securing approvals from the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI).

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



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

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

Agra: One death due to dengue and 16 fatalities caused by viral fever have been recorded in Agra district this month so far, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) said on Saturday.

The district has recorded 118 dengue cases in this season till now, of which 51 are still active, he said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bus stands in all 33 districts of Rajasthan see heavy rush of REET candidates

Jaipur: A day ahead of the scheduled Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers-2021 for the recruitment of third-grade teachers, a heavy crowd of candidates was seen at bus stands in all 33 districts of the state on Saturday.

The candidates were seen catching buses for the district where their exam centres are located.

The state government has announced free travel for REET candidates in both state roadways and private buses while the North Western Railway is also operating 26 special trains covering almost all important stations from September 25 to 26 to help candidates reach their exam destinations and back home.

The exam is being held on a large scale on Sunday as around 16.51 lakh candidates have enrolled for it.

This is the biggest exam in the state in terms of the number of candidates. **PTI**

Bhavani Devi: Sword fighting girl from TN



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

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

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

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

All women-driven e-rickshaws for tourists at Statue of Unity

Ahemdabad: In a boost to women empowerment, the Gujarat Government has allowed the deployment of all women-driven electric three-wheelers in Kevadia for easy mobility of the tourists visiting the Statue of Unity. The move in this regard has been taken after the Prime Minister had on World Environment Day declared Kevadia as the first true electric vehicle (EV) zone in the country. The PM is scheduled to inaugurate the electronic rickshaws of ETO Motors on October 31. Around 100 local young unemployed women have been trained to drive the e-rickshaws. **PNS**

TN CIVIC POLLS AIADMK objects to 'high-handed' manner of election officials

Chennai: The Opposition AIADMK in Tamil Nadu on Saturday objected to the "high-handed" manner of election officials concerned and questioned the rejection of nomination papers of the party candidates for the civic polls in Kallakurichi district, while urging the State Election Commission (SEC) to take immediate "remedial steps."

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

Bars, hotels to open in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Kerala has thrown open its bars and hotels which were in lockdown mode due to the unabated Covid-19 situation in the State. This was announced by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan while briefing the media late Saturday evening after the review meeting convened by him to discuss the modalities.

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

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

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

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



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

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

PTI ■ KOPPAL (K'TKA)

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

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

Saturday.

According to him, the incident came to light only on Friday and since then the temple management led by the priest raised an alarm and forced the man to organise the feast.

Sreedhara said a few months ago, a theft had taken place in the village and it was decided that no one should enter the temple except the priest.

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

Rajnath calls for united fight against terrorism



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Cautioning against terrorism and citing the prece-
dence of violent radical forces
trying to gain legitimacy,
Defence Minister Rajnath
Singh on Saturday said the
need of the hour for responsi-
ble nations is to jointly fight the
source of terrorism.

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

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

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

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



terrorism.

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

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

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

Nothing can be farther

from reality. And human his-
tory is a great teacher in this
regard. Injustice, however
powerful, cannot and will not
defeat the collective power of
the goodness that is inherent
to human existence. This senti-
ment is evident from an
increasing number of world
capitals which have lent their
voice in favour of liberalism,
inclusivity and respect for
international norms of govern-
ance and behaviour," said
Rajnath.

He reiterated that India is
a peace-loving nation, but will
give a befitting reply to anyone
who threatens its integrity and
sovereignty. "Threats to inter-
nal and external security will
no longer be tolerated. Our
actions in Balakot and Galwan
are clear signals to all aggres-
sors," he said.

The NDC is the highest
seat of strategic learning of the
country. The prestigious and
much sought-after interna-
tional course at this college
provides a trans-disciplinary
and comprehensive approach
to all aspects of national secu-

HM to hold meet with CMs of 10 naxal-hit States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

The top officials from
Union Transport and
Highways Ministry and

city and strategy.

Each course comprises of
experienced one star rank and
equivalent officers from the
Armed Forces, Civil Services
and also officers from friend-



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

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

About 380 security per-
sonnel, 1,000
civilians and 900 Naxals have
been killed in different
instances of violence in LWE-
affected areas from 2015 till
2020.

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

ly foreign countries. The one-
year course enables the officers
to qualify for an M Phil degree
in Defence and Strategic
Studies from the University of
Madras.

Govt committed to strengthening cooperative system: Shah

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Days after creating the
Union Ministry of
Cooperation, its Minister Amit
Shah on Saturday said the
Centre will soon come out
with a new cooperative policy
and work in tandem with States
to strengthen the cooperative
movement to ensure that they
play a crucial role in making
India a USD 5 trillion econo-
my.

Addressing the 'National
Cooperative Conference', Shah
said, "This is the 75th year of
India's independence, there-
fore, as a part of the Amrut
Mahotsava, we will begin draft-
ing the new cooperative pol-
icy."

The existing National
Policy on Cooperatives was
introduced by the then NDA
Government in March 2002.

The National Cooperative
Conference is the biggest event
since the formation of the
Ministry of Cooperation on
July 6 2021. It was organised by
various cooperative organisa-
tions, including the Indian
Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative
Limited (IFFCO), National
Cooperative Federation of
India, Amul, Sahakar Bharti,
NAFED and KRIBHCO.

Sharing plans of his
Ministry, Shah also announced
that the Centre will soon
amend the Multi-State Co-
operative Societies Act, 2002 to
facilitate the functioning of
the multi-state cooperative
societies.

Observing that 63,000



Primary Agricultural Credit
Societies (PACS) are not suffi-
cient to cater the needs of six
lakh villages, Shah said, "We
will set a target to establish a
PACS in every second village in
the coming five years. To
increase the number of PACS
from 65,000 to 3 lakh, the
Ministry of Cooperation will
prepare a proper legal frame-
work that will be advisory in
nature. We will send it to the
State Governments. States can
make changes in their laws."

Shah also sought to dispel
apprehensions about the cre-
ation of the Ministry of
Cooperation.

He said, "Many people say
that this is a state subject. I don't
want to get into the Centre-
state fight, a legal answer can be
given easily. I only want to say
that the Ministry of
Cooperation, formed under
the leadership of Modi ji, is not
to fight with anyone but to
cooperate with all the states.

"Therefore, there is no
need to think whether it is a
state subject or a central sub-
ject. We can help everyone; we
will also help the states. we will

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

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

He also said that coopera-
tives make an important con-
tribution to the country's devel-
opment and the cooperative
movement has to be taken for-
ward by imbibing the spirit of
cooperation in work

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

ED freezes ₹700 crore shares of KSBL

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

On September 22, the ED
had conducted searches at six
locations in Hyderabad and
on various premises of Karvy
group of companies, con-
nected entities and the resi-
dential premises of C
Parthasarathy, the agency said
in a statement.

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

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



issued a freezing order on
September 24 and the esti-
mated value of these shares
has been arrived at ₹700 crore
as per the valuation for the
year 2019-20," it said.

These shares of the Karvy
group are being held "direct-
ly and indirectly" by CMD
Comandur Parthasarathy, his
sons Rajat Parthasarathy and
Adhiraj Parthasarathy, and
their entities.

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

"Another FIR has been
registered by central crime
station of
Hyderabad Police for defraud-
ing IndusInd Bank to the
tune of ₹137 crore and one
more FIR has been registered

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

The ED has clubbed all
these FIRs as part of its probe
and has also recorded the
statement of C Parthasarathy
in jail.

KSBL under the leader-
ship of C Parthasarathy had
committed "gross irregulari-
ties" and all the illegally taken
loans have become NPA, the
agency said.

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

"We demand that the due
process of discussion with
the farmers should be initiat-
ed because they are sitting on
the borders of
Delhi for last more than nine
months. We demand that
these three black laws, which
were imposed without any
consultation, should be taken
back," he said at AICC Press
conference.

The Congress leader also
demanded that the MSP
should be given as a legal
right to every farmer "as they
do not want only 'jumlas'
(rhetoric)" and
referred to Prime Minister
Narendra Modi's promise to
double the farmers' income by
2022.

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

IANs ■ NEW DELHI

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

A bench headed by Chief
Justice N.V. Ramana and com-
prising justices L. Nageswara
Rao and Surya Kant said: "In
computing the period of limi-
tation for any suit, appeal,
application or proceeding, the
period from March 15, 2020 to
October 2, 2021, shall stand
excluded. Consequently, the
balance period of limitation
remaining as on March 15,
2021, if any, shall become avail-
able with effect from October
3, 2021".

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



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

IMD warns of low-pressure systems in Bay of Bengal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After what has been an
unusually active period
of activity in the Bay of
Bengal— which saw the for-
mation of as many as six low-
pressure systems since the end
of August 2021 — the India
Meteorological Department
(IMD) on Saturday warned
that a low-pressure system in
the Bay of Bengal, which
intensified as a deep depres-
sion, will turn into Cyclone
Gulab (named by Pakistan) by
Sunday evening.

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

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

The National Crisis
Management Committee
(NCCM) headed by Cabinet



Secretary Rajiv Gauba
reviewed the preparedness to
deal with a cyclonic storm
developing in the Bay of
Bengal and directed authori-
ties to take all necessary mea-
sures. It is likely to affect dis-
tricts of Srikakulam,
Vizianagaram and
Vishakhapatnam in Andhra
Pradesh, and Ganjam and
Gajapati in Odisha.

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

The Cabinet Secretary
assured the State
Governments that all Central
agencies are ready and will be
available for assistance. The
chief secretaries of Odisha
and Andhra Pradesh apprised
the NCCM of the preparato-
ry measures being undertak-
en to protect the population
in the expected path of the
cyclonic storm as also mea-
sures being taken to ensure
that there is minimal damage
to infrastructure such as tele-
com and power in the after-
math of the storm.

The National Disaster
Response Force (NDRF)

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

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

Min bats for mandatory screening of infants for various ailments

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

The Directorate General of



Health Services under the
Union Health Ministry is com-
memorating the International
Week of the Deaf People
(IWDPP) 2021 with the theme
of "Celebrating Thriving Deaf
Communities" through various
activities including the involve-
ment of stakeholders.

Underlining the need to
revive the old fashion of infant
care, Pawar suggested prepar-
ing a pocket-book with QR
codes having information
about early screening and diag-
nosis of children as well as var-

ious help lines.

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

The International Week of
the Deaf People (IWDPP) is cel-
ebrated annually by the global
Deaf Community during the
last full week of September.



MEET INDIA'S YOUNG WRITERS

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

Artistically inclined

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

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

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

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

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

It was during one of the daily booster sessions, her men-



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

Her friends who have read her book are inspired and want to join the class and become writers. Her favourite subjects

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fantasy world beckons her

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

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

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

While she loves reading books and novels, she doesn't have a single book that is her favourite. However, she tells you that she does have a favourite author, Sudha Murthy who has written many kids novels.

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

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



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

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

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

She is also an animal lover, especially cats. While her parents have not allowed her to keep one as a pet, she hopes that she will be allowed to keep one in the near future. She tells you that while she is an author at heart, she wants to pursue medicine when she grows up. However, she will not give up her passion for writing and will continue to write. "I don't know what I will write about in the future. Maybe it will be a book about medicine or it can be on mythology. It is difficult to say what I will do in the future," Palkar says. Her friends have loved her novel which has 84 pages.

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

'I want to base all my stories on animals'

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GLOBE TROTTING

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

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

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

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

Under Taliban, thriving Afghan music scene heads to silence

AP ■ KABUL

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Afghanistan has a strong musical tradition, influenced by Iranian and Indian classical music. It also has a thriving pop

music scene, adding electronic instruments and dance beats to more traditional rhythms.

Both have flourished in the past 20 years.

Asked whether the Taliban government will ban music again, spokesman Bilal Karimi told *The Associated Press*, "Right now, it is under review and when a final decision is made, the Islamic Emirate will announce it."

But music venues are already feeling the pressure since the Taliban swept into Kabul on August 15.

Wedding halls are usually scene to large gatherings with

music and dancing, most often segregated between men's and women's sections.

At three halls visited by the AP, staff said the same thing. Taliban fighters often show up, and although so far they haven't objected to music, their presence is intimidating.

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

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

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

Many musicians are applying for visas abroad.

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

Roadside bomb hits Taliban car At least one person injured

AP ■ KABUL

A Taliban official says a roadside bomb has hit a Taliban car in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province wounding at least one person.

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

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

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

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

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

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

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

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

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

under the deal and adding penalties.

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

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

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

GST REFUND

Aadhaar authentication mandatory for taxpayers



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

obtained.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where taxpayers although report their supply.

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

a policy aimed at ensuring faster turnaround of containers.

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

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

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mitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific."

"It gives me great pleasure to discuss with my friends wide ranging topics from supply chains to global security, from climate action to Covid response, to cooperation in the field of technology. A Quad, in a sense, will play the role of a force for global good. I'm confident that our cooperation, under Quad, will ensure prosperity and peace in the Indo Pacific and in the world," Modi said. The joint statement released after the summit said it is an opportunity to refocus "ourselves and the world on the Indo-Pacific and on our vision for what we hope to achieve. Together, we recommit to promoting the free, open, rules-based order, rooted in international law and undaunted by coercion, to bolster security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and beyond."

On the new initiatives, the statement said, "We begin new cooperation in cyber space and pledge to work together to combat cyber threats, promote resilience, and secure our critical infrastructure. In space we will identify new collaboration opportunities and share satellite data for peaceful purposes such as monitoring climate change, disaster response and preparedness, sustainable uses of oceans and marine resources, and on responding to challenges in shared domains. We will also consult on rules, norms, guidelines and principles for ensuring the sustainable use of outer space."

The four nations also reaffirmed their commitment to the complete denuclearisation of North Korea in accordance with United Nations Security Council

resolutions, and also confirm the necessity of immediate resolution of the issue of Japanese abductees. The Quad urged North Korea to abide by its UN obligations, refrain from provocations and engage in substantive dialogue.

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

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

PM TO BRING...

The motifs include religious sculptures from Hinduism (Three-headed Brahma, Chariot Driving Surya, Vishnu and his Consorts, Siva as Dakshinamurti, Dancing Ganesha, etc), Buddhism (Standing Buddha, Bodhisattva Majushri, Tara) and Jainism (Jain Tirthankara, Padmasana Tirthankara, Jaina Choubisi) as well as secular motifs (Amorphous couple in Samabhang, Chowri Bearer, Female playing drum, etc). There are 56 terracotta pieces (Vase 2nd CE, Pair of Deer 12th CE, Bust of Female 14th CE) and an 18th CE sword with sheath with inscription mentioning Guru Hargovind Singh in Persian.

'ARSONIST' IN...

As regards Kashmir, the Pakistani Prime Minister said, "New Delhi has also embarked on what it ominously calls the 'final solution' for the Jammu and Kashmir dispute." He also alleged "gross and systematic violations of human rights" by Indian forces. He specifically mentioned the "forcible snatching of the mortal remains of the great Kashmiri leader," Syed Ali Geelani, who died earlier this month at 91. Khan called upon the General Assembly to demand Geelani's proper burial and rites. He also said Pakistan desires peace, but it is India's

responsibility to meaningfully engage. Imran said that post 9-11 there has been a design by some right-wing fascist forces to unleash hate campaign against Muslim all over the world. He especially named the RSS and the BJP among such forces. The Pakistan PM urged the UN Secretary-General to convene a global dialogue on countering the "rise of Islamophobia" to save the world from another kind of terrorism in the name of the rising phenomenon. Accusing the BJP-led Indian Government of toeing the "worst and most pervasive" form of Islamophobia by unleashing a reign of fear and violence against India's 200 million-strong Muslim community, Imran called for a "free and fair" plebiscite in disputed Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions to resolve the long-running dispute.

CHANNI TO RETAIN...

After meeting the Governor on Saturday afternoon, Channi told reporters the oath-taking ceremony for the new Ministers will take place at 4:30 pm on Sunday. His meeting with the Governor came barely hours after he returned from Delhi having held a final round of discussion with the party high command on the Cabinet formation. However, five legislators -- Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, Balbir Singh Sidhu, Gurpreet Singh Kangar and Sunder Sham Arora -- who were Ministers in the Amarinder Singh-led Cabinet are likely to be dropped, sources said. A consensus on the names for the Channi-led Cabinet was reached during his meeting with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and other senior party members in the national Capital. Channi was summoned to Delhi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

UN MUST ENSURE...

"We have to protect our oceans are lifeline of international trade. We have to protect them from race for expansionism and exclusion. The world will have to raise collective voice against such moves for a rule-based world order," he said. China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, although Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, and Vietnam all claim parts of it. It has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea and also has territorial disputes with Japan in the East China Sea.

Modi said that it is essential to strengthen the United Nations to protect the global order, global laws and global values. In mid-way his address, the Prime Minister quoted "Chanakya" of the book "Arthashastra" fame, saying if one does not act in time on an issue, the time itself finishes its relevance and asked UN to "increase its effectiveness and reliability" as he said many questions are being raised against it. Modi said UN's dealing with issues like "Climate change, terrorism, proxy-war ..." have seen "deepening of these questions".

Prime Minister quoted Tagore to direct the world-body to act "fearlessly" which would remove all doubts about its actions. Alluding to the regressive thinking around, Prime Minister said his country is promoting scientific and progressive thinking among its citizens. Modi said that the dangers of regressive thinking and extremism are increasing in the world. "To strengthen science-based approach, India is promoting experience-based learning. We have opened thousands of Atal Tinkering Labs across schools," Prime Minister said.

"In these circumstances, the whole world has to make science-based, rational and progressive thinking, the base of their development programmes,"

QUAD VOWS TO...

Besides pledging to ensure peace and security in the Indo-Pacific, the four nations announced a slew of new initiatives to take on common challenges, amidst muscle flexing by an assertive China in the strategic region. In a way, Quad would play the role as "Force for Global good," Modi said in his short address and exuded confidence that this cooperation by the four democracies will ensure peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and the world. Modi was the first leader invited by host President Joe Biden to address the first in-person Quad gathering in the East Room of the White House.

Opening the summit, Biden said the four democracies have come together to take on common challenges from Covid to climate. "This group has democratic partners who share world views and have common vision for the future," he said. "When we met six months ago, we made a concrete commitment to advance our shared positive agenda for free and open up the session. Today, we are proud to say that we're making progress," Biden said. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his Japanese counterpart were the two other leaders in the historic East Room. The vaccine initiative is on track, Biden said, adding that the Quad is taking action on climate change with a new partnership for zero emission shipping. "Today, we're also launching a new quad fellowship for students from each of our five countries to pursue advanced degrees in leading science, tech-

nology engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programmes through the United States," Biden said. The four countries have a long history of cooperation. "We know how to get things done. And we are up to the challenge," he added. Thanking Biden for his initiative to organise this historic first ever in-person Quad Summit, Modi said the four countries came together for the first time in 2004 to extend support to the Indo-Pacific Region. "Today, when the world is grappling with the Covid-19 pandemic, we are meeting once again as Quad and working in the interest of humanity," he said. The Quad vaccine initiative is going to provide a great help to the nations in the Indo-Pacific region," he said. "Based on our common democratic values, Quad has decided to move forward with positive thinking," he said. Be it supply chain or security, be it climate action or Covid response, or cooperation in the field of technology, Modi said he would be very happy to talk to the leaders at the meeting. Morrison said the Indo-Pacific region should be free from coercion and disputes should be solved in accordance with international law, in a veiled reference to China. "We believe in a free and open Indo Pacific, because we know that the limits are strong, stable, and prosperous freedom," to realise their hopes and dreams to live in a liberal free society," he said. Observing that there is no part of the world that is more dynamic than the Indo-Pacific at this time, a region that has extraordinary opportunity, Morrison said there are many challenges that must be overcome. Suga also stressed the importance of the first ever in-person Quad Summit, saying "this event demonstrates strong solidarity between our four nations and an unwavering com-

(NSG), the joint statement said.

MODI JEALOUS...

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Pope Francis and Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi were likely to attend the programme centred on Mother Teresa who lived and died in Kolkata. Attacking the Prime Minister for denying a "Hindu woman" the chance to attend the programme, Banerjee said the Prime Minister always spoke about Hinduism but when it came to practice he would not allow a Hindu woman to do her job. "You (read Modi) always talk about Hindus and Hinduism but here you did not practice what you speak I am also a Hindu woman who you stopped from visiting a world programme & this is because you are totally jealous (about me)," Banerjee said adding, "You (Prime Minister) will not be able to stop me like this, I will continue to do my work without fear." A visibly angry Chief Minister said she was not going to Italy for tourism but for a specific purpose. "I was not going there as a tourist. My visit to that country only would have enhanced India's respect as a nation," she said adding unlike many other Chief Ministers she always would make it a point to seek central clearance for a foreign visit but "today the MEA denied the permission."

TALIBAN HANG...

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

Ostrava Open: Sania in doubles final

IAN S ■ OSTRAVA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



India claim two silver medals in Archery World Championships

IAN S ■ YANKTON

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

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

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

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

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

and two 9s in six arrows while the Colombians came up with three 10sm two Xs and an 8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

New-look Indian team ready for Sudirman Cup challenge

PTI ■ VANTAA

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

First up for India will be

Thailand, who have reached the semifinals thrice — 2013, 2017 and 2019.

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

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

After Thailand, India will

face China on September 27 and Finland on September 29.

China have won the title 11 times in the past, and has named a formidable team, including Olympic champion Chen Yufei and former All England champion Shi Yu Qi, for the event.

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

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



Team USA's Xander Schauffele and Dustin Johnson fist bump during the opening session of the Ryder Cup, at Whistling Straits, in Sheboygan

AP ■ SHEBOGYAN

The Americans haven't opened without lead this large in the Ryder Cup since Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino were playing, and before Tiger Woods was even born.

That didn't seem to be big enough to satisfy US captain Steve Stricker.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"There's obviously still 20 points to

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

They are looking for a fresh start after a quarter-century of losing, and its youngest team in history took a big step to creating their own memories.

"They fought hard every single shot out there, from what I saw," DeChambeau said after he and Scottie Scheffler earned a halve in fourballs.

"This is a great start, but the job's not over. We have two more days. A lot more golf. And we cannot lose our mindset to win."

The first point of the 43rd Ryder Cup, postponed one year by the pandemic, went to Europe and its new "Spanish Armada" of Rahm and Garcia.

The final match ended in a halve when Justin Thomas delivered a late eagle putt that allowed him and Patrick Cantlay to come all the way back from a 3-down deficit.

Through the morning chill, the mid-day warmth, a ferocious wind in the afternoon and even a little rain, the one constant was American red scores filling the boards across Whistling Straits.

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

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

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

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

Tiger Woods' text helps inspire US team

AP ■ SHEBOGYAN

Tiger Woods isn't at Whistling Straits, but several US players say he helped inspire them to a big lead in the first day of the Ryder Cup.

Woods sent a group text through captain Steve Stricker to American players, saying he was behind them in their battle to regain the cup.

"The gist of basically what he said was I'm cheering you guys on, I'm right there with you and go fight and make us proud," Tony Finau said.

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"We were able to do that and if TW's watching, thanks for that text, brother, I think it helps us a lot." Several players talked about the text from Woods, who is recovering from serious injuries in a February car accident. The US went 6-2 on the opening day for its biggest first day margin since 1975.

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

"We know he's got our backs, so that's really cool and we kind of used that energy today."

Weather could force Russian GP qualifying session to be moved today

IAN S ■ SOCHI

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

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

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

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

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

since promotion, made a reasonable start but was caught cold when Thomas Müller opened the scoring in the 10th minute.

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

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

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

'Tokyo show changed our mentality, instilled self-belief'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Xander Schauffele said the players were excited to hear that Woods was cheering hard for them from his home in Florida.

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

"He's a friend of a lot of these guys and these guys look up to

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

"So it was great to hear from him and provide some words of encouragement to these guys."

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



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

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

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

Durand Cup: Bengaluru FC overcome gritty Army Green to enter semis

IAN S ■ KOLKATA

Bengaluru FC (BFC) came from behind to beat Army Green 3-2 in the final quarter-final encounter of the 130th Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK) on Saturday and set up a last-four clash with FC Goa on Wednesday. Wungngayam Muirang, Leon Augustine, and Nangyal Bhutia struck for BFC while Lallawmkima and Vibin T. V. struck for the Greens, both incidentally via penalties.

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

minute to give them the lead.

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

However, they did not take long to go ahead in the second session as Leon Augustine scored the second goal for his team just minutes after the restart.

PUNJAB BEAT SRH



PTI ■ SHARJAH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SRH were 20 for 2 after Power Play and Bishnoi took the centre stage from then onwards as he removed the next three batsmen to stifle the SRH run chase.

First, he had Manish Pandey (13) in the eighth over before dismissing Kedar Jadhav (12) and Abdul Samad (1).

From 43 for 3 at the halfway mark, SRH were 60 for 5 in the 13th over. The arrival of Jason Holder at the crease gave some

hopes to SRH as the West Indian hit two sixes to take 16 runs from the 16th over bowled by Nathan Ellis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bowlers script Delhi Capitals' 33-run win over Rajasthan



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

IPL website

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With the required run rate increasing, Rajasthan needed 107 runs in the last 10 over.

Samson and young Mahipal Lomror (19) seemed to be reviving the innings but the ever-reliant Rabada nipped the partnership in the bud.

Riyan Parag (2) and Rahul Tewatia (9) couldn't provide a valuable contribution either.

Samson was going strong, hitting boundaries at will but the Delhi bowlers came back strongly. Earlier, the Royals pacers — led by Mustafizur Rahman (2/22), Chetan Sakariya (2/33) and Kartik Tyagi (1/40) — shared five wickets while spin all-rounder Rahul Tewatia (1/17) dismissed one batsman.

Tyagi, the star of the match



Sanju Samson of Rajasthan Royals plays a shot during match between Delhi Capitals and Rajasthan Royals

IPL website

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

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

ball off Sakariya to Liam Livingstone at mid-off.

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

With spin introduced in the seventh over Shreyas Iyer (43 off 32 balls) and skipper Rishabh Pant (24 off 24 balls) started to repair the damage caused by the loss of the openers.

The duo, who stitched a 62-run partnership, kept the scoreboard ticking, while also hitting the occasional boundaries at the huge Sheikh Zayed Stadium.

The stylish Iyer then hit the first maximum of the match over long off in the 10th over off left-arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shamsi (0/34).

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

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

TEAM	PLD	NET RR	PTS
1 DC	10	+0.711	16
2 CSK	9	+1.185	14
3 RCB	9	-0.720	10
4 KKR	9	+0.363	8
5 PBKS	10	-0.271	8
6 MI	9	-0.310	8
7 RR	9	-0.319	8
8 SRH	9	-0.637	2

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

PTI ■ DUBAI

Mumbai Indians Director of Cricket Operations, Zaheer Khan on Saturday exuded confidence that star all-rounder Hardik Pandya would be fit to play in their next game against Royal Challengers Bangalore after missing the title holder's first two games in the second leg of the ongoing Indian Premier League.

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

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

(Hardik) will be fit and available. That's what we are hoping," the former India pacer said at the pre-match conference.

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ MACKAY

India's under-fire bowlers will need to put up a much-improved show as they face the ignominy of a clean sweep against an Australian team, which is looking for its 27th win on the trot, during the third and final women's ODI here on Sunday.

A marginal no-ball call off the final delivery bowled by Jhulan Goswami found India won the wrong side of the result in the second WODI. The match indeed was a humdinger but not being able to defend a total as big as 274 after having the home team on the mat for the

better part doesn't speak highly of Mithali Raj's outfit.

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

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

Lanning.

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

Shikha Pandey is very hardworking cricketer but could never measure up to the level of being a regular partner for Goswami and neither the likes of Mansi Joshi, Puja Vastrakar, Monica Patel could instil any confidence.

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

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

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

He further added that Dhoni should be playing at that position regardless of

whether CSK are chasing or defending a total.

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

Ashwin bags 250th T20 wicket

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

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

Our players have understood their roles and responsibilities: Dhoni

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Chennai Super Kings skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni on Friday attributed his team's remarkable turnaround this IPL season to the players' hard work and understanding their roles and responsibilities.

Three-time winners CSK endured their worst outing last season when they finished seventh in the eight-team league, a far cry from the manner in which they are dominating in this edition, including their latest six-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore.

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

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

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

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

CSK's decision to bowl first was prompted by the dew factor.

"We were worried about the dew, so whenever there's chances of dew we want to bat second.

"They got off to a good start but after ninth over wicket slowed down. You still had to bowl tight, and Jadeja's spell was important with Padikkal batting from one end.

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

Didn't show much courage: Kohli

IAN S ■ SHARJAH

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

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

RCB, who have never won an IPL title, had earlier lost to Kolkata Knight Riders by nine wickets in the opening match of the second leg of

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

"The wicket did slow down a bit. But I feel we left out 15-20 runs out there. 175 would've been a winning total. Didn't bowl consistently. Didn't show that much courage I guess with the ball. They (CSK) bowled well in the back end of the innings, executed the slower balls and yorkers nicely," Kohli said after the match.

that they have to get back on that winning form again.

The two losses have seen RCB's fortunes dip sharply and they are currently third on the table with 10 points from nine games behind CSK and Delhi Capitals who hold the first and second place respectively with 14 points apiece.

Rajasthan Royal, who have played a game less, could push RCB further down if they win the next game.

"We spoke of areas we didn't want them to hit and we didn't do that. That little bit of X factor was missing in the first 5-6 overs. Got to get on that winning run again. This one is a bit more disappointing. The first one we just weren't in the game. Have to show more courage in crunch moments. This tournament goes by quickly," he added. Up next, RCB takes on the defending champions Mumbai Indians on September 26 at the Dubai International Stadium.

Match: 39	IPL 2021	Sept 26	7:30 pm
Royal Challengers Bangalore	VS	Mumbai Indians	
Dubai International Stadium, Dubai			
Royal Challengers Bangalore			
Total IPL matches played: 205			
Won: 96 Lost: 105			
Highest total: 263/5			
No results: 4			
Mumbai Indians			
Total IPL matches played: 212			
Won: 124 Lost: 88			
Highest total: 223/6			
Head-to-Head in IPL			
Matches played: 28			
RCB Won: 11 MI Won: 17			
Highest total: 235/1			
Highest total: 213/6			
KBC SportsGraphics			

Match: 38	IPL 2021	Sept 26	3:30 pm
Chennai Super Kings	VS	Kolkata Knight Riders	
Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi			
Chennai Super Kings			
Total IPL matches played: 188			
Won: 113 Lost: 74			
Highest total: 246/5			
No Result: 1			
Kolkata Knight Riders			
Total IPL matches played: 201			
Won: 103 Lost: 98			
Highest total: 245/6			
Head-to-Head in IPL			
Matches played: 23			
CSK Won: 15 KKR Won: 8			
Highest total: 220/3			
Highest total: 202/6			
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MALLIKA SHERAWAT

The actor who plays Zohra Mehra in MX Player's Nakaab speaks with Shalini Saksena about her character, her checklist for choosing films the experience of working in an investigative thriller

'IT'S IMPORTANT FOR AN ACTOR TO REINVENT'



■ **What's your role in Nakaab?**

It is an investigative thriller. An actor has died and there is an enquiry how she died — whether it is a suicide or a murder; what is happening around this death. I play Zohra Mehra, an entertainment producer. She is a very ruthless and ambitious kind of a person who doesn't care for anything. All she wants to do is make her empire. If you see, in real life also, the kind of things that are happening, — so many actors dying — *Nakaab* is extremely relevant today.

■ **What was the attraction of playing this character?**

It was because of the relevance that this film has — the relevance of all these unnatural deaths that have taken place. The script is very strong; it talks about the pressures that one feels when you are in the entertainment industry. This industry is so different from the person who has a 9 am to 5 pm job; he would not be able to relate to the lifestyle that the entertainment has nor the pressure — pressure to look good, pressure to be perfect, to look perfect; pressure to be a certain way. But how do you deal with it. Some people take to drugs, some become alcoholics, some commit suicide. What I read, the effect and role of social media and how the media sensationalises everything. I knew that we had to do this film.

■ **You were away for a couple of years. What was keeping you busy?**

I was travelling the world. It was the best time to travel. The airports were empty, air planes were empty. Roads were almost empty. There were no long queues at immigration. I went to all the countries which were allowing entry.

■ **How tough was it?**

It was not so tough. Sanitising is good for us — it keeps us protected, doing COVID tests is for our safety. It is about conditioning yourself and becoming used to the protocols that one has to follow. It is good in fact. Everything is so much cleaner now.



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■ **How tough was it to shoot?**

The challenge was that we had to take the COVID test every two days. We also followed very strict protocols. While shooting you become involved in the scene that you forget the protocols, it is challenging to keep them in mind and follow them. The staff is wearing PPE kits and doing their work. This is tough.

■ **How was the experience of working on an investigative thriller?**

I loved the role I was given in *Nakaab* because there is nothing fake here. The director, Soumik Sen, wanted to keep things real. My character is a chain smoker. I have never smoked in my life. I had to practice a lot on how to hold a cigarette. Such roles are tough to write.

■ **Is it possible for commercial and realistic cinema to meet at a point?**

It is impossible to have a meeting point for the two. Commercial Bollywood films have a set formula. Realistic films take big risks. Zohra in *Nakaab* is sans make-up; she doesn't need it.

■ **What kind of camaraderie did you share with Esha Gupta and Gautam Rode given the present pandemic and social distancing?**

There was a lot of camaraderie. We didn't go crazy; we maintained social distance. Since we took tests every other day, we knew we were safe.

■ **How has the journey been?**

It has been amazing. Imagine, I came from Haryana. Bollywood gave me everything — name, fame and even failures. It has given me super hits and flops as well. It is part of a great journey.

■ **How has the OTT worked for you?**

It has been wonderful. For an actor, it is important to reinvent. The kind of roles that are being written on the OTT platform, the writers are also coming up with challenges roles for them.

■ **What next?**

I am working on a project with Rajat Kapoor, *RKRKAY*. I play the lead — an actor of the 1950s.

Bolly World

Sushmita's 'Aarya' for Emmy

The Sushmita Sen-starrer 'Aarya' has been nominated at the 49th International Emmy Awards in the 'Drama Series' category. Sushmita said: "It is surreal to know that 'Aarya' has been recognised globally amongst the Best Drama series in the world and to be nominated at a platform as prestigious as the International Emmy Awards is phenomenal."

She added: "I am overwhelmed with the love and faith viewers across the world have put into our labour of love and want to thank each one from the bottom of my heart for the encouragement."

Helmed by director Ram Madhvani, the Hotstar Specials show succeeded in weaving a narrative around a dynamic woman who gives her all to save her kids and family. It marked the debut of the former beauty queen in the digital space.

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'I am here to act'

Actor Amit Jairath, who considers director Nikkhil Advani his mentor, says that it's his passion and love for the craft of acting which is the prime factor that attracts him to be a part of Indian cinema. Talking about his experience and role in 'Mumbai Diaries 26/11' he says: "It was an interesting experience. I had only heard and seen the horrific act on television. But now I was enacting it and the surroundings and the atmosphere around was made so real that this time it felt that it was actually happening all over again - the real horror that Mumbai felt that night, I could feel it in my spine while shooting." The actor known for his works in 'Batla House', 'Jagga Jasoos' and few short films like 'Moksha', 'Nayi Ammi' says: "Being a good actor is my focus, I am here to act."

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NatureTalk

No plant is easy to maintain but with a bit on tender loving care it can thrive for years. Take the Dieffenbachia. This plant prefers diffused sunlight or partial shade. It will also tolerate full shade. Therefore, it makes for a great plant for homes.

Water the plant regularly. It needs a well-draining soil and light water — keep the soil moist but not over water. Check the soil to make sure it is dry before watering. To prevent the dieffenbachia from becoming leggy, prune the new growth regularly. This will encourage your plant to grow bushier, and stay more compact.





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 सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश



Active Parenting can help parents significantly in reducing stress, both for their children and for themselves, writes RAMG VALLATH, as he suggests strategies & age-appropriate techniques to tackle the challenges being faced by most

PANDEMIC: A TRIPLE-WHAMMY FOR PARENTS



The pandemic has delivered a triple-whammy to parents. First and foremost, the pandemic itself is an unprecedented, once-in-a-lifetime event. Even the best of scientists cannot predict where it is headed; who are safe, who are vulnerable; or what precautions — including vaccines — afford what level of protection. Secondly, children have been uprooted from their routines, confined inside the house, kept away from socialising and have even been forced by circumstances to become screen addicts. Parenting, which is a discovery process, even in normal circumstances, has become far tougher due to these added stress-es. Thirdly, parents themselves have been uprooted from their routines and forced to reduce social interactions. Many have lost their jobs and many have work hours that have eaten up into personal time in an unprecedented blending of work and personal life.

And now, their world is going to be shaken up yet again, with schools reopening. Routines being practiced over the last 18 months will need to be unlearned and new routines re-established, with the sword of Damocles of a possible new wave always hanging on their heads. This is when the principles of Active Parenting can come to the rescue of parents.

WHAT IS ACTIVE PARENTING?

While every child is unique and every family and circumstances unique, the underlying principles, framework and strategies of Active Parenting can substantially help in every situation, for every child and every parent. Active Parenting can help parents significantly in reducing stress — both for their children and for themselves. In fact, it can even help in converting these uncertainties into learning opportunities for children and bonding opportunities for the family. The three key principles of Active Parenting are as below.

- Inculcate the right attributes and qualities systematically and proactively instead of fire-fighting when issues pop up
- Be mindful that every opportunity can be utilised to build these attributes and qualities and proactively use every opportunity to do that
- Provide high support, while empowering children to take ownership and responsibility for their own lives

Based on the above principles, there are several strategies and age-appropriate techniques that a practitioner of Active Parenting can use to tackle each of the challenges that school reopening presents.

CHALLENGES POSED BY REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

- First let us list out the challenges to be tackled.
- Both parents and children may have fear of

Covid. Even though most schools are taking utmost care in putting in place strict guidelines for ensuring there is no Covid outbreak, in a school with many children, implementation is unlikely to be perfect. This could lead to anxiety and stress for both parents and children.

- For both children and parents, reopening means changing routines drastically. For children, it means having to get up earlier by sometimes as much as 60 to 90 minutes, getting ready, giving up on snacking any time they want, coming back from school feeling tired etc. For parents, it again means having to get up earlier to get children ready, ensuring breakfast/snack is ready on time, sometimes having to drop and pick up children from the school or bus stop etc. These can induce stress and also create conflict between parents and children.

- For children, school reopening will create academic stress. After perhaps 18 months, they are going back into a formal classroom. While most schools had organised for online classes, in is a less-than-perfect mode of learning and it is likely that the topics covered in the last eighteen months haven't been absorbed well enough. Even worse, surveys have shown that there is even some slippage of concepts learned before the pandemic. Many children will feel overwhelmed by the workload in the first few months as schools try to cover lost ground.

- Social stress is another problem that some children will need to deal with, especially the more introverted children. Children who have been subjected to bullying in the past and who have had a safe cocoon at home in these eighteen months will be suddenly confronted with the prospect of facing their tormentors again. There could also be children who are apprehensive of certain teachers who would dread the prospect of facing them face to face again.

In children, these signs of stress could manifest in many ways. Reluctance to go to school, tantrums, unusual levels of obstinacy, subdued look, emotional meltdowns, headache, upset stomach etc. are few of the signs that parents can watch out for. On the other hand, stress can cause irritation, short-temper, frustration, and even anger in parents.

APPLYING ACTIVE PARENTING PRINCIPLES

With so much stress on themselves and on the children on various counts, the principles of Active Parenting can come to the rescue. First and foremost, parents need to extend unconditional support to their children by demonstrating deep love, compassion and trust. While it is understandable that parents, who are themselves under stress, might feel irritated, impatient and short-tempered when children show reluctance to go to school or otherwise act difficult, parents need to be understanding and empathetic.

In fact, they need to be proactive in bring-



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ing up the possibility of the above stress points and assure the children that they understand that there may be stress on them and that the parents are there to help them. What the child needs in a parent in a situation like this is a friend who they can share their apprehensions or worries with and not a pushy and aggressive master. To quote the famous model of the clinical psychologist, Diana Baumrind, parents need to be high on warmth and responsiveness during this turmoil.

BEFRIENDING

But the question remains — how can parents ensure that children share their apprehensions openly? This would depend a lot on the nature of the child. But one of the key strategies of Active Parenting — befriending — can help in unlocking some of the reluctance of children to share deeply personal stuff. The underlying principle is that children, like adults, feel more comfortable in sharing inner feelings when there is empathy and trust instead of judgment. For this, parents need to spend quality time with children. It will help if parents can share instances from their own childhood, when they faced stressful situations. This may give the confidence for children to open up their own fears.

Another technique would be to have a family team discussion: with each member sharing their own challenges and fears relating to the current situation. Then each member can share an action plan on what they intend to do to overcome the challenges. Finally, each member can request specific support from other members of the team. It can start with each of the parents sharing how the new routines could affect them and asking specific support from each other to help them cope with this. Then they could also ask for specific support from the children, such as 'taking responsibility for managing their own routine' or 'being patient when they come back home hungry, if their favourite food isn't available'. This could prompt the children to also share their challenges and expected support.

One of the aspects that can get addressed through the above 'team approach' is Covid appropriate behaviour. As someone who has been deeply involved with the pandemic response of a large philanthropic organisation, I would like to reassure the parents that there is very little chance of children catching a severe attack of Covid.

However, it is important to take all precaution and ensuring both children and parents follow Covid appropriate behaviour is critical. Parents need to impress upon children the importance of following the protocols such as masking, regular handwashing, and physical distancing. They need to spell these out and ensure children understand the reason behind these guidelines.

The children should know that their deviation from the protocols could affect the parents and other elders at home — if any — far worse than it would affect themselves. This is a great way to build a sense of responsibility. Let the children know that you trust them to adhere to the guidelines. Parents also need to role model Covid-appropriate behaviour when they themselves venture out.

RESPECT, TRUST AND EMPATHY

During this challenging transition period, the two traits that parents need to role-model are patience and empathy. With each other, as well as with kids. If the parents are biting each other's heads off at the drop of a hat, it would be unreasonable and impractical for them to expect a patient behaviour from their children. When children observe their parents facing stressful situations in a candid and humorous fashion, they are also likely to adopt the same behaviour. This includes unabashed apology from parents to each other and to the children when they lose their cool and making fun of their own such 'ridiculous' behaviour.

STORY-TELLING

Another key Active Parenting strategy that can come in handy in such situations is story-telling. There is no better way to inculcate the desired qualities (values and traits) in children than by telling them stories — of real life heroes and fictitious heroes who manifested the same qualities and succeeded because of them. Similarly, parents telling the children of times when they themselves demonstrated these qualities to their own advantage will also help in driving home the benefit of these qualities. Of course, it is important that these story-telling sessions do not appear to be sessions for the sake of building these qualities.

The primary purpose of stories should be entertainment as far as the child is concerned. The secondary and invisible purpose is inculcating the traits and values. The child should subconsciously absorb these deeper messages. In a stressful situation like this, the most desirable qualities to instil are self-discipline, sense of responsibility, ownership, sense of humour, respect, gratitude etc. remember that stories plant seeds in the mind and at the appropriate time, these seeds sprout.

Every crisis is an opportunity. If the above suggestions are embraced by parents wholeheartedly, they might find that this stressful situation was the best learning period for themselves and their children and that it offered a truly life-altering situation with family bonds becoming stronger than ever.

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OUTLOOK

Politics of caste census: From historical lenses

The current debate on the caste census gives an opportunity to the Indian state to be reminded about the core value of social justice enshrined in the Indian Constitution and its framework in order to assess the demands of caste census and its policies



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The census is not merely a head count. This gives an identity to one and all in the modern nation state. Not only this, the census broadly gives an opportunity to all communities as well as castes to assess the extent to which they have received their participation and share in the constitutional government institutions at the Central and State levels and in the development schemes and programmes in the present and past. This group identity also creates a measure for assessing the participation and share of the community vis-a-vis other groups, communities and castes through their enumeration in the census. This description of the salient features of the census in the Government documents and textbooks is rather value neutral.

At a deeper level, if we evaluate the census critically in history, this had been one of the factors for the identity politics, especially the caste-based representational politics since the inception of the enumeration of population of India in which political parties, social groups and the government remained the key players. The first all-India decennial census in the year of 1871 was based on the *varna* consisting of *jati* as the major indicator for classification of the enumerated data by the colonial administrators like Risley, Nesfield, Baines, etc. Subsequently, *jati* instead of *varna* remained one of the key indicators in the census of the years of 1881, 1891, 1901 till 1931 even while the nature and form of the classification of the enumerated data underwent change in multiple ways.

On the basis of the data and the impact of the enumeration, the colonial administrators deeply realised that reference to *jati* in the Indian society is central, and it is the root of the identity among different social groups. It is notable that Nicholas B Dirks, a Dutch scholar and the author of “*Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India*”, beautifully articulated the impact and implications of the caste census during late 19th century. He showed that the emphasis of caste in the decennial census had given rise to increasing agitation over caste denomination and the assignment of social status among the caste groups. The colonial census might have reinscribed a Brahminical idea of caste but, ironically, in doing so it gave rise to competitive politics that began to make caste the basis of political mobilisation on a new scale.

The caste census eventually turned out to be the foundation for the architecture of governance and administration of the colonial state during late 19th and the beginning of the 20th century as well. The colonial state presented itself in a neutral role among the people but it manipulated the competitive politics of castes cleverly for consolidating its hold on the administration and governance.

Against this background, Dr BR Ambedkar, a great icon of social reform in the 20th century, presented the caste census in a new perspective in colonial India. He made it a base for social mobilisation and politics. But soon, he identified the limitations of the representational politics and framed the issues and questions in the broader framework of social justice. Subsequently, the social justice became the core

value of the Indian Constitution which was manifested in the enactment of the provision of reservation for SCs and STs in proportion to their share in population as per the caste census.

Enactment of the provision of reservation for SCs and STs gave rise to the new kind of politics of social justice for the other backward castes led by Ram Manohar Lohia in post-independence India. In the 60s and 70s, the slogan of SANSOPA firmly exhorting that the Backwards must attain Sixty out of Hundred (*sansopa ne baandhi ganth pichda pawe sau mein saath*) became the major slogan of the mobilisation of OBC politics. Though this slogan emerged from the commonsensical statistics, its grounding was provided directly or indirectly by the census data. Not only this, this remained a central factor in the confrontation and negotiation between the governments and the political parties, especially the socialist parties. As a result, provision of reservation for the OBCs in the Central Government jobs became a milestone as an outcome of the politics of social justice.

The contradictory role and purpose of the caste census in colonial and post-colonial India that comes to fore gives an insight that the headcount of *jati* in itself does not have a special meaning. Indeed, on one hand, the underlying objectives and politics of the caste census had been crucial in shaping the caste-based identity politics in a narrow sense. In contrast, on the other hand, this shaped the idea of social justice and the constitutional provisions of modern India as well.

In this context, it is worth reiterating that caste is a hierarchical social institution which is based on heredity and its ideology and values get reproduced from generation to generation in the society. Not only this, mere invocation of caste identity has remained a barrier in development and governance of post-independence India. As a fallout of this, most who first and foremost became victims are those who are situated at the margins of the horizontal base of all caste groups.

The current debate on the caste census gives an opportunity to the Indian state to be reminded about the core value of social justice enshrined in the Indian constitution and its framework, in order to assess the demands of caste census and its policies.

Simultaneously, all political parties have an opportunity to take forward the legacy of social justice in their voices and opinions for the caste census if they are truly committed to the cause of empowering all situated at the margins. Otherwise, its implication would be for raising of voices and opinions which would generate confrontation and competition within and across the castes. In this sense, the future of the politics of the caste census is likely to be entrapped in the past legacy which was constructed by the colonial state in the late 19th century.

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Promising future of Central Bank Digital Currencies

The digital currency has so far managed to emerge as one of the strongest flavours within the current financial market. What makes digital currencies different from all their predecessors are the tremendous new functionalities they promise to offer. It's the financial equivalent of the leap from postal service to email.

Money basically performs three functions. As a medium of exchange, it enables transactions that otherwise would require difficult bartering (as in trading chickens for a car).

As a unit of account, it allows one to know whether one has saved or not over the past year. And as a store of value, money enables current income to finance future purchases.

According to the IMF, the opportunity for Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) depends solely on its ability to improve upon these three core functions of money.

Interestingly, the idea of CBDC is gaining support from the financial establishments such as the Bank for International Settlements, known as the central bank of central banks. These financial gatekeepers are embracing CBDC because they can see that if they do not someone else will.

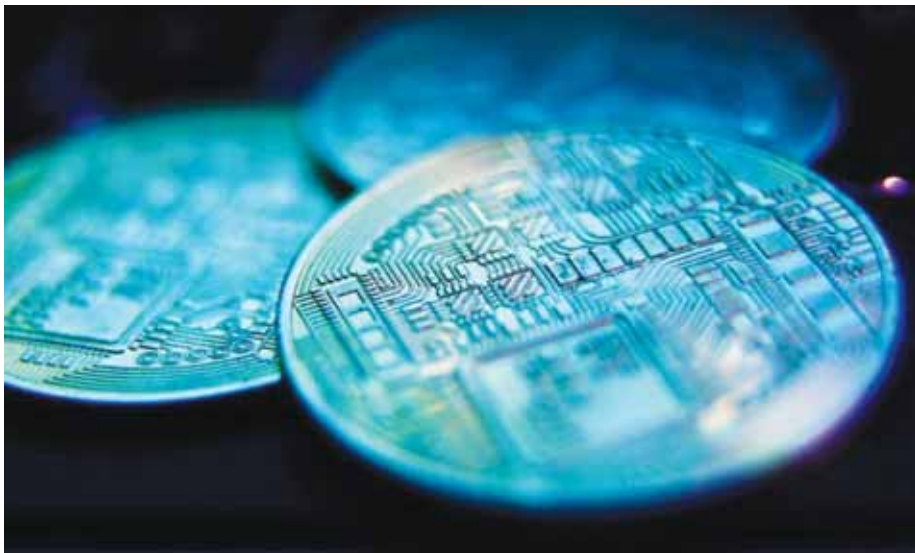
A recent survey by the Bank for International Settlements indicates that 86 per cent of the central banks are actively researching digital currencies. And almost 60 per cent of banks are in the testing phase.

According to some estimates, a fifth of the global population will be exposed to a central-bank digital currency within three years. By 2027, some \$24 trillion of assets around the world is expected to be in digital form.

Dollar & Changing Financial Landscape

Though the US dollar remains the world's dominant reserve currency, the downward trend in the global reserves of the US dollar to a 25-year record low of 59 per cent has managed to stump many.

Some cite a combination of



nations shifting away from the USD and the rising status of competing currencies like the euro, the Japanese yen, and the Chinese yuan as factors in the USD's slump. But others are of the opinion that the hegemony of the US dollar doesn't seem to be under any threat in the near future.

Russia and China have both stepped away from an uncertain and politically entangled US dollar in recent years, with the Central Bank of Russia (CBR) ditching over US\$101 billion in dollar-denominated reserves in early 2019. China on its part has loosened its grip on US government securities, with a reported 20 per cent decrease in these holdings over roughly seven years, according to US Treasury Department data.

Digital currency based on blockchain looks promising

Controversy about the benefits and drawbacks of CBDCs notwithstanding, governments around the world are increasingly exploring, researching, or testing the implementation of digital, programmable fiat. All eight central banks of the top currencies from the IMF report are either considering, researching, or actively developing a CBDC.

CBDCs based on transparency-enhancing blockchain are a promising way to achieve three objectives: liberating the payments' system from rentiers, guaranteeing unprece-

ded transparency regarding how much money is plucked from the money tree, and democratising access to the tree's fruit.

At the retail level, a CBDC would offer some obvious advantages. It would help the poor and others who are currently underserved by the banking system. It would also make it much easier for governments to administer social transfers like the household cash disbursements made during the pandemic. And a well-functioning international system of digital currencies would sharply reduce cross-border transaction costs.

However, in addition to various privacy concerns, CBDCs have complications of their own. One crucial question is where CBDC accounts would be held. If it is in the central bank, how will privacy for transactions be preserved? Equally unclear is what role would be left for private banks, which are currently the pre-dominant source of credit in most market economies. If banks no longer receive deposits, how will they issue loans?

For such an arrangement to function well, the CBDC would need to strike a difficult balance between anonymity (privacy) and control of the system. Otherwise, all the concerns regarding the government's unrestricted access to account holders' information

will start looking legitimate.

The viable alternative for the central bank is to allocate deposits to member banks, which would then continue to function as sources of credit. In this case, there would need to be strong fractional reserve requirements.

Regarding concerns about privacy, it is possible to anonymize central-bank accounts with digital tags that only an independent regulatory institution can trace to physical persons. After all, lest we forget, our current payments system (with the strict “KYC” rules) is managing well with illusory privacy.

There are also complications at the international level. Would central banks be willing to accept payments in other central banks' CBDCs? Could countries retain control of their money supply once it has taken a digital form?

At present, it is very difficult to imagine a future scenario where the major central banks would be willing to underwrite the international financial system without a high degree of cooperation, coordination, and control.

The Road Ahead

These international questions are of particular importance for the United States because the dollar has served as an international reserve currency, a unit of account, and a means of payment for the past

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75 years. For better or worse, the dollar's key role in the system has enabled the US to impose reasonably effective financial sanctions on countries such as Russia and Iran, and the US is in no mood to surrender this tool willingly.

No monetary system has ever functioned perfectly. But it is generally agreed that the current one has performed well over the past so many years, especially when compared to earlier systems such as the gold standard.

Although a CBDC could improve financial inclusion, most experts caution that it should not be inaugurated until there are assurances that credit allocation, payments systems, financial-stability safeguards, and other aspects of the new system would function at least as smoothly as they do under the current one. There is no doubt that the central bank digital currency will happen sooner rather than later. The question, then, is whether all the issues (both the identified and emerging ones) will be resolved before the transition is made.

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PERSPECTIVE

Abolishing retrospective tax law to boost economy

The Government had on August 5 scrapped the retrospective tax law by amending Finance Act 2012 and the IT Act 1961 which got presidential assent on August 13, 2021. It was amendment in Finance Act 2012 brought by the then Finance Minister which allowed the taxman to levy taxes claimed retrospectively on deals that were executed after 1962 that involved the transfer of shares in a foreign entity that has its assets in India. This archaic practice had pushed back India's taxation regime for corporates by 50 years and allowed authorities to slap capital gains levies wherever a company, with business assets in India, changed hands overseas.

Certainly, the new amendment by the Government of India will bridge the gap in international trade by providing a framework for resolving international arbitration cases that the Government has lost, namely Vodafone group plc and Cairn energy and 15 others. Needless to say that this amendment was a need of hour as focus point of India at the present time is to portray itself as an investment destination to investors across the world, which will eventually help India being depicted as country committed to abide by international treaties and laws.

The two big advantages of abolishing the retrospective tax are: boosting India's image among global investors (translating into increased FDI) and giving foreign firms a level-playing field vis-à-vis Indian corporate giants. In recent times, India's image took a big hit when energy explorer giant Cairn went ahead with seizing the Government of India's assets abroad and telecom giant Vodafone-Idea giving strong signals of winding up its India operation.

The Indian Government had slapped a tax demand of crores of rupees on Cairn and Vodafone. But both refused to pay taxes and chal-



lenged the decision of tax department and ultimately won the battle in the Permanent Court of Arbitration in Hague, Netherlands. The claim of Cairns was that the Government is violating the India-UK bilateral investment treaty. Considering all the facts, the international court ruled in favour of Cairns and awarded \$1.4 billion as damages, the Cairn then moved a French court which gave the order to freeze Indian assets in Paris to recover ₹8,897 crores. Definitely this stain on Indian taxing could be hazardous for development of long-term Indian economy. This sour episode tainted India's image like never before as it placed the country in the league of some disturbed economies whose assets are taken away for non-payment of arbitration award.

The Government's decision to discard the retrospective taxation law not only gave breather for Vodafone and Cairns, but also transformed India's image in global world. Along with repealing this tax and Supreme Court's recent verdict on honouring Singapore arbitrator decision that upheld US-based e-commerce company Amazon's plea against the ₹24,731-crore merger of Future Retail Ltd (FRL) with Reliance Retail might change things favourably for global companies.

Many in the corporate world have been silently claiming the Government is favouring handful homegrown com-

glomerates by tweaking laws that gave them undue benefits. India would very much want to shed this image, especially at a time when big businesses are looking beyond China to have a permanent base.

Overall, phasing out retrospective tax means restoring India's reputation as a fair and easy to predict regime which believe in putting an end to unnecessary and expensive litigation without spending crores in these never-ending legal tussles. The step will also promote cross-border merger and acquisition. Last but not least, the scrapping of such draconian law will be helpful in enhancing India's national ranking in World Bank Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) index under 50 (it is presently 63).

In total, 17 entities would be benefited from this change to whom tax demand of ₹1.10 lakh crores was made. The Government has proposed to refund the amount paid in litigation by companies without any interest thereon. The total amount involved for all cases is about ₹8,100 crore, of which about ₹7,900 crore is related to the Cairn dispute. The effectiveness of axing this tax law now depends on whether the entities who have obtained an award that comprises interest component will take up the offer.

The Government stand, prima facie, appears to cost huge loss to the State exchequer, but in the long run it will benefit in terms of attracting foreign investment and achieving the target of USD 5 trillion economy by 2025. Definitely it has enhanced credibility of India in international domain and depicted India's commitment to follow international law and conventions governing international behaviour. The Government move also conforms to and promotes international harmony provided in Directive Principle of State Policy of the Constitution of India.

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