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PM invites American CEOs to India

IAN S ■ WASHINGTON

In the first leg of his US visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday met leading American CEOs in Washington.

He held one-on-one meetings with the CEOs of semiconductor and wireless technology manufacturer Qualcomm, software major Adobe, renewable energy firm First Solar, arms manufacturer General Atomics and investment management company Blackstone. The first meeting was held with Cristiano Amon, President and CEO, Qualcomm.

"President and CEO of @Qualcomm, @cristianoamon and PM @narendramodi had a productive interaction. PM Modi highlighted the vast opportunities India offers. Mr. Amon expressed keenness to work with India in areas such as 5G and other @DigitalIndia efforts," the PMO tweeted.

"We talked about 5G and acceleration of 5G. We talked about the incredible opportunity to advance the industry, as we think about the digital transformation enabled by 5G combined with the design in India," Amon said.

He said Qualcomm may look at India as it builds a resilient supply chain for semiconductors if necessary infrastructure are provided in the country.

Modi's meeting with Amon is significant as India is look-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being received by the dignitaries, on his arrival in Washington DC on Thursday PTI

ing at fast adoption of 5G technology in the country for which it is eyeing investment in this high technology area from credible partners who can provide safe and secure networks.

The San Diego-based company creates semiconductors, software and services related to wireless technology and is getting big into 5G technology with its range of pioneering products. It is expected that high-level meetings would pave the way for big investment in the new tech area that is required to help the country

leapfrog to providing its citizens with the next generation of networking services.

The PM also met Shantanu Narayen, Chairman, President and CEO, Adobe.

Indian diaspora has distinguished itself across the world, says Modi

Washington: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has commended the Indian Diaspora for distinguishing itself across the world, as he received an enthusiastic welcome from the community on his arrival here on a major visit to further

enhance Indo-US relations. Modi was warmly greeted by groups of Indian-Americans at the airport soon after his plane landed here on Wednesday and later at the hotel where he had an interaction with the members of the community.

US rules out India, Japan in AUKUS bloc

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US has ruled out adding India or Japan to the new trilateral security partnership with Australia and Britain to meet the challenges of the 21st century in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.

On September 15, US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson jointly announced the formation of the trilateral security alliance AUKUS under which Australia would get a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines for the first time.

"The announcement of AUKUS last week was not meant to be an indication, and I think this is the message the President also sent to (French President Emmanuel) Macron, that there is no one else who will be involved in security in the Indo-Pacific," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters at her daily news conference on Wednesday.

Psaki was responding to a question if countries like India

and Japan whose leaders would be in Washington this week for the first in-person Quad Summit would be made part of the new security alliance.

The Quad comprises India, the US, Japan and Australia. US President Joe Biden is hosting the first in-person Quad summit at the White House on September 24.

"On Friday... you'll have the Australians there (for the Quad summit). But then you also have India and Japan. Would you envision for them a similar kind of military role that you've now defined for with the Australians?" a journalist asked.

"AUKUS? What would it become? JAIUKUS? JAIAUKUS?" Psaki said in lighter moments before giving answer to the question.

The trilateral security alliance AUKUS, seen as an effort to counter China in the Indo-Pacific, will allow the US and the UK to provide Australia with the technology to develop nuclear-powered submarines for the first time.

SC to set up body to probe Pegasus row

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a big blow to the Government, the Supreme Court on Thursday observed orally that it will set up a technical expert committee to enquire into the Pegasus snooping matter and pass an interim order next week.

A bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana, which was to hear some other matter, addressed senior lawyer CU Singh, one of the counsels of the petitioners in Pegasus case, that the order will be pronounced next week.

"We wanted to pass an order this week," the CJ said, adding that it had to be deferred as some members of the technical committee, which the court had in mind, expressed "personal difficulties" in becoming part of it.

"That is why it is taking time to constitute the committee," the CJ said, adding, "We will be able to finalise the members of the technical expert team by next week and then pronounce our orders."

The CJ told Singh that he was conveying this to him as senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who had argued for senior

Court observes orally, order next week



journalists N Ram and Shashi Kumar, has not been seen in courts for the last few days. "I will inform Sibal," Singh told the bench which then proceeded with the hearing in other listed cases.

The SC's observations on constituting the committee assume significance in view of the Centre's statement that it would set up an expert panel on its own to look into the grievances of the alleged surveillance of certain eminent Indians by hacking their phones using Israeli firm NSO's spyware, Pegasus.

CM felicitates students, parents selected for Overseas Scholarship Scheme

Students set to fly to UK for higher studies this month

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Minister of ST, SC and Backward Class Welfare Champai Soren felicitated the students selected for the 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme' and their parents at a programme organised here on Thursday. The legacy of Jaipal Singh Munda, who started his Oxford journey a century ago, will now be taken forward by



Chief Minister Hemant Soren hands over scholarship cheque to a tribal student, who has been selected for the first cohort of 'Marang Gomke' Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

the first batch of selected scholars and subsequent beneficiaries. During the event, the CM and Minister Champai Soren

launched the booklet of 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scheme-Giving wings to the future of



Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Minister of ST, SC and Backward Class Welfare Champai Soren alongwith officials of the State government pose for a picture with selected students for the first cohort of 'Marang Gomke' Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme, during a programme at Project building in Ranchi on Thursday Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

Jharkhand'. Also, the CM felicitated the Son of Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda, Jayant Jaipal Singh Munda, who was also present during the occasion.

The Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme is all set to fly to the United Kingdom for higher studies.

Jharkhand from the Schedule Tribe category to pursue higher studies in universities across the United Kingdom. This month, the first batch of the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme is all set to fly to the United Kingdom for higher studies.

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Unique digital health ID soon to record your health info

Modi to launch PM Digital Health Mission on Sept 27

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will announce the nationwide rollout of Pradhan Mantri Digital Health Mission on September 27. Under this, a unique digital health ID will be provided to the people, which will store the details of a person's medical history like the hospitals where s/he has been treated.

All information related to the person's health will be recorded on this unique health card. This way, the patient will not have to carry the files everywhere. Seeing the unique health ID of the patient, the doctor will be able to know the health situation and continue further treatment, said an official from the Union Health Ministry here on Thursday.

"This card will also tell whether the holder receives benefits from Government



schemes like Ayushman Bharat Yojana," he said.

The person's ID will be made using his mobile number and Aadhaar number. These two records will be used to create unique health cards. For this, the Government will create a health authority that will gather all the data of a person, he added.

The health authority will be allowed to raise the health records of the person whose health ID is to be made. Public hospitals, community health centre, health and wellness centre or healthcare provider,

which can be connected to the National Health Infrastructure registry, can make health ID.

The National Digital Health Mission is currently in its pilot phase across the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry.

According to the official, the mission is on track and the three basic platforms, health ID, doctor's registry, and the health facility registry have been made operational.

Vaccine at home for divyangs, says Centre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Days after the Supreme Court asked the Centre to provide details of its policy framework and steps taken to prioritise Covid vaccination of persons with disability, the Modi Government on Friday announced "vaccination at home" for the disabled, "in line with Covid-19 SOPs".

"I am pleased to inform that an advisory has been issued to make arrangements for 'vaccination at home' for those who have disabilities or are differently challenged, in line with Covid SOPs," NITI Aayog member (Health) Dr VK Paul said, as the panel warned that the second wave is not over yet. Thirty-three districts in the country are now reporting over 10 per cent weekly positivity rate, while 23 are recording 5-10 per cent.

Under Covid guidelines for the upcoming festival season, mass gatherings has to be avoided in containment zones and in districts with over 5 per cent positivity rate, they said. Detailed report on P4

Auto hit Dhanbad judge on purpose, CBI informs HC

PNS ■ RANCHI

The CBI on Thursday informed the Jharkhand High Court Bench of Chief Justice Ravi Ranjan and Justice Sujeet Narayan Prasad that Uttam Anand, Additional District and Sessions Judge of Dhanbad, was deliberately hit by the auto rickshaw hence it was not the case of hit and run.

The CBI said that the judge suffered fatal injuries. CBI joint director Sharad Agrawal told the HC that the agency was investigating whether accused auto driver Laxman Verma and Rahul Verma had hit the judge as a part of conspiracy on instruction of other persons.

In the previous hearing, the court had expressed displeasure over the CBI making no headway in the investigation and summoned the joint director to appear before the court in the next hearing.

During virtual hearing on Thursday, the court made an oral observation that murder of the judicial officer has lowered the morale of judicial officers. The HC pointed out that if the



murder case of a judicial official is not solved soon it will not be a good sign for the judicial system of the country since it was for the first time when a judge died in this way.

During the previous hearing the court had expressed displeasure that the CBI could not be able to investigate beyond two accused persons Laxman Verma and Rahul Verma.

The accused are learnt to have told the CBI that they deliberately hit the judge on the morning of July 28 in Dhanbad when the judge was returning home after a morning walk.

The accused said in order to loot the person walking on the road they hit him. But they fled away after they saw some bikers approaching them.

Order for ₹7,523 crore desi Arjun tanks placed

Main battle tanks to be made in TN

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a major boost to maintain combat readiness and self-reliance, the Government on Thursday placed an order for 118 Arjun Mk-1A main battle tanks (MBT) for the Indian Army. The deal is worth over ₹7,523 crore and the Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Avadi, Tamil Nadu will manufacture the tanks.

The tanks are indigenously designed and manufactured by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Prime Minister Narendra Modi had handed over the upgraded Arjun tank in February this year to Army Chief General MM Naravane.

Giving details of the order, Defence Ministry officials said here on Thursday, it will provide further boost to the "Make in India" initiative in defence sector and is a big step towards achieving "Aatmanirbhar Bharat", envisioned by the Prime Minister.

The state-of-the-art MBT Mk-1A is a new variant of



Arjun Tank designed to enhance fire power, mobility and survivability. Infused with 72 new features and more indigenous content from the Mk-1 variant, the tank would ensure effortless mobility in all terrains, besides precise target engagement during day and night. The DRDO has incorporated numerous upgrades on Arjun MBT, the in-service main battle tank with the Indian Army, they said.

The Mk-1A is equipped with accurate and superior firepower, all-terrain mobility and an invincible multi-layered protection provided by an array of advanced technology systems. It can take on the enemy during day and night conditions and in both static and dynamic modes. By virtue of these capabilities, this indigenous MBT proves to be on a par with any contemporary in its class across the globe.

Over 1.33 lakh get vaccinated in State

PNS ■ RANCHI

Jharkhand on Thursday vaccinated more than 1.33 lakh residents against Covid-19, taking the total count of those at least partially vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 virus in the state close to 1.30 crore, figures compiled by the National Health Mission (NHM) revealed.

As per provisional data released by the NHM, as many as 82,744 residents were administered the first dose of vaccine on Thursday, while 51,208 beneficiaries were administered the booster dose of vaccine. More than 72,000 beneficiaries inoculated on the day fell in the age bracket of 18 years to 44 years, NHM data highlighted.

About 16,000 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Ranchi on the day, the highest among the 24 districts in Jharkhand.

Bokaro administered vaccines against Covid-19 to about 14,000 residents, while around the same number of beneficiaries were vaccinated in East Singhbhum. Dhanbad, on the other hand, inoculated at least 10,000 residents.

At least 1415 session sites, including 159 in Gumla alone, remained operational across the state on Thursday. As many as 93 session sites were operational in East Singhbhum, 84 in Ranchi and 46 in Dhanbad. At least 58 session sites, mostly government-run ones, opened their doors for vaccine beneficiaries in Bokaro on the day.

Meanwhile, the active case-load of Covid-19 in Jharkhand rose to 65 on Thursday as the state reported at least 16 fresh cases of coronavirus infection against 14 Covid recoveries, a separate bulletin from NHM stated.

CAPSULE

'FREE CANCER TREATMENT TO BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS'

Jabalpur: The Madhya Pradesh High Court has directed the State Government to provide free treatment to Bhopal gas tragedy victims suffering from cancer at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Bhopal. The September 16 order was made available on Wednesday.

3 KILLED IN BLAST AT BANGALURU GODOWN

Bangaluru: Three people were killed and four others were injured in a blast at a storage facility in Bangaluru's New Tharagupeta area on Thursday.

SC PRAISES CENTRE'S HANDLING OF COVID

New Delhi: No other country managed to do what India did in terms of its response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Supreme Court said on Thursday, in rich praise for the Government, as it reserved the order on a case involving the ₹50,000 compensation proposed for Covid-19 deaths.

Covid takes Durga puja festivities to live streaming

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

From live-streamed to small-er idols, and pre-recorded cultural programmes are a few of the measures being taken by organizers in Chennai this year

to adhere to Covid-19 regulations. "The safety of our members and other visitors is of utmost importance for us," said a member of the Jugsalai Durga Puja Committee that will be holding

a low-key celebration this October. "Our puja used to be open to all, however, we are not in a position to accept guests now," he said. With the guidelines for the Durga Puja celebration in place



from the State Government, the district health department has already started working on a strategy for preventive measures during the mega 10-day long festival.

The apex body of Durga Puja committees in the city, Jamshepur Durga Puja Kendriya Samity (JDPKS) has also asked its members to streamline the rituals on social media platforms so that devotees can witness at their homes rather than gathering at pandals. "We have asked all the 320 puja organisers to ensure live streaming of the festival so that the devotees can view the ceremony at their own places. This will help to restrict gathering," said Ram Babu Singh, functionalary, Jamshepur Durga Puja Kendriya Samity (JDPKS).

CM felicitates students, parents selected...

During the event, Tribal Welfare Commissioner Naman Priyesh Lakra briefed regarding the selection process of the awardees and all the benefits which they would be entitled to. The awardees of the scholarship are entitled to a complete cover of tuition fees along with living and other miscellaneous expenses. Under this scheme, every year 10 students will be selected from the Scheduled Tribes category residing in Jharkhand.

Among the students, Hercules Singh Munda is going on to pursue a M.A. at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies. Ajitesh Murmu is going to study M.A. in Architecture at the University College of London. Akanksha Mery has been selected for an MSc in Climate Change Science and Management at Loughborough University, while Dinesh Bhagat will pursue MSc in Climate Change, Development and Policy at the University of Sussex. Apart from this, Anjana Pratima Durgdung has been selected for MSc at the University of Warwick and Priya Murmu will pursue a MA in Creative Writing and the Writing Industries at Loughborough University.

Under the scheme, these students hailing from the Scheduled Tribes will be benefitted with a full cover of Tuition fees, living and other expenses including annual maintenance fees, annual equipment and contingency, visa fees, medical insurance etc.

Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda was the first tribal student to study at the Oxford University in England between 1922 and 1929. Later, he captained the Indian Hockey team for the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam, leading them to win a gold medal. Today, almost 100 years later, in the memoir and honour of Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda, Chief Minister Hemant Soren announced a scholarship scheme to support tribal students for pursuing higher studies abroad.

While congratulating the awardees, Minister Champai Soren said, "This day is a historic day in the history of Jharkhand when we are felicitating tribal scholars going abroad to pursue higher studies. This is a proud moment for me when with my signature these tribal students will fly abroad for higher studies; we have seen the struggle of those days when we would somehow manage to go to schools. Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Ji was our role model, who almost a century back initiated a tradition and always advocated for the development of the tribal population. I am glad & proud that we have a youth and visionary Chief Minister in the state who is paving way for a bright future for the youth of the state and larger development of the state. Students of this land would now be able to realize their dreams." Chief Minister Hemant Soren said, "Jaipal Singh Munda Ji was such a personality, not only in Jharkhand but across the nation, his name will keep shining. It is not because he was the first tribal who received higher education at Oxford, he was also a part of the Constitution Committee with Baba Saheb Ambedkar. With immense pride, I can say that despite being a very weak and suppressed community, this state has a legacy of producing leaders like Birsu Munda, Poto-Ho, Veer Buddhu Bhagat, Sidho-Kanhu, Nilambar-Pitambar and many more. We will have to learn from them and take our state ahead on the path of development."

"Present era is a scientific era and our tribal population is backward in this domain. To motivate and promote the culture of education among the students and ensure that meritorious students need not suffer due to the lack of funds, in past, our government had started a scheme of rewarding top three students from all the Jharkhand boards but later it was disbanded by the new government. However, our government is back and we have restarted that crucial scheme," he added. "In the memory of our scholar, leader...our respected Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Ji, our government has started this scheme. Jharkhand is the first State in the country to give scholarships to students from tribal communities to study abroad. We hope that in the coming days, other students will also get inspired from them, the tribal youth will represent our culture, our values, our society on the world stage and will bring glory to Jharkhand and the rest of the country," he said.

"We hope to support more students under this scheme, if we need to support more students, we will increase the scholar limit 10-20-25 students. Not only tribal students, but we will also try to add other communities within the ambit of this scheme. This is just a start. We have prepared the path; we have to walk miles," he added.

कृषि, पशुपालन एवं सहकारिता विभाग (उद्यान प्रभाग) झारखण्ड, राँची कार्यालय - अनुमंडल कृषि पदाधिकारी -सह- जिला उद्यान पदाधिकारी कोडरमा।

(आम सूचना)

कृषि कृषक बन्धु ध्यान दे। राज्य योजना अन्तर्गत वित्तीय वर्ष 2021-22 में उद्यानिक फसलों के बंधुमुखी विकास के साथ -साथ कृषकों के आय में अधिक से अधिक वृद्धि लाने हेतु जिले में उद्यान विकास की योजना कार्यान्वित की जा रही है।

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2	युवाओं का माली प्रशिक्षण	05 सं०	02 सं०	07 सं०	
3	मिर्च की खेती	25 हे०	5 हे०	30 हे०	कलस्टर में
4	ओल की खेती	05 हे०	03 हे०	08 हे०	कलस्टर में
5	खूले तावावरण में फूलों की खेती	15 एकड़ में	05 एकड़ में	20 एकड़ में	कलस्टर में
6	गृह वाटिका की स्थापना (प्रति 25 डिसेमील)	10 इकाई	04 इकाई	14 इकाई	कलस्टर में
7	सब्जों के तकनीकी खेती हेतु प्रत्यक्षण (प्रति इकाई 0.5 हे०)	100 हे०	30 हे०	130 हे०	कलस्टर में
8	मशरूम उत्पादन कीट	150 सं०	60 सं०	210 सं०	कलस्टर में
9	पपीता की खेती (पीघा की सं०)	15000 पीघा	5000 पीघा	20000 पीघा	कलस्टर में
10	मुणक्तायुक्त सब्जों एवं फूल, फल, पौधा विपणन उत्पादन (सैमलिंग/नर्सरी)	15 हे०	05 हे०	20 हे०	

- कृषकों का चयन हेतु कागजात एवं आवश्यक शर्तें**
- पिछले तीन वर्ष में जिन लाभुको या उसके परिवार के चयन नहीं किया गया हो केवल उनका चयन किया जाएगा।
 - पिछले तीन वर्ष में जिन ग्रामों का चयन नहीं किया गया है, उन ग्रामों का चयन में प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी।
 - जमीन का रकबा - एकड़ में एवं अद्यतन जमीन का रसीद / खाता सं० / प्लॉट सं० (छाया प्रति)
 - कृषक का आधार नं० एवं मोबाइल नं० (आधार का छाया प्रति)
 - लाभुक का स्पष्ट फोटो
 - सिंचाई की समुचित सुविधा - कुआं / तलाब / डेम / बोरिंग / नहर / नदी आदि।
 - योजना के कार्यान्वयन में JSLPS महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह / सखी मंडल / कृषक समूह एवं SC/ST कृषकों के साथ ही महिला कृषकों को 30 प्रतिशत चयन में प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी।
 - पंचायती राज के स्थानीय प्रतिनिधि से अनुशंसा किया जाएगा।
 - योजना के कार्यान्वयन में लाभुको को टोकन के उपलब्धता अनिवार्य होगा।
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क्रम	योजना का नाम	वार्ड	प्राकलित राशि (₹०)	अग्रण राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्यादेश की तिथि से कार्य पूर्ण कि तिथि
1	मुंडा कॉलोनी में सीतानाथ महतो के घर से सुरेन्द्र प्रजापति के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	01	499000.00	10000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
2	ठाकुर बागान में ब्लॉक रोड से अंगत महतो के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	01	474900.00	10000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
3	राजेन्द्र महतो के घर से वकील साहब के प्लॉट तक नाली निर्माण कार्य	01	618100.00	12500.00	5000.00	45 दिन
4	विनोद मधुवा के घर से पुराना पोस्ट ऑफिस तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	02	268500.00	5500.00	1000.00	30 दिन
5	पुराना बाजार टांड समीप बुण्डू बड़ा तालाब में घाट रोड का निर्माण कार्य	02	495700.00	10000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
6	गोकुल नगर में सत्यवान प्रमाणिक के घर से भाया सिंह जी से मंदू प्रजापति के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	03	932200.00	19000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
7	वार्ड 03 में पेनर ब्लॉक बिछाई का कार्य	03	50700.00	1100.00	1000.00	30 दिन
8	जगदीश प्रसाद गुप्ता के घर से एनएच33 तक पीसीसी पथ एवं नाली निर्माण	03	551800.00	11100.00	5000.00	45 दिन
9	कहिया भगत के घर से जितेंद्र खंडित के घर तक नाली निर्माण	04	963800.00	19300.00	5000.00	45 दिन
10	निर्मल भगत के घर से प्रमोद भगत के घर तक नाली निर्माण	04	880500.00	17700.00	5000.00	45 दिन
11	लक्ष्मण महतो के घर से घनश्याम महतो के घर तक नाली के ऊपर आरसीसी स्लैब निर्माण	05	104300.00	2100.00	1000.00	30 दिन
12	एनएच33 से दुर्योधन महतो के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	05	186800.00	3800.00	1000.00	30 दिन
13	बिचका टोली में नीलकमल महतो के घर से भगवत महतो के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	05	625800.00	12600.00	5000.00	45 दिन
14	मस्जिद से मो० फिरदौस आलम के घर तक पीसीसी पथ एवं नाली निर्माण	06	499900.00	10000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
15	टांगर टोली में विनोद महतो के घर से तेजु महतो के घर होते हुए बिहारी महतो के घर तक नाली निर्माण	06	879400.00	18000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
16	अस्पताल टोली में सुनील पाल के दुकान से पं. केवला प्रसाद उपाध्याय स्कूल तक नाली एवं स्लैब निर्माण	06	732200.00	15000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
17	अस्पताल टोली में सुनील पाल के दुकान से पं. केवला प्रसाद उपाध्याय स्कूल तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	06	812500.00	17000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
18	वार्ड 07 में पेनर ब्लॉक बिछाई का कार्य	07	977100.00	20000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
19	काली मंदिर चौक से प्रभाकर बिंद के घर तक नाली मरम्मती एवं स्लैब निर्माण कार्य	07	902100.00	18100.00	5000.00	45 दिन
20	श्याम सुंदर चक्रवर्ती के घर से अशोक पाल के घर तक नाली के ऊपर आरसीसी स्लैब निर्माण	07	385000.00	7700.00	1000.00	30 दिन
21	मकुवाडीह में रंजीत मंदिर से मंदू उरांव के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	08	639200.00	13000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
22	मकुवाडीह में काली उरांव के घर से समीप पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	08	91700.00	1900.00	1000.00	30 दिन
23	वार्ड 08 में सामुदायिक शौचालय के पास कल्वर्ट एवं पीसीसी पथ निर्माण कार्य	08	499900.00	10000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
24	फुलवार टोली में सामुदायिक भवन से मुचिन देवी और श्याम मधुवा के घर से फंकेला मधुवा के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	09	362600.00	7500.00	1000.00	30 दिन
25	फुलवार टोली में सामुदायिक भवन का जीर्णोद्धार कार्य	09	412400.00	8500.00	1000.00	30 दिन
26	बिंद दुर्गा मंदिर चौक में पेनर ब्लॉक बिछाई कार्य एवं नाली मरम्मति कार्य	09	92900.00	1900.00	1000.00	30 दिन
27	टांगर टोली में डीप बोरिंग से घनंजय प्रमाणिक एवं आनंद अहीर के घर से राजू प्रमाणिक के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	10	682400.00	14000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
28	कृष्णा मधुवा के घर से परशुराम मांझी के घर तक एवं ट्रांसफार्मर से इमली पेड़ तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	11	833100.00	17000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
29	कुम्हार टोली में प्रदीप दास के घर से PK होटल तक नाली मरम्मति एवं स्लैब निर्माण	11	999600.00	20000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
30	मांझी टोली में सानु उरांव के घर से बिरन उरांव के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	12	426600.00	9000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
31	मांझी टोली में सानु उरांव के घर से बिरन उरांव के घर तक नाली निर्माण	12	293600.00	6000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
32	मांझी टोली में बसंत हाजरा के घर से मनसा उरांव के घर तक नाली निर्माण	12	499000.00	10000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
33	बिरसा मोड़ में एनएच33 से श्रवण कुमार के घर होते हुए विजय रंजन के घर तक पीसीसी पथ निर्माण	13	471300.00	9500.00	1000.00	30 दिन
34	मांझी टोली में मनसा उरांव के घर के पास नाली मरम्मति कार्य	13	78500.00	2000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
35	मांझी टोली में सूरज उरांव के घर से राकेश गोराई के घर तक नाली निर्माण	13	489300.00	10000.00	1000.00	30 दिन
36	SWM Dump Site में पीसीसी पथ निर्माण कार्य	13	998300.00	20000.00	5000.00	45 दिन
37	नगर पंचायत कार्यालय में चाहारदिवारी, गेट, पेनर ब्लॉक एवं उद्यान निर्माण कार्य	1	991500.00	20000.00	5000.00	45 दिन

नियम एवं शर्तें कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट / विभागीय Website www.udhd.jharkhand.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी नगर पंचायत, बुण्डू
PR 253794 Urban Development(21-22)#D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमण्डल, तेनुघाट। ई- प्रोक्यूरमेंट सूचना

ई० निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या जल संसाधन विभाग/तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमण्डल , तेनुघाट/ आई.एफ.बी.05 /2021-22 दिनांक 22/09/2021

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राम्कलित राशि (रुपया में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	कॉल
1	कार्य का नाम	₹ 42,34,523.00		
2	प्राकलित राशि	(रुपये बयलिस लाख चौरस पाँच सौ तेरस) मात्र ।		
3	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	₹ 5000.00 (रुपये पाँच हजार) मात्र (अप्रत्यापनीय राशि)		
4	अग्रण की राशि	₹ 84,700.00 मात्र		
5	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	120 (एक सौ बीस) दिन		
6	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	04.10.2021 को 11:00 AM बजे		
7	अंतिम तिथि / बीड समर्पित करने का समय	20.10.2021 को 05:00 PM बजे		
8	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रण की राशि आदि कागजात प्रमण्डल में जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	22.10.2021 को 05:00 PM बजे		
9	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	25.10.2021 को 02:00 PM बजे		
10	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम/पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमण्डल, तेनुघाट। (बोकारो) पिन कोड 829123		
11	ई- प्रोक्यूरमेंट पदाधिकारी का मोबाइल नं०	8789848809		
12	ई- प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का दूरभाष संख्या	06546-267462		

नोट: केवल ई- निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। किसी भी विषय जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।
PR 253751 Water Resource(21-22)D

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा

राज्य सम्पोषित योजना अन्तर्गत ई-अतिअल्पकालीन आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा सं० :- 01/2021-22/RWD/EE/KODERMA दिनांक :- 23.09.2021

क्र० सं०	आईडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राम्कलित राशि (रुपया में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	कॉल
1	RWD/KODERMA /01/2021-22	जगनीडीह तमोलिया नदी से नन्दुडीह तक थप सुदुदीकरण कार्य। (लंबे-2.00 कि०मी०) प्रखण्ड-सतनावां	60,85,900/-	साठ लाख पचासी हजार नौ सौ रूप० मात्र	09 (नौ) माह प्रथम

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 27.09.2021
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 06.10.2021 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
4. (क) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, कोडरमा (ख) अधिक्षण अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य अंचल, हजारीबाग में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, शपथ पत्र की मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि-08.10.2021 पूर्वाह्न 10:00 बजे से अपराह्न-3:30 बजे तक।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय-09.10.2021 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा, झारखण्ड, पिन कोड-825410।
7. निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से ही निगलत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा के पक्ष में एवं कोडरमा में मुगलतय होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।
8. यदि किसी कारणवश उचरतों अंकित तिथियों में अवकाश घोषित होता है तो अगले कार्यदिवस में अंकित कड़िकाओं का कार्य किये जायेगा एवं सभी शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी।
9. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है।
वित्त्तु जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।
कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा
PR 253749 Rural Work Department(21-22)#D

राजस्व पर्षद, झारखण्ड, राँची प्रेस विज्ञप्ति सूचना

झारखण्ड सचिवालय सेवा के सहायक प्रशाखा पदाधिकारियों की विभागीय परीक्षा, 2021

झारखण्ड सचिवालय सेवा के सहायक प्रशाखा पदाधिकारियों की विभागीय परीक्षा, 2021 दिनांक-30.10.2021 (शनिवार) तथा 31.10.2021 (रविवार) को आयोजित करने का निर्णय लिया गया है।
2. परीक्षा में सम्मिलित होने हेतु विहित प्रपत्र में अग्रसारित अर्हक आवेदन पत्र दिनांक- 25.10.2021 (सोमवार) को संध्या 06:00 बजे तक एच०टी०आई० विन्डिंग, धुर्वा, राँची के प्रथम तल स्थित राजस्व पर्षद, झारखण्ड, राँची के कार्यालय में प्राप्त किया जाएगा। निर्धारित अंतिम तिथि के बाद प्राप्त आवेदन पत्र स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा। आवेदन पत्र का विहित प्रपत्र सभी विभागों/विभागाध्यक्षों को भेजी जा रही है तथा आवेदन पत्र, प्रवेश पत्र एवं परीक्षा का पाठ्यक्रम झारखण्ड सरकार के [website-www.jharkhand.gov.in](http://www.jharkhand.gov.in) के Revenue, Registration & Land Reforms Department ds DEPARTMENTAL DOCUMENTS >>> NOTICE & NOTIFICATION में Upload कर दिया गया है, जिसे उक्त website से Download किया जा सकता है।
3. अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति के उम्मीदवार द्वारा अपने आवेदन पत्र में आरक्षण कोटि संबंधी सूचना स्पष्ट रूप से अंकित करने पर ही उन्हें उत्तीर्णता हेतु प्राप्त छूट का लाभ मिल सकेगा।
4. सभी उम्मीदवार अपना प्रवेश पत्र दिनांक 29.10.2021 को 10:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 06:00 बजे अपराह्न तक राजस्व पर्षद, झारखण्ड, राँची के कार्यालय से निश्चित रूप से प्राप्त कर लेंगे।
ह०/-
(चितरंजन कुमार,भा०प्र०से०) सचिव, राजस्व पर्षद, झारखण्ड, राँची
PR 253781 Revenue Board(21-22).D

राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग, झारखण्ड 'निर्वाचन भवन'

रातू रोड, राँची 834001 रददी कागज निष्पादन हेतु अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग, झारखण्ड के कार्यालय में उपलब्ध रददी पुस्तक, (नगरपालिका एवं त्रिस्तरीय पंचायत चुनाव संबंधी तथा EVM पुस्तिका) एवं अन्य कागज के निष्पादन हेतु वित्तीय रूप से सक्षम व्यक्ति/संस्था/ लघु आकार उद्यम/ झारखण्ड सरकार से निविदा संवेदक से "as is where is" के आधार पर सीलबंद लिफाफे में निम्नलिखित शर्तों के साथ निविदा आमंत्रित

ROLLOUT OF OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

British Dy High Commissioner praises Jharkhand Govt

Promises future cooperation for larger partnership in education and other allied domains

PNS ■ RANCHI

British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata, Nick Low has congratulated Chief Minister Hemant Soren, through a letter addressed to him, for successfully rolling out 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme' and helping students from tribal communities to go overseas to pursue higher studies and expressed his sadness over not

being able to be part of the felicitation event.

On the successful implementation of the scheme and sending the first cohort to pursue higher studies overseas in the UK, British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata wrote to Hemant Soren. In the letter, he stated, "I have the honour to write this letter with both joy and sadness in my heart. Joy because I am truly delighted to convey my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the



Chief Minister Hemant Soren gives scholarship cheque to a tribal student, selected for the first cohort of 'Marang Gomke' Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme, during a programme at Project building in Ranchi on Thursday

Government of Jharkhand for launching the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme for stu-

dents belonging to tribal communities to pursue higher education in the United Kingdom."

Praising the State governments' initiative for supporting marginal communities, he said, "In the direction of bridging the inequalities of access in higher studies, I sincerely congratulate you for steering this visionary initiative to bridge the inequalities of access to higher education faced by marginalised communities in India. Your leadership and the efforts of the State Government of Jharkhand to drive this knowledge partnership between Jharkhand and the United Kingdom deserve the highest praise. The legacy of Jaipal Singh Munda, who started his Oxford BA programme a century ago will,

I believe, now be taken forward both through this batch of scholars and subsequent beneficiaries."

Welcoming the inaugural cohort to the universities of the UK, he wrote, "It gives me immense pleasure also to welcome the inaugural cohort of six scholars selected to follow Masters Programmes in prestigious universities across the United Kingdom. Please accept my warmest compliments and extend my felicitations and best wishes to the scholars and your Government. My colleagues and I at the British Deputy High Commission look forward to building on this initiative to drive a deeper and larger partnership in education and other allied areas."

Today, Chief Minister Hemant Soren felicitated the students selected for the 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme' and their parents at a programme organized in Ranchi. The scheme has been rolled out by the State Government for the students of Jharkhand from the schedule tribe category to pursue higher studies in the universities across the United Kingdom. The awardees of the scholarship are entitled to a complete cover of tuition fees along with living and other miscellaneous expenses. Under this scheme, every year 10 students will be selected from the Scheduled Tribes category residing in Jharkhand.

CM: Keep surrendered Maoists in open Jail

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Chief Minister Hemant Soren today instructed officials to shift surrendered Maoists to open jail. "Why are they being kept in a normal jail and not in an open jail? If any changes are needed in the Open Jail manual, then do that too. Also, facilitate the release of the surrendered Naxalites," said the CM in the review meeting of the Home department held in the context of the activities of the Left Wing Extremists.

The Chief Minister directed to keep a close watch on the explosive materials received by the Maoists. "It needs to be fully mapped. Have complete knowledge of the explosives being used in mining so that the explosives do not reach the Naxalites. Work to destroy the supply chain of Naxalites," said the CM.

In the meeting, the Chief Minister was apprised that the construction work of 15 roads and 63 bridges is going on in the 19 militancy affected districts sanctioned by the Union Transport Ministry. This work



Chief Minister Hemant Soren holds a review meeting with officials at Project building in Ranchi on Thursday

is 94 and 74 per cent complete. Against 362.67 km, 340.92 Km work has been completed. At the same time, 47 bridges have been constructed against the construction of 63 bridges. On this, the Chief Minister ordered to speed up the construction work in these areas.

Chief Secretary Sukhdev Singh, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Rajiv Arun Ekka, Director General of Police Neeraj Sinha, Secretary to Chief Minister Vinay Kumar Choubey, Secretary KK Soan, Secretary Rural Development Department Manish Ranjan, IG Operation AV Homkar were present in the meeting.

BJP hits streets over killing of party leader

Munda, Prakash target Govt for poor law & order

PNS ■ RANCHI

Protests, demonstrations and road blockades over allegations of political violence returned to Jharkhand with the main Opposition party BJP targeting the State Government over the murder of local BJP leader, Jitram Munda. Munda, was shot dead in Ormanjhi area on the outskirts of state capital Ranchi on late Wednesday evening.

Munda, the Ranchi district president of the BJP's scheduled tribe wing, was taken to a private hospital after being shot by unidentified bike-borne assailants. He was rushed to Bhagwan Mahavir Medanta hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. A BJP worker Rajkishore Sahu, who was accompanying him also suffered bullet injury on his hand.

On Thursday, the BJP workers protesting against the murder of their party leader hit the road. The agitating BJP workers with the dead body blocked the busy Ranchi-Patna NH-75 for



BJP workers during their protest against the murder of BJP leader Jeet Ram Munda at Ormanjhi in Ranchi on Thursday

hours. The BJP protest was led by BJP Mahila Morcha president Arti Kujur and Mandar former MLA Gangotri Kujur. The BJP workers were demanding the immediate arrest of culprits behind the incident. Due to BJP workers' protest, there was a long queue of vehicles on the NH-75.

The BJP workers protest continued at RIMS where the body was brought for post mortem. The BJP workers protest at RIMS was led by party Kanke MLA Samri Lal. Meanwhile, State BJP president Deepak Prakash blasted the state government. Prakash targeting the JMM/Congress alliance gov-

ernment said that BJP workers and leaders are being targeted.

He said, "In the JMM/Congress alliance government the law and order situation has deteriorated. In the present government no one is safe." Prakash, setting an ultimatum for the state government said, "If the government fails to arrest the culprit the BJP will be left with no other alternative but to stage a protest. The way Munda was killed it is clear that criminals have no fear of police."

Munda was shot dead by unidentified motorcycle-borne assailants while he was coming out of a roadside eatery in

Ormanjhi police station area in the evening. Union Minister Arjun Munda, who visited the medical establishment, said that the killing was an outcome of administrative failure and demanded a thorough inquiry into the murder.

"The slain BJP leader was attacked in the past too and had applied for a license to keep a firearm for safety. However, the state government neither provided him with security nor with a license. The State Government should order a thorough probe and make public the administrative lapses," the Union Tribal Affairs Minister said.

FJCCI election on Sept 26-29

Campaigning gets momentum for traders body poll

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State's biggest trade body Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FJCCI) election will be different from previous years, as this year the voting will be on three days—September 26, 27 and 28. Around 3480 traders who are members of FJCCI will elect 21 candidates out of total 35 candidates.

Chamber election chairman election committee Lalit Kedia said, "This year the election will be different from previous year, due to the pandemic. Based on state government guidelines we have made some changes in the election." Kedia said, "Unlike previous years when voting was done on a single day. This time the voting will be held in three days. Also the voting will be held at the Chamber's Bhawan. Members can exercise their franchise at three halls at Chamber Bhawan. Also mem-



FJCCI election committee members during a press conference at Chamber Bhawan in Ranchi on Thursday

bers can get print outs after voting."

The other changes, which have been introduced in the Chamber's election this time is that candidates will not be allowed to campaign within 100 metre radius from the voting centre on the day of voting. No candidates will be allowed to put up banners and posters near the voting centre. The results will be declared on September 28.

After the withdrawal of nominations last week, 35 candidates are in fray for election. The 21 elected members who form the executive panel, will thereafter choose seven office

bearers from themselves who would run the show for next one year.

The office bearers consist of the president, two vice presidents, one general secretary, two joint secretaries and a treasurer.

The present president of the Chamber is Praveen Jain Chhabra. Though traders from Ranchi are active in FJCCI, the Chamber is widely spread across the State with traders' bodies having six regional presidents too.

The six regional presidents are one each from — one each from North and South Chotanagpur, Kolhan,

Palamau, Coal belt and Santhal Pargana regions.

The annual election of the trade body is an important event for the state's trading community and it experiences a lot of excitement when two 21-member teams led by two prominent businessmen contest for as many seats. But the election could not be held last year because of the pandemic and a group of office bearers, nominated by the trading community, is at the helm of affairs at present.

Meanwhile, campaigning has gained momentum for Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FJCCI) election with candidates in fray going for door to door canvassing. Team Dheeraj on Wednesday visited North Market, West Market, East Market and Deenbandhu Lane of Upper Bazar area campaigning for the Chamber Election 2021-22.

During the interaction, the team members inquired about the problems of the traders. On the request of the traders, the team members showed commitment to work with more vigor and harmony to solve the problems related to one-way, no-entry, parking, building plan regularization and other business complexities.

ED attaches properties of DJN Jewellers in chit fund case

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In a major move the Enforcement Directorate of (ED) on Thursday took possession of 11 immovable properties of DJN Jewellers Pvt. Ltd and its proprietors and office bearers in a chit fund case.

The ED attached properties above Rs one crore registered in the name of proprietors namely Vipin Kumar, Jeetendra Mohan, Ram Kishun Thakur and Vishal Kumar Sinha in the form of flat, shop and plots situated in Ranchi, Latehar and Garhwa.

In this case, ED had earlier attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs 1.66 crore by issuing a Provisional Attachment Order under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) in December 2019 and the same was confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority under PMLA in July this year.

The ED initiated investigation under the provisions of PMLA on the basis of FIR (220/2016) lodged by Ranchi police at Lalpur police station under sections 120-B, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 406 of IPC against

Jeetendra Mohan Sinha, Vishal Kumar Sinha, Prasant Kumar Sinha and Evatoli Santosh. After investigation the police submitted a chargesheet.

Investigation by ED revealed that the DJN Commodities was registered with MCX, Mumbai under proprietorship of Vishal Kumar Sinha. He conspired with other proprietors/directors thereof to cheat the investors and developed software in the name DJN Commodities for conducting offline trading. DJN Commodities was collecting public deposits offline in the name of conducting online trading with the promise to offer returns at a high rate of interest per month. The accused persons indulged in money circulation activity and represented before the depositors/investors in a fraudulent manner stating that the company was doing online trading with their deposit money.

The accused persons in pursuance of their criminal conspiracy got indulged in creating ingenious schemes of recurring deposits in jewellery shops to dupe the innocent investors/depositors and to rob their hard earned money.

State mulls to set up milk banks for newborn babies

Pilot project may begin in Ranchi first

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Jharkhand is mulling to set up human milk banks in a bid to provide breast milk to babies born to women who either fail to lactate or do not lactate enough due to various medical conditions or ailments, officials said on Thursday.

Additional Chief Secretary (Health), Arun Kumar Singh said that a proposal for setting up milk banks in some districts of Jharkhand is being prepared and the health department is working on a plan to execute the idea. The milk donated by

lactating mothers, he added, will also help in fighting malnutrition among newborn babies in the state — a major concern particularly in the rural areas.

As a part of this project, the first such milk bank is likely to come up in Ranchi, officials involved in the planning of the project said, claiming that the milk banks will function like blood banks and lactating mothers will be able to donate milk as a voluntary act to save lives of babies whose biological mothers fail to lactate.

Women suffering from



Polycystic Ovary Syndrome, Hypothyroidism or hypoplastic breasts — a condition in which a woman has insufficient glandular tissues — are unlikely to lactate after giving birth to a child, say doctors. Also, women who have undergone breast surgeries or chemother-

apy may not be able to lactate.

On the other hand, many healthy and lactating mothers often produce more breast milk than their baby's requirement. The surplus milk, which is usually wasted, can be donated to the milk banks, say doctors.

The demand for human milk grew across India during the Covid-19 pandemic as several new mothers either fell extremely sick after contracting coronavirus infection and some even succumbed to it. Donated milk, according to doctors, can be stored at a temperature of 18 to 20 degrees Celsius for eight to 12 months or provided immediately to a baby through a special breast pump. Many states, including Kerala and Rajasthan, have set up milk banks during the ongoing pandemic.

Doctors say that breastfeeding within the first one hour of birth plays a crucial role in keeping the baby healthy and

safe. Many newborns may even die if they are not breastfed within the first hour of birth. In such cases, milk from the milk bank will help save the life of the baby. Rich in immunoglobulins, breast milk helps enhance a baby's immunity and is easy to digest, say doctors.

The project is likely to start in Ranchi first to check its feasibility and then expand to other districts, an official from the health department said. While the government is yet to decide a location for the milk bank in Ranchi, sources said that one such facility may come up either at the Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) or Sadar Hospital here.

NEWS BRIEFS

ECR GM CHAIRS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE MEETING
Rajbhasha Pakhwada-2021 is being organised by East Central Railway from 14th September to 24th September. In this episode, 71st meeting of Regional Railway Official Language Implementation Committee was held on Thursday at Headquarters, Hajipur under the chairmanship of General Manager Anupam Sharma. Presiding over the meeting, the GM did a thorough review of the promotion of official language and said that the use and spread of official language Hindi in ECR is satisfactory, however many more works have to be done.

NEW ADDITIONAL GM OF SER
Atulya Sinha took over the charge of Additional General Manager, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata on Thursday. Prior to taking over the charge of Additional GM, SER, Sinha was Chief Workshop Engineer, Eastern Railway, Sinha, IRSME (Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers) of 1986 batch joined Indian Railways in the capacity of Assistant Mechanical Engineer, South Central Railway in the year 1988. Sinha is a Mechanical & Production Engineer with Post Graduate Diploma in Management. He is a Fellow of Institution of Engineers (India) as well as Institution of Mechanical Engineers (UK). He has worked in various important capacities.

WORKSHOP ON PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
A one-day workshop on "Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Children who Need care and Protection (CNCP) during COVID-19" was organised by the Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS) Ranchi, a Nodal Organisation of CHILDLINE, Ranchi in collaboration with the Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi on Wednesday. Dr Sanjay Verma, Coordinator CHILDLINE, Ranchi, Dr Nishant Goyal from CIP, Dr Anant Kumar, Associate Professor, XISS, Dr Madhumita, CIP were the main speakers of the workshop. Legal aspects such as Integration of MHPSS in case management case demonstration, children who need special care & attention and prevention and management of children with suffered sexual abuse were also discussed during the workshop.

UNITY RUN ORGANIZED BY RPF, RANCHI
Railway Protection Force Ranchi Division, under the weekly program of its 37th Foundation Day, organized a two-kilometer run under Ekta Run ("RUN FOR UNITY") on 23 September 2021 in Hatia Railway Colony, which was started from Railway Protection Force Hatia Post, Divisional Security Commissioner Prashant Yadav, Assistant Security Commissioner Ranchi and Assistant Security Commissioner Muri were also present on this occasion, in the said race, members of Railway Protection Force Ranchi and Hatia participated. Ekta run was also organized in various police stations, outposts and other units of Ranchi division in which women officers and jawans participated.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT MNPS
A Blood Donation Camp was organised on Thursday at Motilal Nehru Public School (MNPS) which was inaugurated by Dr Mandar M. Shah — head consultant & HOD (TMH) and Dr Vanita Pandey (Oncopathologist) HOD, Pathology, MTMH. A total of 61 units of blood were collected at the camp. A team of doctors from Jamshepur Blood Bank under the guidance of Dr. Rita Sinha, Medical Officer, Jamshepur Blood Bank, helped in carrying out the blood donation. During this pandemic there is an acute crisis of blood and therefore, the need for active participation in donation at this time. Dr. Mandar M. Shah and Dr. Vanita Pandey supported and congratulated the institution for organising this camp every year, this being the 23rd consecutive year. V.S. Rana, chairman, school managing committee congratulated parents and students for donating blood and expressed happiness about the school's involvement in such community initiatives.

JSLPS, INDIAN BANK INK MOU
Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society and Indian Bank signed an MoU for financial inclusion of members of Sakhi Mandal. The MoU was signed by Nancy Sahay, Chief Executive Officer and Amarendra Kumar Shahi, Area General Manager, Indian Bank, Patna at the State Office of JSLPS. This initiative will prove to be helpful in connecting the organization of rural women in the state with credit linkage under financial inclusion.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to UCO Bank (Secured Creditor), the Constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of UCO Bank, Jhumri Telaiya Branch (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 26.10.2021, for recovery of Rs. 16,22,505.80 (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Five and Paise Eighty Only) as on 31.12.2019 (with interest up to 30.09.2019) (plus interest and charges thereon) due to UCO Bank, Jhumri Telaiya Branch (Secured Creditor) from Mr. Shashank Kumar Singh (Borrower) & Mr. Shyam Kishor Singh (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs. 16,87,500.00 (Rupees Sixteen lakh Eighty Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Only) and the earnest money deposit amount will be Rs. 1,68,800.00 (Rupees One lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Only).
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All that part and parcel of residential land measuring area 8.33 Decimals located at Mouza : Barwadih, Ward no. 19, Thana No. 251, P.S. Tilaiya, Khata no. 85, Plot no. 1190, Sub Registry District : Koderma, Jharkhand. In the name of Mr. Shyam Kishor Singh, S/o Late Jagdish Singh vide Sale Deed no. 6323/5998 dated 10.12.2015.
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Encumbrances Known to Bank : None
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Authorised Officer UCO Bank
Date : 21.09.2021 | Place : Jhumri Telaiya

Govt brings guidelines to help Covid survivors

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With most of the Covid survivors facing long-term health issues, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday released guidelines on the treatment of sequelae of Covid-19 which will help in building the capacity of doctors, nurses, paramedics and community health workers across India to deal with long-term effects of the coronavirus infection.



Healthcare workers attend to a patient in a hospital ward.

The modules have been prepared to provide guidance to doctors and healthcare workers to deal with the issue of long-term effects of Covid-19, the Health Ministry said in a statement.

Mandaviya said that proactive and comprehensive treatment of Covid-19 is required to ensure minimum side effects and no negative effect of the treatment.

"We have witnessed the consequences of post-Covid effect in patients due to taking of higher doses of steroids like cases of Mucormycosis. It is important to take medicines, with less or negligible side

effects. If we are alert beforehand, it will be fruitful in tackling the future consequences of Covid," he said.

"The perceptions related to post-Covid that are perpetuating in our society like fears, mental health issues resulting due to Covid are important to be tackled. So, it's important to understand these post-Covid issues and resolve them," Mandaviya stated. Efforts have been made by the resource persons across the country for the management of these post-Covid-19 complications to prepare the sequelae modules. These are very specialised modules prepared keeping in mind various fields of healthcare professionals, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister of State for

Health Bharati Pravin Pawar emphasised on the need to tackle mental health issues and to reach the last mile. This pandemic has put an unprecedented challenge on our health and healthcare system. Mental health care is a big challenge for a country with such a large population. We need to build our capacity to tackle this challenge of mental health," Pawar said.

If the frontline workers are equipped with proper knowledge and training, they can become a valuable resource in the fight against these post-Covid-19 challenges. "When we are trying to equip ourselves to fight against post-Covid consequences, it's also important to take these to the last mile. The training modules for mental

India logs 31,293 fresh Covid cases in 24 hours

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With 31,293 new Covid cases in the last 24 hours — which is an increase of 18.4 per cent from a day ago — the country's total case-load now stands at 3,35,63,421. The top five states which have registered maximum cases are Kerala with 19,675 cases, followed by Maharashtra with 3,608 cases, Tamil Nadu with 1,682 cases, Andhra Pradesh with 1,365 cases and Mizoram with 1,294 cases. India reported 282 in the last 24 hours, taking the total death toll to 4,46,050.

Cautioning that the second Covid-19 wave is yet not over, the Government warned the people to avoid mass gatherings during festivities. Dr Balram Bhargava, Director

General of the Indian Council of Medical Research said, mass gatherings should be avoided in areas identified as containment zones and in districts reporting more than 5% case positivity.

Though India is showing a decline in new Covid-19 numbers, the surge isn't over, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan too reiterated at the Health Ministry press conference. "We have to continue adhering to norms. We have to ensure that people should take their vaccination."

The ministry recommended that relaxations and restrictions can be imposed based on weekly case positivity. The states have been asked to allow gatherings with advance permissions and lim-

ited people (as per the state's cap) to be allowed in districts with a positivity rate of 5% and below. "Kerala and Mizoram remain states of concern."

Dr Bhargava said that a detailed SOP has been issued by the centre to states and UTs regarding precautions to be taken during festive season. 33 districts in the country have over 10% test positivity rate, according to data presented by the ministry.

Weekly positivity rate is less than 3% for the 12th consecutive week, he said.

Six states and UTs - Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep have vaccinated 100% of their population with one dose.

health and other issues have been prepared based on the needs expressed by state health experts," she said, adding that all should work together to ensure that Covid-19 becomes the last human pandemic.

"This will help health workers prepare for post-Covid

health complications in advance and give suitable treatment to patients," Mandaviya said, adding, "The perceptions related to post-Covid that are perpetuating in our society like fears, mental health issues resulting due to Covid are

important to understand these post-Covid issues and resolve them."

The Minister said the advisories were the first such series of seven modules released in India, and they provide extensive guidelines for the medical fraternity.

UK-based company booked for cheating BOI of ₹192.48 cr



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The CBI has booked UK-based firm Molinare Limited and its Indian directors for cheating the Bank of India's London branch to the tune of ₹192.48 crore.

The agency also conducted searches at two locations in the national capital at the premises of the accused after registering a case on a complaint from Bank of India against the borrower company and others including Managing Director Prabodh Kumar Tewari, Directors/Guarantors Abhishek Tewari and Anand

Tewari and unknown public servants for causing an alleged loss of ₹192.48 crore to the public sector lender.

"The accused private company was said to have been engaged in activities relating to post production services in entertainment and media industry. It was alleged in the complaint that the said accused had cheated the Bank of India by submitting fabricated / inflated / bogus invoices without having any genuine business transactions for availing the loan funds and thereafter diverting the same, the CBI said in a statement.

PM CARES Fund not a Govt of India fund, Delhi HC informed

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The PM CARES Fund is not a Government of India fund and the amount collected by it does not go to the Consolidated Fund of India, the Delhi High Court has been informed. An affidavit filed by an Under Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) who is discharging his functions in the PM Cares Trust on honorary basis, has said the trust functions with transparency and its funds are audited by an auditor -- a chartered accountant drawn from the panel prepared by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.



sation of funds received by the trust," says the affidavit filed by Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, Under Secretary at the PMO. "I state that when the petitioner is claiming to be a public-spirited person and seeking to pray for various reliefs only for transparency, it does not matter whether PM Cares is a 'State' within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India," the officer said in the affidavit.

Irrespective of whether the trust is a 'State' or other authority within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution or whether it is a 'public authority' within the meaning of provisions of the Right to Information Act (RTI), it is not

permissible to disclose third party information, it added. It said that all donations received by the trust are received via online payments, cheques or Demand Drafts and the amount received is audited with the audited report and the expenditure of trust fund displayed on the website.

"The trust functions on the principles of transparency and public good in larger public interest like any other charitable trust and, therefore, cannot have any objection in uploading all its resolutions on its website to ensure transparency," it said, while reiterating that "the trust's fund is not a fund of Government of India and the amount does not go in the

Consolidated Fund of India."

The officer said he is discharging his functions in the PM Cares Trust on honorary basis which is a charitable trust not created by or under the Constitution or by any law made by the Parliament or by any State legislature. "Despite being an officer of the Central government, I am permitted to discharge my functions in PM Care Trust on an honorary basis," he said.

The court was hearing a petition filed by Samyak Gargwal who has said that the PM CARES Fund is a 'State' as it was formed by the Prime Minister on March 27, 2020 to extend assistance to the citizens of India in the wake of the public health emergency -- the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. His counsel had told the court that if it is found that the PM CARES Fund is not 'State' under the Constitution, usage of the domain name 'gov', the Prime Minister's photograph, state emblem etc has to be stopped.

The petition said that the Trustees of the fund are the Prime Minister, Defence Minister, Home Minister and the Finance Minister and immediately after the formation of the fund, the Centre through its high government functionaries represented that the fund was set up and operated by the Government of India.

Govt committed to providing affordable healthcare facilities to citizens: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said it is the Government's commitment to ensure affordable healthcare for citizens.

"The importance of healthcare has been even more clearly understood in the year gone by. It is our commitment to ensure top quality and affordable healthcare for our citizens. Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY is key to realising this vision," he said.

The Prime Minister commented as the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, also known as Ayushman Bharat scheme, completed three years which is also being described as the world's largest health scheme. The scheme provides health insurance of up to ₹5 lakh to the poor households.

Modi will also be launching nationwide rollout of Pradhan Mantri Digital Health Mission on Monday. Under this, a unique digital health ID will be provided to people which will contain all their health records, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said.

Govt should mark Moplah rebellion as Malabar Hindu Genocide Day: RSS-affiliated think tank

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The Moplah rebellion of 1921 against British and local landlords in Kerala's Malappuram has come under controversy with the RSS seeking to see it as against Hindus in the region. An RSS-affiliated think tank demanded on Wednesday that the Moplah Rebellion of 1921 be termed as a "genocide and a memorial be set up".

The Government should build a "genocide memorial" to mark the 1921 Malabar killings that took place 100 years ago in Kerala's Malappuram and mark September 25 as the "Malabar Hindu Genocide Day", the all-India convenor of Prajna Pravah, J Nandakumar, was quoted as saying by News agency Press Trust of India (PTI).

He maintained that the Sangh had been opposing the recognition of the Malabar killings as part of an uprising against the British or landlords, he said it was "targeted killings of Hindus".

"Annie Besant and C Sankaran Nair, who was the president of the Indian



UNREST IN INDIA: The Moplah Rebellion of 1921

The Moplah rebellion of 1921 was an uprising by poor peasants

National Congress, called it a genocide. But after 1975, it was illegally deemed as part of the freedom struggle," Nandakumar was quoted as saying by agency.

He said the Kerala government has not considered their demand, but they are hopeful that the Centre will look into it.

The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) formed a three-member committee recently to study the Moplah Rebellion.

The panel reportedly recommended removal of sever-

al hundred names from the list of the victims.

The RSS-backed organisation will be organising an exhibition and a memorial programme for the victims in Delhi as well as in every block in Kerala on September 26.

A set of historians, most of them from the left, have studied the Moplah rebellion of 1921 was an uprising by poor peasants against 'crushing revenue burden' imposed against them by British and landlords, majority of them being Hindus.

The RSS is now wanting to study the 'rebellion' from not strictly an anti-colonial or anti-tax revolt by the peasants and favours a fresh assessment of the famous incident in the British era.

Centre, States step up efforts to prevent stubble fire for clean air

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As the season of stubble burning sets in along with winters in the North, the Centre along with its several agencies and the five key agriculture States stepped up efforts to prevent any large-scale burning and avoid dangerous air quality. The central government on Thursday held a key meeting with Delhi and its neighbouring states of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan on the action plan to mitigate air pollution caused by stubble burning.



tion and demolition waste, biomass burning and vehicular pollution, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said, briefing the media about the meeting.

The minister said coordination and synergy reflected in the action plan by each

state under the overall framework prepared by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM).

"Outcome of the action plan will significantly depend on the efficacy of the enforcement and implementation by the states," Yadav said. Tweeting about the meeting later, the minister said, "Chaired a meeting with Haryana CM Shri @mkhatrar ji and Environment Ministers and senior officials from neighbouring states on the preparedness and taking ahead the multi-pronged action plan on air quality. Addressed issues requiring inter-state & inter-ministerial coordination."

"It was heartening to note that the spirit with which the Commission for Air Quality Management was conceived is reflected in the action plan of states. The outcome of the action plan will significantly depend on the efficacy of the enforcement and implementation by states," he said.

Vaccination at home for Divyangs announced

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Days after the Supreme Court asked the Centre to provide details of its policy framework and steps taken to prioritise Covid vaccination of persons with disability, the Modi Government on Friday announced 'vaccination at home' for the disabled, 'in line with Covid-19 SOPs'.

"I am pleased to inform that an advisory has been issued to make arrangements for 'vaccination at home' for those who have disabilities or are differently challenged, in line with Covid SOPs," NITI Aayog member (Health) Dr VK Paul said, as the panel warned that the second wave is not over yet.

In May this year, the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 (NEGVAC) had recommended the proposal by a Technical Expert Committee of the Union Ministry on the guidelines for Near to Home COVID Vaccination Centres (NHCVC) for elderly and differently-abled citizens.

The NHCVC for elderly and differently-abled citizens followed a community-based, flexible and people-centric approach, bringing the vaccination centres nearer to homes. The Technical Expert Committee's recommendations were aimed to ensure vaccination of senior citizens and differently-abled populations having limited mobility due to their physical condition. The recom-



mendations were in response to the need to increase access by bringing vaccination services closer to the community while maintaining all necessary precautions and safety measures.

In the Supreme Court on September 21, petitioner Evara Foundation, an NGO, argued before a bench of justices DY Chandrachud and BV Nagarathna that the IMA has recommended door-to-door vaccination of persons with disability but only Jharkhand and Kerala have implemented this. The bench issued notice to the Centre and sought its reply affidavit in two weeks.

The Government also warned the people to avoid mass gatherings during festivities. Dr Balram Bhargava, Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research said, mass gatherings should be avoided in areas identified as containment zones and in districts reporting more than 5% case positivity.

The ministry recommended that relaxations and restrictions can be imposed based on weekly case positivity. The states have been asked to allow gatherings with advance permissions and limited people (as per the state's cap) to be allowed in districts with a positivity rate of 5% and below.

SC lauds Centre's stand of providing financial help to kin of Covid victims

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday appreciated the Centre's step to grant ex-gratia assistance to the kin of those who died due to Covid-19 saying it has to take judicial notice of the fact that what India has done, no other country has been able to do. "We are happy that something has been done to wipe the tears of many families," apex court bench of justices M R Shah and A S Bopanna.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Centre said, "We cannot repair the loss of life but whatever the country could do for the families who have suffered, is being done." The which took on record two affidavits filed by the Centre, said it will pass orders on October 4 with some directions, authorising the grievance redressal committees at district level to call for hospital records of the deceased, in case of any dispute over issuance of death certificate.

"We are happy that there will be some solace to the persons who have suffered. It will wipe the tears of many families. We must take judicial notice of the fact despite so many problems of population and overpopulation, something has been done. What India has done, no other country has been able to do," the bench said. The top court was hearing a batch of pleas filed by advocate Gaurav Kumar Bansal and some intervenors who lost their family members to COVID-19.

Cong's posting of Manmohan's pic to counter Modi's narrative sparks row on Twitter



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Hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared a photo from Air India One on his way to the US, talking about working on a long flight, the Congress posted a counter, featuring former PM Manmohan Singh.

Sharing images of the former PM addressing the media in-flight, the Congress quipped: "Some photographs are harder to copy. Former PM, Dr. Manmohan Singh addressing Press Conferences on board Air India One."

On Thursday morning, Modi's post showed him going through files on his flight to Washington, where he has a packed three-day schedule, including a Quad meeting and an address to the UN General Assembly.

"A long flight also means opportunities to go through

papers and some file work," the PM captioned it. Several BJP leaders shared the Prime Minister's tweet.

"Always in the service of the country without stopping, tirelessly," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, replied to the tweet, using #SevaSamarpan.

During the visit, Modi will participate in the first in-person Quad meeting, address the UN General Assembly and meet a number of top executives of major American companies.

The Congress's photo retort triggered a row on Twitter with the rival parties posting images and memes.

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Army kills 3 ultras along LoC in Uri

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Coinciding with the three day long visit of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the United States of America, the Indian Army early Thursday morning eliminated three heavily armed infiltrators along the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector of North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

According to the Indian army, at least one of them was a Pakistani national while the identity of the two other infiltrators could not be established till the time of filing the report.

The Indian army also claimed the infiltration bid could not have taken place without the active connivance of the local Pakistan army commanders.

The Indian army has also recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition which included five AK rifles, seven pistols, one Revolver, 24 UBGL grenades, 38 Chinese grenades, 7 Pakistani grenades, 5 AK magazines, eatables, Indian and Pak currency etc.

Briefing media in Srinagar, Lt Gen DP Pandey, General Officer Commanding (GOC), Srinagar's Chinara Corps (15



Corps) said, "a movement was observed in Hathlanga forest area for an infiltration bid. In a very short brief operation this attempt was eliminated by alert troops along the LoC. A similar attempt was made on (September) 18, which was foiled".

The Commanding Officer of the Battalion which conducted the operation on ground zero told reporters via video conferencing, "We have been receiving various inputs about Pakistan's attempt to carry out infiltration on LoC.

Necessary counter measures on the loc had been taken which included enhancing surveillance and carryout some precautionary deployment". The Commanding said, "On September 23, during early hours at around 6.00 a.m our troops deployed on LoC spotted three individuals crossing over to our own side of the line of control followed by two more which were slightly behind. On being challenged there was a fire fight in which three terrorists were neutralised".

Commenting on the prevailing security situation along the LoC, Lt-Gen DP Pandey said, "We have been appreciating this in the last few months that while the infiltration is not ongoing the launch pads were filled up and before the winter months there will be concentrated efforts to push in the terrorists before the snowfall stops the possible routes".

"In the last few weeks we have been getting credible inputs of a lot of activities in the launch pad areas and plans to carry out infiltration, the man-

ifestation of which we saw first in Uri and second today morning", Lt-Gen Pandey added.

Commenting on the role of Pakistan behind supporting the infiltration bid, Lt-Gen DP Pandey claimed, "It is just not possible that such a number of activities can take place without complicity or connivance of local Pak military commanders.

Either they have adopted the approach of 'live and let live' or definitely they are complicit in allowing such activities to enable infiltration of terrorist groups. So this is definitely a change in behaviour in about a month's time".

He said, the current level of peace and stability, the increase in tourist footfall, visits of large number of members of Parliament to nook and corner of the Kashmir valley where they have interacted with every possible level of people of Kashmir is wrangling the elements across and the intent of sending small weapons in terms of pistols and grenades is to ensure you are arming so called 'hybrid' terrorists. He said, the youth who work or study during the day in the evening are given a task to carry out a hit.

My defeat means you lose me as CM: Didi to voters

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee once again staked her own image for people's support in the Bhawanipore Assembly by-election even as she told an audience from an election rally that if they wanted her to continue as their Chief Minister then they should come out in hordes to vote for her.

"Do not think that Didi will win on her own ... even one vote matters ... even one vote is important for me to win this election ... if you do not vote I will not be able to continue as the Chief Minister ... someone else will then be sworn in ... so if you want me to continue you will have to come out of your houses and vote for me", Banerjee who lost to Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari in the April-May Assembly elections requiring her to contest the by-elections said.

"A person cannot remain a Chief Minister if one is not elected within six months ... And it is not ethical to contin-



ue on the post if one cannot get elected ... so I will request you all to come out and vote", she said attacking the BJP for "trying to put spanners in the path of development of Bengal."

Attacking the BJP Governments all over the country she said "look how they are performing in UP ... the Government there suppressed coronadeaths and threw the bodies in the river and I had to fish the bodies out in Malda and cremate them ... this is how the BJP works."

Attacking the BJP-led Government in Tripura she said "they are attacking the TMC for imposing curbs but what is happening in Tripura... there they are not even allow-

ing Abhishek (Banerjee) to hold a rally... and in order to do so they have imposed Section 144 in that State till Dipawali which means that they will not allow the Durga Puja and

Kali Puja to be celebrated in that State ... so much to remain in power."

On the farm movement she said that the central government was so "ruthless" that they were ignoring the farmers who were agitating near Delhi for their rights. "The farmers are staging protests for the past 8 months but this ruthless Government is not talking to them because they want to please their corporate bosses," Banerjee said.

Political row as BJP worker booked for molestation

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Amid the ongoing war of words between the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Shiv Sena-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government over the Sakinaka rape and murder incident, the BJP on Thursday found itself in an embarrassing situation on Thursday, as the Mumbai police booked one of its party workers who had allegedly molested a woman in a municipal corporator's office on Independence Day last year.

In a development that has given fresh ammunition to the ruling MVA to take on the principal Opposition party which is demanding convening of a special session of the State Legislature to discuss Sakinaka rape and murder incident, the Borivli police on Wednesday registered a First Information Report (FIR) in connection with an incident that allegedly took in the Vazira Naka office of the BJP Municipal Corporator Anjali Khedekar.

According to the complaint lodged by the victim woman with the Borivli police station, the accused - a local BJP civic ward leader - had promised to help her join the party, called her to corporator Khedekar's office and then allegedly molested her inside

the premises late on the evening of August 15, 2020.

The victim woman told the police that after she went to the office, the accused BJP workers downed the shutters, switched off the lights, molested her, by saying that she would have to compromise if she wanted to work in the party.

The victim woman said that she somehow managed to walk out of the corporator's office. Five days later, she complained verbally to the local BJP MLA Sunil Rane.

When there was no response, the victim woman gave a written complaint to the Mumbai North BJP MP Gopal Shetty. Both Rane and Shetty ignored her complaint.

Finally, the victim woman approached the Borivli Police Station on Wednesday lodged a complaint with the Borivli police under section 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with an intent to outrage her modesty - in other words modesty) Indian Penal Code (IPC). "We have not made any arrest so far," Senior Police Inspector Sudhir Kalekar said on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Not surprisingly, the ruling Shiv Sena and Congress swiftly made an issue of the alleged incident and sought to "expose" the "double

speak" of the BJP and demanded action against the BJP worker who has been accused of outraging the modesty of a woman on the pretext of helping her join the party.

Reacting to the registration of an FIR against a BJP worker, Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar of the Shiv Sena said that she would meet the victim

woman and police officers dealing with the alleged molestation incident.

"Where are all those BJP leaders now? Why are they speaking up? We are now learning that after the incident, the victim woman had approached BJP MLAs and MPs of the BJP for help But, no one helped her," Pednekar said.

DOMBIVLI RAPE CASE 23 held for gangrape of 15-year-old girl

PNS ■ MUMBAI

The Dombivli police have arrested 23 youngsters and detained two minor boys for allegedly repeatedly gangraping a 15-year-old girl at various places for eight months. Those arrested and detained are among the 29 people booked in connection with the alleged gangrape of the girl at Thane.

The arrested people were on Thursday produced before a magistrate's court in Thane which remanded them in police custody till September 29. Quoting the complaint by the victim, the police said that in January, the victim's boyfriend

had indulged in forcible sex with her and video-graphed the act.

Later on, the accused boyfriend showed and shared the video with his friends who allegedly used the clip to blackmail and sexually assault the girl for over eight months.

The perpetrators, some of them said to be politically connected, compelled the girl to accompany them to various locations at Dombivli, other nearby towns like Rabale, Badlapur, Thane and also at a remote farmhouse, where they repeatedly raped her. The police got wind of the heinous incident through a tip-off received by them.

ATS grilling father-son duo in Bijoor over terror link; gun found

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The sleuths of the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) conducted raids at several houses in Bijoor and detained a father-son duo on the suspicion of their alleged links with subversive forces.

The ATS also reportedly recovered a pistol from the possession of the duo.

Sources said that acting on the inputs provided by the sleuths of the Army Intelligence, the ATS team conducted raids on Wednesday and picked up the father-son duo. Both are being interrogated by the ATS as well as members of both state and Central intelligence agencies.

To keep the operation 'secret' the local police have been kept away from the entire exercise.

The accused were identified as Parvez and his father Salmani, residents of village Noor Alipur. The initial probe has revealed that a few days back, Parvez's brother Javed, who works at a barber saloon in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, was arrested by the

police for supplying arms to terrorists. Following his interrogation by the members of Army Intelligence, the inputs were shared with ATS after which the father-son duo was picked up for interrogation.

It may be mentioned here that last week, the officials of the special crime branch of Delhi Police and the sleuths of Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) had busted an ISI module by arresting half-a-dozen people and seizing an improvised explosive device (IED) from them.

On Wednesday also, the ATS claimed to have made a major breakthrough in the country's "largest conversion racket" when they arrested Islamic scholar Maulana Kaleem Siddiqui from Meerut. According to the UP ATS, Siddiqui was arrested on charges of facilitating religious conversations. His name cropped up during the investigation into the Umar Gautam case. Umar Gautam was jailed in June after the Uttar Pradesh Police rounded him up for allegedly running a conversion racket.

10-day quarantine rule for those vaccinated in India is discriminatory: Govt tells UK

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid controversy over Britain's new rules to quarantine travellers from India who are vaccinated with two doses of Covishield because of vaccination certification issues, United Kingdom high commissioner to India Alex Ellis and National Health Authority chairman RS Sharma on Thursday discussed vaccine certification for Indian travellers.

The government has maintained the UK's decision of 10-day quarantine for those vaccinated with Covishield is "discriminatory" and New Delhi do reserve the right to reciprocate in a similar manner.

Meanwhile, after the discussions here, Ellis said India and the UK held an "excellent" technical discussion on the issue of vaccine certification and neither side raised technical concerns with each other's certification process. The discussions came a day after the UK government added India's Covishield to its list of approved Covid-19 vaccines.

However, despite the inclusion of Covishield, Indian trav-

ellers are not exempt from the quarantine rules under the UK's new international travel norms.

The talks between India and UK indicates that the UK may soon announce recognition to Covishield certificates which means Indian travellers will be exempted from the quarantine after arrival.

"Excellent technical discussions with @rssharma3 @AyushmanNHA. Neither side raised technical concerns with each other's certification process.

An important step forward in our joint aim to facilitate travel and fully protect public health of UK and India," Ellis tweeted on Thursday. His statement was welcomed by National Health Authority CEO Dr RS Sharma. "Echoing his excellency @AlexWellis's views, this will be instrumental in resuming socio-economic activities between India and UK. We also look forward to deepening ties between @AyushmanNHA and @NHSX, as we collaborate to build a digital continuum of healthcare services", Sharma said.

Petition challenging Asthana's appointment as Delhi CP copy-paste of similar plea in SC: HC warns

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The Delhi High Court on Thursday termed as "copy-paste" a petition filed before it challenging the appointment of IPS officer Rakesh Asthana as Delhi Police Commissioner and warned the petitioner that such activity shall not be repeated in the future. The high court also expressed anguish that the lawyer for the petitioner was unable to explain the averments made in the petition. Noted lawyer Prashant Bhushan who first filed petition in Supreme Court alleged the petitioner Sadre Alam had "copy and pasted his petition and filed in High Court.

A bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh said Alam's petition is entirely copied, including full stop and comma, from Bhushan's plea filed with similar prayers before the Supreme Court and added that if the petitioner wants to file something he shall do it independently.

"All these things you have copied from the memo of the senior advocate (referring to Bhushan). If you are copying, you do it 5 per cent and write 95 per cent of your own. Here, 97 to 99 per cent is copied even with all the full stops and commas. Don't do this in the future, we have tolerated it this time," the bench said. To this, advocate BS Bagga, appearing for the petitioner, said "I don't know from where these allegations have come from". Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was representing



the Centre, was also in agreement with Bhushan and had said this practice of copy-paste must be deprecated. During the day's hearing, when Bagga started his argument on inter cadre transfer, the Chief Justice asked him what he meant by "super time scale". The court repeatedly asked the same question which he was unable to explain and sought time to check and come back.

"We are asking you for the last time, we will dismiss the petition with costs. You have copied from his memo that is the problem. Without understanding, you are reading. Now we want an additional explanation. What is the super time scale", the bench said.

While addressing Bhushan, the bench said, "you people are also distributing your copies everywhere.

Don't do this. He does not know what is super time scale is. You are doing it in good faith but it becomes a weapon. I have asked the question deliberately. What assistance we will get? This is how in the Delhi High Court we are getting the assistance". The counsel sought time and the court listed the matter for further hearing on September 27.

Naidu pushes for attendance at Standing Committee meetings

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Ahead of the reconstitution of the 24 Department-Related Standing Committees (DRSC), Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu has sent a detailed record of participation by the members in committee meetings over the past year to the political parties, calling them to nominate members only based on their participation and interest.

Only 16 members of the Rajya Sabha (out of 243 MPs) attended all the scheduled 361 meetings held in 2020.

Six of these 16 members are Chairpersons of their respective committees. Opposition parties have routinely slammed the

Government for bypassing Parliamentary scrutiny by not sending key legislations to the Standing Committees.

On direction from Naidu, the Rajya Sabha Secretariat collated details on the participation by 243 members of the Rajya Sabha from 32 political parties, as well as Independents and nominated members, in 361 meetings of these Committees held in the period of September 2020-August 2021.

The report notes 115 other members clocked attendance of 50% or more. In all, 131 members, accounting for 54% of the House, reported attendance of 50% or more in the meetings of DRSCs. The attendance of about one third members of the

House has been below 30%.

The data shows that the average attendance of 92 Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) members of the Rajya Sabha in these meetings has been 56% while the same for 38 Congress members is 42%.

For the parties with 5 to 13 members, the average attendance has been 66%; the Biju Janata Dal is a close second at 62%. The attendance of Trinamool Congress MPs, who have been at the forefront of the protests by the Opposition on the Pegasus spyware and other issues, is only 24%. Janta Dal (United), though, has the lowest tally with just 16% attendance.

A lot needs to be done to boost UP's economy

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A recent report on Uttar Pradesh's economy released by State Planning Institute (Economic and Statistics Division) does not paint a rosy picture of the state and claims that the state's economy has grown at less than 5 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in the last four-and-a-half years of the Yogi Raj. The survey report does not augur well as Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had earlier set the target of taking Uttar Pradesh to a one-trillion-dollar economy in the next five years. At present, the nominal

GDP of the state for the year 2020-21 is Rs 17.05 lakh crore (US\$ 240 billion).

There is no denying the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the state's economy as UP's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has shrunk by 5.9 per cent in 2020-21. But the worrying sign is that the state's economy grew at less than 5 per cent in the last four-and-half-year tenure of the Yogi Adityanath regime.

The revised data released for 2018-19 (revised provisional), 2019-20 (revised quick) and 2020-21 (revised advance) also indicate that the economy of Uttar Pradesh grew at a lesser

rate than expected.

The revised estimates of the state's income that the State Planning Institute (Economic and Statistics Division) released last week show a systemic decline in the health of the economy.

The GSDP growth in 2017-18 was 4.9 per cent. However in 2018-19 and 2019-20 fiscals, it remained at about 4.3 per cent only. As per these estimates, the rate of economic growth was less than 5 per cent during 2017-20 and -5.9 per cent in the COVID-19 affected 2020-21.

The advance estimates for 2020-21 (released in March

Singapore investors willing to invest in UP, says Wong

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Singaporean High Commissioner in India, Simon Wong, said that there was a favourable environment for investment in Uttar Pradesh and a large number of Singapore investors were willing to invest in different projects of the state, including in the defence industrial corridor and MSME sector.

Wong expressed these views during his meeting with Chief Secretary Rajendra Kumar Tiwari in Lucknow on Thursday.

After the high-profile meeting, the chief secretary

said that due to the development of infrastructure facilities in Uttar Pradesh, it was being successful in attracting investors from across the world.

"Uttar Pradesh is providing an investor-friendly and fear-free environment. Besides, 21 new investment-friendly policies have been implemented in the state.

New expressways, including Purvanchal Expressway, Bundelkhand Expressway, Gorakhpur Link Expressway, Ballia Link Expressway and Ganga Expressway, are being developed making commuting by roads easy and safe.

Skeletons of three girls recovered in Mirzapur

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After the skeletons of three minor girls, reported missing for the last one month, were recovered from a forest in Harra area of Mirzapur, their mother mysteriously absconded.

The girls had left their home with their mother in Belahi village of Halia area a month back and were missing ever since.

The skeletons were sent for autopsy and forensic examination.

As per reports, some local shepherds spotted the skeletons in the jungles of Harra on Wednesday afternoon and alerted the father and brother of the victims who later reached there and identified them with the help of the clothes lying there.

The police were subsequently informed and the cops reached the spot and sent the skeletons for autopsy and forensic examination.

Efforts were now being made to trace the absconding mother.

During the preliminary probe, it surfaced that Devidas Kole of Belahi village had three sons and a daughter from his first wife Falguni who died a few years ago. Later, he married Sima, who had two daughters from her first marriage. After marriage, Sima's daughters also started living with Kole's family.

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Breathing death

WHO's revised air quality levels are in tune with the times. India must implement these quickly

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has revised air quality levels for six pollutants, including the particulate matter (PM). Coming after 2005, they cut down the existing acceptable threshold limits by half, prodding countries like India to improve their air quality without losing time. Pollution in Indian cities is far above even the existing limits at present. The new rules render the situation worse. Of particular interest are the PM guidelines. The average PM 2.5 (respirable pollution particles) concentration cannot be higher than five micrograms per cubic metre. However, the existing level is 10. For PM10, the threshold is brought down from 20 to 15. The world organisation said the revision was necessary as pollution is growing in developing countries engaged in large-scale urbanisation and economic development. The guidelines are welcome and need to be implemented. Recent studies show air pollution is reducing life expectancy in Indian cities by six to 10 years. It is time for India to implement big-ticket anti-pollution reforms. A national pollution survey is called for, to assess the meteorological and geographical changes impacting polluting levels. In cities situated in valleys, emissions tend to stay longer, adding to pollution problems. In cities like Delhi with flat terrains, the meteorology impacts in dispersing air pollution. Studies of air movement over urban areas help authorities know about pollution patterns necessary for anti-pollution planning. In the time since 2005, Delhi, for example, grew from being a city to the

National Capital Region of Delhi, covering an area of over 55,000 square km.

Townships, satellite centres and industrial zones have come up with IT and industrial clusters. The population and number of vehicles have grown several times. Adding to the city's pollution is the new element of trans-boundary pollution with emissions originating outside the city by way of traffic from Gurgaon and Noida. Industries in the north-east and northwest sectors contribute to the problem. The expansion of Delhi has increased demand for energy from domestic, industrial and transport sectors. Air pollution emissions naturally increased along with those of sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons. Over one-third of Delhi suffers from respiratory problems. The last time was 1998 when Delhi implemented low-emission reforms. The public transport vehicles switched to CNG and that alone made a difference. Hundreds of heavy industries were either shut down or relocated, their energy systems upgraded. India's national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS), revised last in 2009, are up for another revision in 2022. The study being conducted for updating the standards should take into account the latest WHO thresholds. Common sense measures are also called for. Vote bank politics cannot encourage stubble burning by farmers in Punjab and western Uttar Pradesh. Similarly, motorists should be made to realise that apart from exhaust fumes, brake dust also causes pollution.

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Clouds hover over the Old City area in Delhi

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Marching on

The SC insists that females be given the chance in Nov itself to take the NDA entrance exam

The National Defence Academy (NDA), the cradle for grooming boys to become officers in the three Services since 1954, will for the first time welcome women cadets. The Supreme Court has prodded the Government to allow female candidates to appear for the NDA exam in November this year. The Government had told the apex court that women can take the examination in May next year. However, the court, saying women's hopes cannot be belied, ordered that they be allowed to take the test in November. Determined to have gender parity, the only tri-Services training institute in the world, the NDA, was engaged in creating suitable infrastructure for women cadets since early this year. While there is no issue with academic curriculum, the authorities are taking meticulous care in finalising the outdoor training and physical fitness parameters for the females. Physical training includes basic combat drills besides endurance, so far customised for only male cadets. Then there is the issue of fixing standards for

physical and medical criteria for females. The male candidates who clear the written exam and interview have to pass the medical test to become eligible for joining the NDA. The test also comprises specified weight and height.

Aiming to induct women cadets in a short time, the NDA is working overtime to fix these standards regarding outdoor training and medical exam. The effort is to ensure that training standards remain top class while formulating parameters for them. The Government had submitted in the apex court that any dilution of physical training and service subjects of firing, endurance, field craft and living off the land for women cadets would impact the battle worthiness of the armed forces. The three Services chiefs had visited the NDA in August to review the infra creation progress. With changing times, female officers are serving with distinction in various wings of the IAF, Navy and Army. In fact, at least four women IAF officers are currently undergoing the final stage of their fighter jet flying training. Similarly, women officers are flying helicopters and transport planes. The Navy has also allowed women to serve on warships when they are seaward-bound. It means they will sail like their male colleagues for months together. Of course, the Navy has created suitable living bunks and other related infrastructure on the warships.

US probing Pak's role in Afghanistan

Ever since it became a sovereign nation, Pakistan has been ostensibly 'helping' the US to actually further its own interests in the region



JL KOULL JALALI

The US is keenly looking into the role Pakistan played in Afghanistan after its war against Taliban and terrorism following the attacks on the World Trade Centre and Pentagon on September 11, 2001. This was revealed by US Secretary of State Tony Blinken to angry US lawmakers who were protesting against Pakistan's "duplicitous" role in Afghanistan. Among others, Congressman Bill Keating, Chair, House Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee, said that apart from the ISI's strong ties with the Haqqani network, Pakistan created the Taliban and helped it regroup in 2010. He bemoaned that the Pakistan PM celebrated the Taliban's takeover of Kabul.

Pakistan started following a duplicitous policy towards the US soon after it came into existence in August 1947. In 1952, when the West was engaged in its efforts to contain Communism, Pakistan opted for the American bloc (and arms) purportedly to fight the expansion of Communism but actually to strengthen its muscle against India. Some years later, then Pakistan President Gen Ayub Khan said that the arms were "not to be kept wrapped". These were actually used against India in the 1965 and 1971 wars even though given only to fight the expansion of Communism, if the need arose.

The erstwhile Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in 1979 had added to Pakistan's strategic importance. It exploited the development dexterously to continue its special relationship with the US despite clear signs of duplicity and formal breakup of the Soviet Union in 1993. The US had turned Pakistan into a ground for Mujahideen fighting against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and a conduit for arms and funds to equip them with weaponry. Pakistan diverted a part of these arms to perpetrate terror in Kashmir and to train, equip and indoctrinate Pashtun students from Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The radicalisation programme started under then Pakistan President Gen Zia-ul-Haq and was meant to address the ethnic divide because of which Pakistan had failed to



have full sway in Afghanistan. Apart from fomenting terror in Kashmir, Pakistan's main aim was to create Taliban Islamic Movement to acquire leverage in Afghanistan and to establish a commanding position, especially vis-a-vis India. But despite clear indications, the US appeared to connive with Pakistan's ulterior motives to foster its own geopolitical and other interests.

The Soviet forces withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989 and the US too faded from the scene after ensuring that Pakistan had established its influence on the Mujahideen. After Soviet withdrawal, a civil war ensued in Afghanistan. Interspersed by its army, Pakistan introduced the Taliban militia in this civil war in November 1994. After wreaking havoc on hapless Afghans, the militia gained power in September 1996. With Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden already present there and declaring jihad against the West, Afghanistan turned into a bastion of terrorism. Pakistan, with calculated use of terrorism as a tool of its State policy, had already become the epicentre of terrorism. India continued to caution the world, both in the



APART FROM FOMENTING TERROR IN KASHMIR, PAKISTAN'S MAIN AIM WAS TO CREATE THE TALIBAN ISLAMIC MOVEMENT TO ACQUIRE LEVERAGE IN AFGHANISTAN AND TO ESTABLISH A COMMANDING POSITION, ESPECIALLY VIS-A-VIS INDIA

UN and outside, about these dangers to world peace. In an article on October 2, 1999, titled "International Drive To Fight Terrorism", the writer criticised the narrow American approach towards the Pak-Taliban nexus but the US did not heed the warning. Obviously, the ground had been laid for the September 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Following the horrifying attacks, the US waged a war against the Taliban. The public opinion in Pakistan was that its Government shouldn't join this effort. When criticised for aligning with the West, then Pakistan President Gen Pervez Musharraf reportedly stated that had he not done so, America might have taken action against Pakistan, too. He was aware that their duplicity had begun to be noticed. The Taliban was soon removed from power. But, years later, Pakistan resumed helping the Taliban regroup. It turned into a haven for terror attacks on Afghanistan. Pakistan's duplicitous attitude prompted former US President Donald Trump to say in 2019: "The US has foolishly given Pakistan more than \$33 bn in aid over the last 15 years and they have given us

nothing but lies and deceit, thinking of our leaders as fools."

Obviously, now the inevitable has happened. Despite a positive sign or two, the Taliban's resurgence poses a serious threat to peace. Radicalisation has been the main factor behind the Taliban's rise. The challenge can be met by promotion of liberal Islam and Sufism. Though this section is a minuscule minority, Sufism has an eternal appeal and, with the passage of time and through encouragement, it can turn into a potential challenge to radicalism and extremism. As mentioned by this writer on October 8, 2016, in the article, "Islamic Radicalism and Sufi Islam", Russia, like India, too was hit hard by jihadi terrorism in Chechnya. But after dealing with the situation strongly, it encouraged liberal and Sufi Islam to root out the remnants of jihadi terrorism. If Russia could do it, the rest of the world can also do it. For survival and the betterment of mankind, the world powers must desist from turning terrorism into a geopolitical issue.

(The writer is a journalist, former IIS officer and producer. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ARMY 'BIRD' GOES DOWN

Sir — The fatal crash of a *Cheetah* helicopter has highlighted the urgency to focus on re-examining the safety of these helicopters, which are being operated by the Indian armed forces. These choppers need to be grounded immediately till a comprehensive safety audit is completed about airworthiness. Two young pilots from Army Aviation corps, Major Rohit Kumar (35) and Major Anuj Rajput (28) who lost their lives in this crash, were on training sorties and were extremely passionate about joining the armed forces and serving the nation.

The Hindustan Aeronautical Ltd (HAL) should go into an in-depth investigation to see if there is any design flaw in the *Cheetah* helicopter and take corrective measures. If this helicopter had crashed in a civilian area, casualties could have been way more. Therefore, any fault or technical glitch must be investigated at the earliest to avoid any such future crashes. It would be unjust to neglect the safety of those who protect us at all times. Major Kumar and Major Rajput were brave officers who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. Tragically, they leave behind their grieving parents. The nation will always remain indebted to them. Our hearts go out to the family members of these young pilots.

Ramesh Jethwani | Bengaluru

NOT JUST ANOTHER SHEET OF CLOTH

Sir — Who believes that saree is not a smart outfit? A restaurant in the Capital seems to have a perverted view and pointed out that saree does not qualify as a smart dress and it is a lopsided view. In the fashion world, saree has assumed a prominent place with the womenfolk preferring the six-yard wonder as the best dress for all seasons. It is worth mentioning here that the women in Pakistan prefer sarees, too. By draping the saree around your body with a proper matching blouse, you get the feeling of security and the posh look.

The symbolism of saree goes a long way in developing the personality of a

'Narcotics jihad' busted



Now that Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has exposed the falsehood of the claim of Pala Bishop Mar Joseph Kallarangatt that there is the phenomenon of 'narcotics jihad' in the State, the Bishop should show the basic decency to admit to having made a mistake and withdraw his remark. The remark made by the Bishop of Syro-Malabar Church with an intent to malign a particular community was unworthy of a spiritual leader. It led us to have a down on him. The false narrative that Christian girls

are befriended and lured by Muslim men into marriage in order to rope them into religious wars should end here and now.

Women, irrespective of their religions, cannot be denied autonomy in their lives. They are entirely free to choose their partners; they don't need a Bishop's nod. Putting religion above humanity should be anathema to educated people in its true sense. The Vatican should take a serious note of the utterances of the likes of Pala Bishop to drive a wedge between religious communities and discipline them to watch their language and behave properly and responsibly in a multi-religious society in which people of different faiths live cheek by jowl. The laity or congregation must also raise their voice against Bishops who by word or deed do harm or hurt a sense of wider secular community and neighbourliness they all cherish and share.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

woman in the office as a professional. It is a wrap worth wearing with all glamour and style. There is nothing like a saree to make you look most elegant all the time. Saree not only has cultural significance in India but, over the years, has also been seen a touch of modern fashion. In recent times, actors like Vidya Balan are diehard saree lovers and their success on the big screen is counted based on the saree culture. The present generation go for pattu and chiffon of different colours and designs. Thus, by far, the saree is the most flexible garment available in the fashion world.

MR Jayanthi | Mumbai

KOHLI LEFT ON A HIGH NOTE

Sir — Even if the team lifts the upcoming T20 World Cup at the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the crown of success will most probably be laid at the door of MS Dhoni. Ironically, Kohli had a stupendous success rate as captain in the shortest format of the game. He has led India to victory in the last five T20 series

though not a World Cup trophy as yet. At the same time, the presence of Dhoni at the T20 world cup can be a blessing in disguise for Kohli who can solely concentrate on batting, knowing well that the calming presence of Dhoni is more than enough for the team's prospects.

Kohli's record as the ODI captain is mixed, so is Test skipper's. But there is no denying that he has provided a new dimension to India's test match-winning ability abroad. The recent win in the truncated series against England is an example. Most international players enjoy captaining their sides in white ball cricket. Kohli is one captain who seems to relish guiding his men in the traditional form of cricket — the Tests. Therefore, it looks just a matter of time before the star batsman relinquishes the captain's responsibilities in one-day internationals, too.

Ganapathi Bhat | Nagpur

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SOUNDBITE

The need of the hour is to initiate actions that return the economy to a high-growth track and create gainful jobs by 2030.



Vice-President — M Venkaiah Naidu

I express gratitude for the warm welcome Canada has shown Tibetan refugees since the time your (Justin Trudeau) late father was the Prime Minister.

Tibetan spiritual leader — Dalai Lama

If the youth, in any way, can create or propagate an inclusive space by working with the deaf community, please do.



Actor — Ranveer Singh

Started off my time with a wonderful afternoon with @abhinav_bindra Sir and his family. Was able to introduce my medal to its elder sibling from Beijing.

Olympics gold medalist — Neeraj Chopra

I personally believe that *Ramayana* is an imaginary book and I don't think Rama was a great person or that he was alive.



Former Bihar Chief Minister — Jitan Ram Manjhi

FIRST COLUMN
QUAD SUMMIT AND MODI-BIDEN TALKS

India has a range of bilateral discussions lined up on current issues of interest



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

The United States is hosting the first in-person summit of QUAD leaders in Washington and perhaps beginning of a new era of cooperation on what the White House termed as "demonstration of the priority of engaging in the Indo-Pacific, including through new multilateral configurations designed to focus on 21st century challenges". The centrality is the realigning of the partners' foreign policies to Indo-Pacific coordination on shared targets. This roughly translates into keeping a sharp eye on China which is trying to defy international legal orders; therefore, a global consensus on the South China Sea is emerging. India's focus during the QUAD summit will be tackling the Covid-19 pandemic and future cooperation, climate change issues, and an open Indo-Pacific region that allows equal and fair access for nations to prosper. During the first, virtual meeting of the QUAD leaders in March, 2021, a commitment of one billion vaccines by 2022 was made. The leaders may also talk about additional relief and assistance measures for poor countries as a goodwill



gesture. On the QUAD sidelines, a working group of senior representatives from member countries will focus on cyber security, secure supply chains infrastructure, and work towards finding a common language on emerging technologies including artificial intelligence. The global pandemic has ensured all digital economies around the globe, not to mention the QUAD members, need to find a common thread on defining paradigms for next-generation technology growth and collateral threats. The world industry facing acute shortage of semiconductor chips and other critical digital hardware components understand the importance of working with reliable trusted partners. United States, Australia, Japan and India are critical levers of the huge digital engine driving this technology towards a prosperity dream. One of the best outcomes from the QUAD summit could be for the leaders to come out with a paper on destinations and targets for this digital highway. This in itself could be one the key success stories for QUAD.

The last aspect on which most of the countries from the quadrilateral can make announcements would be on securing clean targets and achieving goals on climate change. The US envoy on climate John Kerry's visit to India a few days back was a firm commitment towards achieving time bound targets. The US offered assistance to India for quickly reaching its renewable energy targets of 450 GW by 2030. Currently India's environment and climate change portfolio is held by ruling party heavy weight Bhupendra Yadav, who enjoys the blessings of the senior leadership. The only challenge for India on this green path could be about assuming more green responsibilities at international forums while trying to attract investments. That is where the will of the domestic government and the organizational skills of the current minister will come for test. Finally on the sidelines of QUAD, Prime Minister Modi and his external affairs minister will hold a whole range of bilateral talks on current issues of interest. The India-US discussions and the outcome notes would be the most watched as this would be first in-person meeting between the President of the US and the Indian Prime Minister. Narendra Modi shared a visible sense of bonhomie with Joe Biden's predecessor Donald Trump. The same optics may not be repeated but Biden is unlikely to disappoint his counterpart. Afghanistan's safety, security and upholding of human rights in central Asia would definitely feature as key topics during the bilateral. The hurried exit of the US from Afghanistan has placed many fringe players such as India in a spot in the Central Asian theatre. Every major player in the region including China, Russia and Iran is trying to recalibrate its position with regard to Afghanistan.

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Role of cooperatives in Indian economy

The NCAER recently undertook a study on cooperative agro-processing and identification of institutional financial lacunae in the cooperative movement



SAURABH BANDYOPADHYAY ANUPMA MEHTA

The cooperative movement in India has regained focus after the Union Government recently created a Ministry of Cooperation to provide a separate administrative legal and policy framework for streamlining the cooperatives. The move is expected to cascade the movement down to the grassroots level for facilitating the growth of a people-based economic development model. It envisages an environment that would enable 'sahkar se samridhi' (prosperity through cooperation) and promote 'ease of doing business' for cooperatives through various proactive measures, including the development of Multi-State Cooperatives (MSCs).

The genesis of the current movement can be traced to the enactment of the Cooperative Credit Societies Act by the British in 1904. Subsequently, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru gave it a fillip by integrating cooperatives into the Five-Year Plans. His vision of "convulsing India with the cooperative movement...to make it, broadly speaking, the basic activity of India, in every village as well as elsewhere, indeed to make the cooperative approach the common thinking of India" was a precursor for the establishment of cooperative societies especially in rural India, thus laying the foundation for the largest cooperative movement in the world.

The institution of cooperative marketing societies by the National Development Council (NDC), coupled with the passage of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act by the Parliament in 1984 enhanced the importance of the movement. By definition, therefore, cooperative societies were envisioned as a combined agglomerate of persons voluntarily coming together to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

It was anticipated that the cooperative movement would largely be concentrated in the agricultural sector, playing a significant role across operations spanning production, distribution, and consumption. Two of the most conspicuous success stories emerging from the implementation of this model were the White Revolution and the Green Revolution. As per data from the National Dairy Development Board, in 2019-20, dairy cooperatives had procured 4.80 crore litres of milk from 1.7 crore members, while selling 3.7 crore litres of liquid milk per day. Farm sector experts point out that cooperatives have also positively impacted post-harvest processing, storage, transportation, trade, and input procurement for a range of activities in the agricultural sector.

The movement has reportedly fostered 5.03 lakh cooperatives, a membership of 210 million, and a network stretching through the entire breadth of rural India, while accounting for 46.31 per cent of the total agricultural credit and 23.5 per cent of the total fertiliser production across the country. These milestones have been achieved through the institution of 21 national-level, 361 State-level, and 2,572 district-level



THEREFORE, THE IMMEDIATE PRIORITY BEFORE THE NEW MINISTRY IS TO REVAMP THE NATIONWIDE COOPERATIVE STRATEGY TO ENSURE ACCESS TO COST-EFFECTIVE INSTITUTIONAL SOURCES OF CREDIT, CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY FOR PRODUCERS, ESPECIALLY IN AGRICULTURE

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cooperative federations in the country. Hence, every sphere of national and local economic activity has literally been brought under the ambit of the cooperative movement.

But is the picture as rosy as these statistics apparently indicate? Rumblings of discontent among farmers, in particular, and the farm sector, in general, suggest that the contribution of cooperatives to actual growth in the agricultural sector is significantly lower than expectations. Despite the need for substantial investments in the form of plant, machinery, tools, and equipment in farming, the outcomes reflect low capital and low productivity linkages, along with the need for augmenting an under-performing marketing infrastructure.

In order to identify the ground-level roadblocks and suggest measures to overcome them, the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) recently undertook a study on cooperative agro-processing and identification of institutional financial lacunae in the cooperative movement with special attention on the role of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The NCAER study, covering 304 cooperative units in Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, and West Bengal, found that marginal and small farmers sell a major part of their agricultural commodities to private traders, which prevents them from reaping the profits of their produce even during a bumper harvest. Their small quantity transactions translate into meagre cooperative shares and weak bargaining power in the market. Lack of adequate storage facilities also compromises the processing of paddy, grains, and fruits and vegetables, which, in turn, adversely impacts the shelf life

of products and compromises employment outcomes. Further, the study showed a decadal decline in the share of agro-processing in the total value of the manufacturing output from 32.31 per cent in 2000-2001 to 22.9 per cent in 2011-12.

The NCAER estimations, based on analysis of the 70th Round unit-level data from the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), also highlight the need for providing cooperative support for marketing penetration and storage to smallholders, who constituted 86 per cent of the total share of landholdings in 2015-16, according to the Tenth Agricultural Census. In this context, NCDC, which has been at the forefront of the cooperative movement in the country, can offer pivotal support to the agriculture sector through the development of sustainable supply chains linking farmers to processing centres and markets. Critical funding from NCDC towards cooperative sector schemes comprising fisheries, dairy and livestock, water conservation, micro irrigation, agricultural insurance and credit, among others, constituted over 49 per cent of the cumulative lending for the period 2008-13. Yet the corporation is not being offered concessional finance under priority sector lending. Compelled to source its funds from the market, NCDC faces constraints in offering loans to cooperatives at competitive rates, which has a deterrent impact on post-harvest agricultural activities.

An assessment of the capacity utilisation of the surveyed units revealed that nearly 34 per cent of them were under-utilising their capacities in the range of 25 to 75 per cent, due to various reasons, such as inadequate supply of products for processing, shortage of skilled manpower, funds crunch, lack of demand, and non-availability of advanced machinery. In addition,

most States exhibit poor urban and rural representation of self-help groups and cooperatives in the sphere of foodgrain disbursement under the Public Distribution System (PDS) through the network of Fair Price Shops (FPS). Notwithstanding the policy for issuance of FPS licences to women's self-help groups, village panchayats, urban local bodies, and cooperatives, the combined percentage of their FPS presence in India is merely about 26 per cent, with the rest going to private individual ownership.

It is obvious that despite its monumental potential, the cooperative model in the country is facing numerous policy hurdles. Since the administration of cooperatives has traditionally fallen under the purview of the respective State governments, the establishment of a Central Ministry to oversee their functioning may also have certain political repercussions and revive the national debate on collaborative federalism. The immediate priority before the new Ministry, therefore, is to revamp the nation-wide cooperative strategy to ensure access to cost-effective institutional sources of credit, capital equipment, and state-of-the-art technology for producers, especially in agriculture. Another vital mandate for it would be fulfilment of the fundamental objective of cooperatives of lifting the illiterate and unskilled workers out of poverty by providing them comprehensive infrastructural and marketing support for livelihood. There is no denying the fact that cooperatives have always signified viable solutions even in a falling market. It remains to be seen if the renewed political and economic focus on cooperatives can actually metamorphose into a truly people-based movement at the grassroots level, to usher in prosperity through people's participation.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

CAST YOUR VOTE EVEN IF IT RAINS. IF YOU WANT TO SEE ME AS THE CHIEF MINISTER, YOU MUST VOTE FOR ME.

— WEST BENGAL CM MAMATA BANERJEE



A DEFEATED CHIEF MINISTER IS MAKING DESPERATE EFFORTS. SHE DID NOT LEARN FROM THE NANDIGRAM LESSON.

— BJP LEADER SUVENDU ADHIKARI

The misuse of law — a challenge to Indian judiciary

Public Interest Litigations have ensured against derailment of the rule of law and benefited the socially vulnerable sections

Efficient implementation of law is a pre-requisite for a stable and peaceful society and democracy is the torch bearer for a vibrant people-centric governance. The democratic fabric of a nation compliments the jurisprudence in ensuring the lawful governance. Over the years judicial activism through the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has ensured that the derailment of the rule of law is prevented and the socially vulnerable sections of the society have immensely benefited.

The PIL concept was introduced by Justice PN Bhagwati. It refers to litigation undertaken to secure public interest and created an opportunity of justice to socially-disadvantaged



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groups and provided relaxation on the traditional rule of locus standi. Ever since its enunciation in 1980s, the judiciary has used it for the course correction of executive's functions and several landmark judgements have provided reliefs to affected citizens.

However, in India of late a serious problem of misuse of law is cropping up and threatening the jurisprudence. This writer has been a witness to such misuse of law both by the common citizens as well as people in power. He has recently written a book "Quest for Civility-an insight into Indian Babudom" on the misuse of power by people in authority.

The trigger for this arti-



cle came from a newspaper report about challenging the appointment of Rakesh Asthana as the Delhi Police Commissioner under a PIL filed by a few non-government organizations opposed to the present dispensation at the Centre. Asthana has challenged it as misuse of law.

Now let us discuss it how his appointment was made and under what rule. The All India Service officers IAS, IPS and IFS (forests) are recruited by the Union

Government and it is up to the sweet will of the government to utilize them anywhere in the country or abroad in public interest. They can be granted extension in service or transferred from one cadre to the other if need be, depending upon their service records and the opinion of the government.

Such action of the Central is absolutely within its power and cannot be challenged. The government will have its reasons for the appointment. Some officers may have their reasons to be disappointed with the decision. If affected officers had gone to the Central Administrative Tribunal it would have been justified and the case could have been decided on merit. However, how could an unaf-

fect party challenge the power of the government? If the country allows such wastage of time on things based purely on ulterior motives or at the instigation of political leaders to regularly bring such matters in courts it would put the entire country's administration as well as security to peril.

There are many other instances of misuse of powers, however, which need the attention of Supreme Court, High Courts and lower courts as well as legislatures. Crimes against women are attracting the attention of the judiciary with stringent provisions but surveys had shown that most of the provisions of section 354 of IPC and the Dowry Prevention Law (Section 498A/ 406 of

IPC) are the most misused provisions of law in India and yet no modifications seem to have been made in it. The provision, enacted to protect the dignity of a woman, has become a widely misused weapon by them and is used to harass and blackmail their husband and his family. Once an FIR is filed under 498A/406 (IPC) it becomes a tool in the hands of the police to harass the husband and all his relatives named in the FIR without even preliminary investigation.

According to a survey conducted by Fight against Misuse of Dowry law, 98 per cent of the cases filed under section 498A are false. One senior officer of Ladakh is facing a false dowry case and his father, a retired senior

officer of 71 years, is running from pillar to post. Similarly, section 354 is routinely used to harass men deliberately to settle property and other disputes. More than half of such cases ultimately prove false and no real punitive action is taken against the complainant.

The country needs to bring in a law to prevent misuse of law. If a case is dismissed, the complainant and others involved in the investigation and tendering of false witness must be punished. Only then the country's judiciary as well as the police and other agencies would be spared such wastage of time and at the same time the law protecting citizens would be implemented well.

GLOBE TROTTER

7 DEAD AS BOAT CAPSIZES IN LAKE VICTORIA
Nairobi: A local official in Kenya says seven people are dead after their boat capsized in Lake Victoria. Homa Bay County Commissioner Moses Lilan says the seven bodies pulled from the lake after the accident include one of a child. Officials say four people are still missing.

ANCIENT CLAY TABLET GOING BACK TO IRAQ
Washington: A 3,500-year-old clay tablet discovered in the ruins of the library of an ancient Middle Eastern king, then looted from a museum 30 years ago, is finally headed back to Iraq.

LAVA RAISES FEARS OF DAMAGE ON ISLAND
Todorcu: The advance of lava from a volcanic eruption in Spain's Canary Islands has slowed significantly, raising doubts Thursday about whether it will fan out across the land and destroy more homes instead of flowing into the sea. A giant river of lava slowed to four metres (13 feet) per hour after reaching a plain on Wednesday. On Monday, a day after the eruption on the island of La Palma, it was moving at 700 metres per hour.

Af power transition without negotiation, in non-inclusive manner: India at UN

New York: India on Thursday said that the transition of power in Afghanistan has been without negotiation and in a non-inclusive manner, raising questions on its acceptability. India's Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs Reenat Sandhu, speaking at the Community of Democracies 10th Ministerial Conference 'Democracy and Resilience: Shared Goals', said it is important that the new government in Afghanistan is broad-based and inclusive, representing all sections of Afghan society, including women and minorities. The Taliban took control of Kabul on August 15 and have put in place a hardline interim 33-member Cabinet that has no woman and includes UN-designated terrorists. "Over the past month, we have witnessed dramatic changes in Afghanistan. PTI

Taliban unlikely to participate in UNGA

Diplomats of ousted Govt still in office

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS
The Taliban, which now rule Afghanistan after overthrowing the elected Government of President Ashraf Ghani, are unlikely to represent their country at the high-level United Nations General Assembly session as representatives of the ousted dispensation still occupy the office at the UN, a Pakistani media report said on Thursday. Afghanistan is scheduled to address the ongoing UN General Assembly session on September 27.



Afghan children collect water from a public water pump in Kabul on Thursday AP

On September 20, the Taliban-controlled Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent a letter to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, requesting him to participate in the 76th UNGA session in New York. It was signed by Taliban leader Ameer Khan Muttaqi as the new Afghan Foreign Minister. A week ago on

Afghan Taliban's new UN envoy urges recognition

Kabul: The Taliban's newly appointed envoy to the United Nations on Wednesday urged quick world recognition of Afghanistan's new rulers even as the World Health Organisation raised the alarm of an impending health care disaster in the war-ravaged country. The humanitarian crisis is one of the many challenges the Taliban face since their takeover of Afghanistan last month, including renewed threats from the militant Islamic State group, which recently stepped up its attacks, targeting members of the Taliban in its stronghold in the country's east. In an emergency measure, the UN aid coordinator Martin Griffiths released USD45 million in life-saving support Wednesday for Afghanistan from the world body's emergency fund. AP

US calls on UNSC P5 members to remain united on Afghanistan

United Nations: The US has called on fellow permanent members of the UN Security Council to remain "united" on Afghanistan, to hold the Taliban accountable to its commitments and to work together to ensure humanitarian access and availability of funds to meet humanitarian needs in the war-torn country. The US, the UK, France, China and Russia, known as P5, are the five permanent and veto-wielding members of the 15-nation powerful UN organ. UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss chaired a meeting of the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday on the margins of the high-level 76th session of the UN General Assembly. US State Department

Turabi: Strict punishment, executions will return

AP ■ KABUL
One of the founders of the Taliban and the chief enforcer of its harsh interpretation of Islamic law when they last ruled Afghanistan said the hard-line movement will once again carry out executions and amputations of hands, though perhaps not in public. In an interview with *The Associated Press*, Mullah Nooruddin Turabi dismissed outrage over the Taliban's executions in the past, which sometimes took place in front of crowds at a stadium, and he warned the world against interfering with Afghanistan's new rulers. "Everyone criticized us for the punishments in the stadium, but we have never said anything about their laws and their punishments," Turabi told *The Associated Press*, speaking in Kabul. "No one will tell us what our laws should be. We will follow Islam and we will make our laws on the Quran." Since the Taliban overran Kabul on Aug. 15 and seized control of the country, Afghans and the world have been watching to see whether they will recreate their harsh rule of the late 1990s.



Taliban leader Mullah Nooruddin Turabi poses for a photo in Kabul AP

Tensions grow as US, allies deepen Indo-Pacific involvement

AP ■ BANGKOK
War or a world divided into rigid blocs," and Xi telling the forum that "China has never, and will never invade or bully others or seek hegemony." But the underlying issues have not changed, with China building up its military outposts as it presses its maritime claims over critical sea lanes, and the US and its allies growing louder in their support of Taiwan, which China claims as part of its territory, and deepening military cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. On Friday, Biden hosts the leaders of Japan, India and Australia for an in-person Quadrilateral Security Dialogue for broad talks including the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change, but also how to keep the Indo-Pacific, a vast region spanning from India to Australia, "free and open," according to the White House. It comes a week after the dramatic announcement that Australia would be dropping a contract for conventional French submarines in favour of an Anglo-American offer for nuclear-powered vessels, a bombshell that overshadowed the unveiling of the European Union's strategy to boost political and defense ties in the Indo-Pacific. "One thing is certain, that everyone is pivoting toward the Indo-Pacific," said Garima Mohan, an Asia program fellow with the German Marshall Fund think tank. As partners pursue moves that play to their own strengths and needs, however, the past week has underscored the lack of coordination as a networked security strategy develops, she said. "Not everyone has the same threat assessment of China," she said in a telephone interview from Berlin.

US envoy to Haiti resigns over migrant expulsions

Port-au-Prince: The Biden administration's special envoy to Haiti has resigned, protesting "inhumane" large-scale expulsions of Haitian migrants to their homeland wracked by civil strife and natural disaster, US officials said on Thursday. Daniel Foote was appointed to the position only in July, following the assassination of Haiti's president. Even before the migrant expulsions from the small Texas border town of Del Rio, the career diplomat was known to be deeply frustrated with what he considered a lack of urgency in Washington and a glacial pace on efforts to improve conditions in Haiti. AP

China sends 19 fighter jets towards Taiwan in show of force

AP ■ TAIPEI
China sent 19 fighter jets toward Taiwan in a large display of force on Thursday, after the self-governing island announced its intention to join an 11-nation Pacific trade group that China has also applied to join. Taiwan deployed air patrol forces in response to the Chinese jets and tracked them on their air defense systems, the island's Defense Ministry said in a statement. Among the various jets, some of which flew in a long L-shaped path, were 12 J-16 and two J-11s, as well as bombers and an anti-submarine aircraft. China has sent fighter jets toward Taiwan on an almost daily basis this past year. It stepped up its military harassment of the self-ruled island and has sent large displays of fighter jets after political events in which it views as interfering with its sovereignty. Taiwan and China split during a civil war in 1949, but China continues to claim Taiwan as part of its territory. Beijing opposes Taiwan's involvement in international bodies. Taiwan announce Thursday that it applied to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, setting up another potential clash with Beijing.

Africa CDC slams UK's decision to subject some fully vaccinated travellers to quarantine

Lagos (Nigeria): The director of Africa CDC has criticised Britain's decision to subject some travellers who had been fully vaccinated to quarantine upon their arrival in England. Dr John Nkengasong says the Africa CDC will call for a review of the policy that "doesn't speak to solidarity and cooperation" and are "the cornerstone" to defeat the pandemic. Britain had pledged to share 100 million vaccines with the rest of the world by June 2022, with 30 million doses to be sent to various countries in 2021, including in Nigeria where it donated 1.2 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine in August. But its new policy taking effect October 4 means some people who got those vaccines are still not recognized as fully vaccinated. That is because the UK government recognises those fully vaccinated against Covid-19 based on certain terms, including that travellers must have received a UK-authorized shot from an approved health body. AP

Highest stakes in repatriating displaced people from Myanmar: India

United Nations: As the only country sharing a long border with Bangladesh and Myanmar, India has one of the "highest stakes" in resolving the issue of repatriation of displaced persons from the Rakhine State of Myanmar, New Delhi's envoy here said. Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Ambassador TS Tirumurti told the UN General Assembly High-Level Side Event 'Rohingya Crisis: Imperatives for a Sustainable Solution' that India commends the Government of Bangladesh for hosting a million displaced persons in its territory. He voiced concern that the international community has been unable to help resolve the repatriation of displaced persons from the Rakhine State in an expeditious manner. "It is important for us to recognise and understand the humanitarian burden that Bangladesh continues to bear and support the efforts it has undertaken to ensure the well-being of the displaced persons," Tirumurti said. "It is indeed a matter of concern that the international community has been unable to help resolve this issue in an expeditious and sustainable manner," he said, adding that a collaborative and consensus-based approach is key to arriving at a meaningful outcome. PTI

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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Capri Global Housing Finance Limited (CGHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CGHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(Loan Account No. LNHEPRD000019482 of our Aadapur Branch) Deepak Khanna (Borrower) Jyoti Khanna, CPK The Mentor Food Product Supplier Hotel Management & Science (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Plot area admeasuring 125 Sq Yds out of Kharsa Nos. 148/1/1, 2/1, 10, 12/1, 149/6/2, 125/1/1/2, 20, 21, 22/1 situated in the area of Village Parasram Colony, Tehsil & Distt Palwal, Haryana Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both.	21-06-2021 Rs. 18,47,703	18-09-2021
2.	(Loan Account No. LNHLPRD000027226 of our Pusaroad Branch) Manjeet Singh (Borrower) Mandep Kaur (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Entire Third floor with roof Rights built up on Part of Plot No. 2 (Old), New Municipal No. 49, area admeasuring 115 Sq. Yds. Situated in the Old Lal Dora of Village Singerpur, now known as Singhal Pur, Delhi-110088. Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both.	21-06-2021 Rs. 31,92,016/-	18-09-2021
3.	(Loan Account No. LNCGHGURH000000408 of our Gurgaon Branch) Riyaz Khan (Borrower) Manisha (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Property bearing No. 225, area admeasuring 75 Sq yds, Part of Kharsa No. 141 situated in old Lal Dora of Village Bijwasan, Delhi. Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both. Boundaries as Under:- EAST :- Property of Mr. Niasiddh & Dalut Ram, West:- Property of Mr. Jeet Singh, North:- Rasta, South:- Open Space	21-06-2021 Rs. 17,94,467/-	18-09-2021
4.	(Loan Account No. LNCGHKDDH000000172 of our Karkardooma Branch) Surender Chadha (Borrower) Vipin Chadha (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of House No. E-171-B, Second floor, Block-E, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both.	21-06-2021 Rs. 8,54,552/-	18-09-2021
5.	(Loan Account No. LNCGHJHNL0000001442 of our Pusaroad Branch) Sushila Devi (Borrower) Prashant Kumar (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Plot No. GF-04 MIG, Ground floor, Built up on Plot No. B-76, Kharsa No. 410, SLF Ved Vihar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both.	21-06-2021 Rs. 24,30,971/-	18-09-2021
6.	(Loan Account No. LNHLGR000020629 of our Agra Branch) Rajesh Kumar (Borrower) Manjesh (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Part of Plot No. E-3, area admeasuring 41.69 Sq Yds, Kharsa No. 652 (Min), K.J.S. Dham, Jangjeet Nagar Phase-I, Tajganj Ward, Tehsil and District Agra, Uttar Pradesh. Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both. Boundaries as Under:- EAST :- Other Property West:- Colony Road, North:- Other Property, South:- Other Property	21-06-2021 Rs. 6,67,120/-	18-09-2021
7.	(Loan Account No. LNHEMER000034746, LNHLMER000033939 of our Meerut Branch) Rohit Gupta (Borrower) Rajkulk P. Mohit Gupta, Jaimala Gupta (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Flat at Second floor Built up on Plot No. F-3, area admeasuring 136.34 Sq Yds, Kharsa No. 310, Situated at Saraswati Lok Colony, Phase-II, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both.	21-06-2021 Rs. 24,02,732/-	18-09-2021
8.	(Loan Account No. LNHLPRD000012608 of our Pusa Road Branch) Anand Kumar (Borrower) Maya Devi (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Entire Second floor of Property bearing No. 182 & 183, Pocket-10, Sector-21, Rohini, Delhi Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both.	24-06-2021 Rs. 32,60,244/-	18-09-2021
9.	(Loan Account No. LNHLMER000004237 of our Meerut Branch) Rekha Raj Kumar (Borrower) Raj Kumar (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Plot No. 73-A, area admeasuring 58.43 Sq yds. Kharsa No. 624/2 situated at Village Baral, Pratapur, Tehsil & District Meerut, Uttar Pradesh Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both. Boundaries as under:- East :- Other's Property, West :- 8 Ft Gali North:- Other's Property, South:- Other's Property.	24-06-2021 Rs. 5,57,567	18-09-2021

Place : Delhi / NCR Date : 24-09-2021 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) For Capri Global Housing Finance Limited (CGHFL)

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

A) Fresh-Tender Work

S. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
1.	05 / CGM / Sr. M.(E/M)-I/ET/2021-22	Hire Charges for Innova, Honda City/Claz, Swift Dzire/Elios	69.21

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated **07.10.2021** upto **5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated **08.10.2021 at 11.00 AM.**

B) Re-Tender Work

S. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
2.	03 / CGM / Sr. M.(E/M)-II/2021-22/ET	Maintenance of Traffic Signal at Various Sectors in Noida. (Zone-I)	86.87

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated **30.09.2021** upto **5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated **01.10.2021 at 11.00 AM.**

Chief General Manager, Noida

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, NASHIK
E-Tender Notice No.35 for 2021-22 (Online)

Online E-Tenders in "B-1" Form for the following works invited by Executive Engineer, P.W. Division, Nashik Phone No. (0253)2583761-64, 2575324) for and on behalf of Governor of Maharashtra State From Capable of P.W. Deptt. Registered / Unregistered Contractor or International Contractor whose Sub company / branch in India and also complete terms and conditions mentioned in tender document.

Tender document download on our website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Right of rejection of E-tender / cancellation of E-tender reserved by The Executive Engineer, P.W. Division, Nashik. "Conditional Tender will not be accepted.

Note:- Above mentioned E-Tender Notice including Total I (One) (Costing from Rs. 500.00 Lacks) Works And details of mentioned E-Tender Notice available on below website.

1. www.mahapwd.com
2. <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

Tender Document Sale Start and End Date Time	from	to
	24.09.2021 11:05	18.10.2021 17:00

* Blank E-Tender form Fees (Non refundable) and EMD amount will be accepted Online only.
* Post Qualification criteria condition included in tender document
* All eligible/interested Contractors are required to be enrolled on portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> before down loading tender documents and participate in e-tendering
* The information of E-Payment Gateway available on E-Tendering website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

Please Note this to all Registered / Unregistered Contractors.

sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Nashik
DGIPR-2065/21-22

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is here by informed that this person **Name: Ramlal Panthi, S/o Hemlal Panthi, R/o D-2/64, First Floor Andrews Ganj, New, Delhi, Age: 51 Years, Height: 5'3", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Injury Mark: Marks on Upper side of Right Hand, has been missing since 07.12.2009 from the area of P.S. Defence Colony, Delhi.**

In this regard a DD No. 16A, dated 08.12.2009 has been lodged at P.S. Defence Colony, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank, Shal Tower New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005

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

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	M/s Stan Cars Pvt Ltd/ Mr Anil Kumar Malhotra/ Mr Raghav Malhotra/ Mr Prashant Malhotra/ Stan Auto Pvt Ltd/ Mrs Seema Malhotra/ Om Parkash Vij/ A/c No. 631960001476/ 010251006926/ 010260000397/ 631951000018	Urban Estate Sector 15- A, Faridabad/ September 21, 2021	June 24, 2021/ Rs. 12,80,87,904.80	Delhi/ Ncr Punjab

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : September 24, 2021
Place : Delhi/NCR
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Market at fresh peak: Sensex zooms to 958 pts

Nifty tops 17,800

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark Sensex zoomed 958 points to end at a fresh lifetime high on Thursday, tracking gains in index majors Reliance Industries, HDFC twins and IICI Bank amid a positive trend in global markets. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty soared 276.30 points or 1.57 per cent to its new closing peak of 17,822.95. It touched an intra-day record of 17,843.90. After scaling a new peak of 59,957.25 during the day, the 30-share Sensex settled 958.03 points or 1.63 per cent up at an all-time high of 59,885.36. Bajaj Finserv was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rising over 4 per cent, followed by L&T, HDFC, Axis Bank, SBI, Reliance Industries and IndusInd Bank. On the other hand, Dr Reddy's, ITC, Nestle and HUL were the laggards. Domestic equities wit-

nessed sharp recovery with benchmarks Nifty and Sensex both recording fresh all-time highs, said Binod Modi, Head-Strategy at Reliance Securities. Favourable FOMC meeting outcome and ease of concerns from possible default of Evergrande aided market rally. Financials and Reliance Industries have dominated market rally, followed by metals, IT and auto, he added. US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the Fed plans to announce as early as November that it will start to taper its monthly bond purchases, should the job market maintain its steady improvement. Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Shanghai and Hong Kong ended with gains, while Seoul was in the red. Japanese market was closed for holidays. Stock exchanges in Europe were also trading on a positive note in mid-session deals. Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude slipped 0.12 per cent to USD 76.10 per barrel.

Mcap of BSE-listed firms touches all-time high of ₹ 261.73 lakh cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies reached an all-time high of ₹ 261.73 lakh crore on Thursday, helped by a massive rally in the equities where the benchmark Sensex zoomed 958 points to end at a fresh lifetime peak. The 30-share BSE benchmark jumped 958.03 points or 1.63 per cent to settle at its new closing peak of 59,885.36. During the day, it gained 1,029.92 points to touch an intra-day record high of 59,957.25. Driven by the rally in the equities, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies jumped Rs 3,16,778.1 crore to reach Rs 2,61,73,374.32 crore. "The market took the US Fed statement of starting tapering as soon as November in its stride. Encouraging news on Evergrande crisis also helped to clear some uncertainty on the global front. Indian markets have been on a roll and the rally today was symbolic of the prevailing strong sentiment locally on the back of reduction in covid cases and the strong vaccination numbers," Devang Mehta, Head of Equity Advisory at Centrum Broking, said.

Reliance Industries mcap goes past ₹ 16 lakh cr mark in intra-day trade

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The market valuation of Reliance Industries Limited went past the ₹16 lakh crore mark in intra-day trade on Thursday following a rally in its share price. The index heavyweight stock jumped 2.43 per cent to settle at ₹2,489.65 on the BSE. During the day, it gained 2.72 per cent to its record high of ₹2,496.95. On the NSE, it rose by 2.36 per cent to settle at ₹2,488.10. In intra-day, the company's market valuation rose to ₹16,88,455 crore. At closing, its market capitalisation (m-cap) was at ₹15,78,299.46 crore. RIL was the biggest contributor to the overall market rally on Thursday, where the 30-share BSE benchmark zoomed 958.03 points or 1.63 per cent to its new closing peak of 59,885.36. Earlier on September 3, the market valuation of Reliance Industries Limited jumped to Rs 15 lakh crore. On June 3 this year, Reliance Industries' market valuation crossed the Rs 14 lakh crore mark. Shares of Reliance Industries have gained over 25 per cent so far this year.

Rupee rebounds 23 paise to close at 73.64 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee rebounded by 23 paise to close at 73.64 against the US dollar on Thursday following an improved risk appetite among investors triggered by positive global cues. Investors globally took the US Fed statement of starting tapering as soon as November in their stride and encouraging news on China's Evergrande crisis also helped to clear some uncertainty on the global front, analysts said. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened flat at 73.85 against the greenback. During the session, it witnessed an intra-day high of 73.61 and finally settled at 73.64. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.29 per cent to 93.19. "The Indian rupee erased Wednesday's loss tracking cues from regional currencies and a surge in global equities after the US Federal Reserve's meeting. Globally risk is looking fairly balanced with two large events of the week FOMC and Evergrande chaos seem to be behind," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Digital cos' data hegemony may lead to 'attention economy', says Competition Comm chief

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Competition Commission Chief Ashok Kumar Gupta on Thursday flagged that data hegemony by some digital companies may lead to "attention economy" in which big tech players work to capture users' attention, build profiles of their choices and sell the profiles to advertisers. The remarks from the country's fair trade regulator assumes significance against the backdrop of concerns in certain quarters about the business ways of big tech entities and also some digital players coming under the lens of the watchdog. While noting that rapid changes are happening in markets, which are increasingly shifting towards a digital platform-centric configuration, Gupta also pointed out that these platform markets are by their very nature "winner-takes-all or winner-takes-most". "Network effects, access to large amounts of data, economies of scale and scope, induced behavioural biases among consumers etc., in digital markets, may heighten market concentration and result in the creation of impermeable entry barriers," he

said. Addressing a conference on competition law organised by industry body ASSOCHAM, Gupta said that data hegemony by some digital companies may lead to an "attention economy". In an "attention economy", big tech players work to capture users' attention, build profiles of their choices and habits, then sell those profiles to advertisers, he added. "Moreover, since these digital platforms are the ones who make the rules about how different users would interact on their platform, it gives them an incentive to engage in conduct that may not only impede competition in the market but may also strengthen their incumbency advantage," Gupta said. According to him, the regulator has a very important role in ensuring that these platforms remain neutral, offer a level playing field and allow enterprises, big and small, that access consumers through these platforms to compete on the basis of merits. The Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) acknowledged that in these fast-evolving and dynamic markets, a regulator's task is much like hitting at moving targets.

E-commerce cos to log 23% rise in gross GMV at over \$9 bn this year: RedSeer

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: E-commerce platforms are expected to potentially clock over USD 9 billion gross GMV (Gross Merchandise Value) during the festive season this year as against USD 7.4 billion last year - a growth of 23 per cent, consulting firm RedSeer said on Thursday. For the full year, the overall online gross GMV is expected to touch \$49.52 billion, which is around 37 per cent higher than last year (USD 38.2 billion), primarily driven by strong consumer funnel expansion and the high adoption of online shopping post-Covid across the categories, RedSeer said in its eCommerce Festive Season Report.

NRIDA to explore smart solutions to improve rural road construction pace

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA) is set to pilot smart solutions backed by digital innovations to modernise existing performance monitoring mechanisms and improve the service delivery capacity of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), which aims to expand India's rural road network by 125,000 km in its third phase by 2025. The envisaged solutions will introduce smart payments and micro services-based architecture. This move will help improve the pace of construction, reduce delays, prevent under-utilization of funds, avoid cost overruns, and strengthen the accountability of government officials and contractors.

Upper middle class to revive consumption cycle again soon: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With higher consumer confidence following the rise in vaccination levels and sitting on already-built-up-savings through the pandemic months, the top 20 per cent of upper-income consumers will help recover the near-term consumption demand, as per a report. These consumers account for the bulk of the rural and urban demand. While the economy fared the worst last year, contracting a record 7.3 per cent due to the pandemic, the problem with the economy had begun much earlier in FY16 when consumption demand began to disappear from the economy. The pandemic only added to the contraction.

Sign Language Day celebrated by ISLRTC

New Delhi: Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi, an autonomous body under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment celebrated 'Sign Language Day' on Thursday at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar was the Chief Guest and Ministers of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Km. PratimaBhoumik and Shri A. Narayanswami were Guests of Honour.

N Railway GM meets U'khand Chief Secy in Dehradun

New Delhi: Ashutosh Ganga, General Manager, Northern Railway, held a meeting with the Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand on Thursday in Dehradun. The Officials discussed the status of the various ongoing Railway projects in the State. The Chief Secretary requested the GM to complete the projects on time so that the people can benefit from the new facilities. He also assured that all cooperation will be provided from the state administration for expeditious completion of these projects.

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)
E-TENDER No. 2021RS18741TC

Director, Railway Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India invites e-tender for procurement of 1,45,532 Nos. Low Torque Grease Seal to RDSO Specification No. WD-63-Misc-2020 of Oct 2020 or latest amendments, if any for AAR Standard Upgraded Class 'E' (6" x 11") Cartridge Tapered Roller bearings used in freight stock.

2.0 The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://ireps.gov.in> for details of the tender and submission of their e-bids.

3.0 No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender.

4.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 28.10.2021.

Director, Railway Stores (W)
Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi.
for and on behalf of the President of India.

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number: U410P02010SG33813
Website: www.pspcl.in, (Contact Number 9646118754)

Tender Enquiry No. 274/HPs/ED-I/S-413 Dated 21-09-2021
SE/ Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala Invites E-Tender for Design, manufacture, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 4 sets of microprocessor based static excitation equipment along with accessories (including dismantling of existing panels, equipment, cables etc) for 4X15 MW Machine of Shanan Power House, PSPCL, Jiginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi (HP).

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> on 24-09-2021 onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

RO No. 76155/12/458/2021/8166 C-346/21

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General public is here by informed that this female Namely: Roopa, W/o Mahipal, R/o H. No. 123 Nanda Enclave, Najafgarh, New Delhi, Age: 30 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Hair: Black & Long, Wearing: Yellow Suit-Salwar, White Color Chunni and Jutti in feet, has been missing since 09.07.2021 from the area of P.S. Baba Hari Das Nagar, New Delhi

In this regard a DD No. 92-A, dated 09.07.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Baba Hari Das Nagar, New Delhi.

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

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Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Baba Hari Das Nagar, New Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. 011-25315302, 8750871028
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/381/DW/2021

Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency
First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahasradhara Road, Dehradun.

Ref. No. 1651/II-02(xix)/ITCO/URRDA/21 Dated : 23-09-2021
PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice-07/2021-22

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of Almora, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh & Uttarkashi for 05 number of Packages with estimated cost totaling to Rs. 16.00 Crore including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent".

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement : 25-09-2021. Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgstendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD/MBD, only up to or before the time and date of the submission of the Bids (for World Bank funded works) and on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid (for Regular PMGSY Works), either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No Physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids. Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 01-10-2021 01:00 PM. For further details please log on to www.pmgstendersuk.gov.in

Chief Engineer, URRDA, Dehradun.

* Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Note : For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that person namely **Ramshankar Saket S/o Lt. Sh. Kemla Saket R/o VPO Sarai Unmulan Tehsil: Sirmour, Distt: Rewa Madya Pradesh** has been missing from ISBT Kashmir Gate, Delhi since 07.01.2021 In this regard a **DD No. 61A Dated 22.01.2021** has been lodged at PS, Kashmir Gate, Delhi.

The description of missing person is as under:
Name : Ramshankar Saket, **Father's Name :** Lt. Sh. Kemla Saket, **Age :** 24 years, **Height :** 5'5", **Face :** Round, **Complexion :** Shallow, **Built :** Thin, **Wearing:** Red Colour Jeansy, Jeans and white colour shoes in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in> SHO
e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in P.S., Kashmir Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23014046 (Direct) 23015229 & 23015218 Extn.-210
Fax: 011-23011334 DP/906/N/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Babita, D/o: Sh. Lakhan, R/o: B-1236, Gali No. 4, Sangam Vihar, Tigr, New Delhi, Age: 14 Years, Height: 4'3", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Mental Status: Mentally ill, Wearing: Orange Colour Suit and Green Colour Dupatta and Slipper in feet has been missing/kidnapped from her house. In this regard **FIR No. 145/21, U/s 363 IPC, Dated 25.04.2021**, has been lodged at P.S. Tigr, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this missing/ kidnapped girl please inform the undersigned.

Website-site : <http://cbi.nic.in> SHO
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S. Tigr, New Delhi
Fax: 011-23011334 Ph.: 8375801422, 8750870834
DP/691/SD/2021

PARADIP PORT TRUST
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
Name of the work : "Allotment of 09 (Nine) nos. of Manual Iron Ore/Iron Ore Pellet plots". License Fees : Rs.2,35,85,958/-, Wharfage Fees : Rs.6,17,041/-. Last date & time of submission of bid : **Dt.06.10.2021 up to 15:00 hrs.** Date and time of opening (technical bid) : **Dt.06.10.2021 up to 16:00 hrs.** Refer our website for details : <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

Traffic Manager (I/c)
PPT/PR/11/21-22 Dt-23.09.21

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Daulat Singh S/o Sh. Aan Singh & Smt. Dhanno Devi W/o Sh. Daulat Singh both R/o C 460, New Seemari, Delhi-95, debarred their son Ghanshyam & his wife Smt. Khatri from their all movable-immovable properties and severed all relations with them due to their disobedience and quarrelsome nature. My clients shall not be responsible for their any act whatsoever in future.

Mohit Bansal (Advocate)
Ch.No.F-303, Karkardooma Court Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Mr. Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Pooja Singh and his wife Mrs. Usha both R/o H. No. 181, Shyam Gali No. 1, Moujpur, Delhi-110053 have debarred their son Rahul and his wife Divya from their all movable and immovable properties and also severed their relations from them due to their deplorable behaviour. If any person deals with them in future, my clients shall not be responsible for the same.

Jyeshth Gupta (Advocate)
Ch. No. G-210, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
"It is to inform to the public at large that my client, Mrs. Priyanka Kumari, approached Fullerton India Home Finance Company Ltd. for a Home Loan against a Freehold Residential built-up Property bearing no. D-423, First Floor, Front Side, Without Roof Rights, measuring 60 Sq. Yards i.e. 50.166 Sq. Meter out of Kharsa No. 13/13, situated in the revenue estate of Village Mirzapur Delhi State colony known as Mahvir Enclave, New Delhi - 110045 hereinafter referred to as 'the said property' which she owns vide Sale Deed Dated 19.03.2019 executed by Mrs. Bimla Kumari W/o Mr. Lal Babu in favour of Mrs. Priyanka Kumari W/o Mr. Satya Prakash Duly Registered with SR IX, New Delhi Vide Doc. No. 2269, Vol No. 9931 BOOK NO.-1, Page No.187-193, dated on 20-03-2019. That this is a General publication made in favour of public if any person further having any type of claim/right/interest over the said property may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Any use of the above-mentioned document will be considered illegal."

Prasoon Lata, Advocate
SG Associates
Basement C 78 Sector 2 Noida
0120-4554882, 7011172764

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता
प्रशासन खण्ड, सिंचाई अनुसंधान संस्थान, रुड़की
दिनांक : 22/09/2021

पत्रांक - 01/प्रख०/निष्क्रोय्य वाहन/नीलामी

गीलामी की सूचना
अधिशासी अभियन्ता, प्रशासन खण्ड, सिंचाई अनुसंधान संस्थान, रुड़की द्वारा महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तराखण्ड शासन की ओर से निम्नलिखित निष्क्रोय्य घोषित वाहनों की नीलामी हेतु बोलियाँ आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निष्क्रोय्य वाहन दिनांक 22.10.2021 (शुक्रवार) को सिंचाई अनुसंधान संस्थान, रुड़की कांयशाला परिसर में पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे जहाँ है, जैसा है, के आधार पर नीलाम किया जायेगा। इच्छुक बोलोदाता निर्धारित स्थान एवं समय पर बोलो में प्रतिभाग्य हेतु आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत जानकारो एवं आवश्यक नियम एवं शर्तें संस्थान की website www.iircoorkee.res.in से डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं अथवा किसी भी कार्यदिवस में कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत होकर धनराशि रु० 200.00 मात्र जमा कराने के उपरान्त प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

क्र० सं०	विवरण	रजिस्ट्रेशन	घरोहर राशि (जी०एस०टी० सहित)
1	जीप (डीजल चलित) माडल 1988	यू०एम०यू०-8590	रु० 4000+720=4720
2	एम्बेस्डर कार (पेट्रोल चलित) माडल - 2004	यू०ए०-07 एच०-0985	रु० 2300+414=2714
3	एम्बेस्डर कार (पेट्रोल चलित) माडल - 1992	यू०पी०-10-ए-3159	रु० 2300+414=2714
4	जीप (डीजल चलित) माडल - 1982	यू०आर०एफ०-8065	रु० 4000+720=4720

पत्रांक - 1644/अधि०अधि०/प्रख० अधिशासी अभियन्ता
दिनांक : 22/09/2021 प्रशासन खण्ड

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Bankesh Kumar Sinha/ Priyadarshani Ambasta/ LBDEL00001164030/ LBDEL00001164079	Flat No - F - 56, Second Floor Naraina Vihar, Delhi/110028/ September 18, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 9,46,044/-	Delhi/ Ncr
2.	Dhanalakshmi Behera/ Flumech Engineering Pvt Ltd/ Gara Rajanikanta Rao/ LBDEL00002282447	Plot No-10, Block No. F. Vikas Puri, New Delhi / September 18, 2021	June 25, 2021/ Rs. 20,42,392/-	Delhi/ Ncr
3.	Manju/ Hansa Dutt/ Nishant Bawari/ LBDEL00004927987/ LBDEL00003009498	DDA LIG Flat No-81, Block- D, Third Floor, Pocket 6, Site 2, Nasirpur Road Sector- 1A, Dwarka, Delhi/ September 18, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 40,72,421/-	Delhi/ Ncr
4.	Mandeep Singh Narula/ Jasmeet Kaur Narula/ LBDEL00003459681	Plot No-60, 2nd Floor Without Roof Rights, Block-A Bagdolla, Dwarka, Delhi/ September 18, 2021	June 23, 2021 / Rs. 1,07,57,549/-	Delhi/ Ncr
5.	Sharda Devi & Sandeep Kumar/ LBDEL00004899286	Flat No:- 207, Third Floor, Pocket-7 Sector- 21 Rohini, Delhi/ September 18, 2021	June 23, 2021 / Rs. 51,88,285/-	Delhi/ Ncr
6.	Simranjeet Singh/ Kawaljeet Kaur Arora/ Manjeet Singh Arora/ LBDEL00004931196/ LBDEL00005341290	DDA CSA, Shop- 45, Ground Floor, Pocket-B, Ashok Vihar, Phase- III, Delhi/ September 20, 2021	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 31,05,965/-	Delhi/ Ncr
7.	Anirudh Kishanlal Datta/ Patel Sonalben Ramanbhai/ LBDEL00002006912	Flat No- C-114, 1st Floor, The Rashtrapati Bhavan Cabinet Affairs Co-operative GRP, Housing Society, Situated at Plot No.-3, Sector-10, Dwarka Phase 1, Delhi/ September 18, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 78,61,237/-	Delhi/ Ncr
8.	Mukesh Kumar/ Sushma/ LBFDB00004386336	House No-118, Ground Floor, Bhai Parmanand, Colony, Delhi 110009/ September 18, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 55,39,430/-	Delhi/ Ncr
9.	Rakesh Kumar Manocha/ Seema Manocha/ Raman Manocha/ LBFDB00005176759	Plot No-71, Block-A-1 Third Floor, With The Roof Terrace Rights Along With One Fourth Share In Stilt Parking With Common Usage Right, Paschim Vihar, Delhi/ September 18, 2021	June 16, 2021 / Rs. 50,20,607/-	Delhi/ Ncr
10.	Samir C Minz/ Neelam Carls/ LBDEL00004581385/ LBDEL00001804300	DDA MIG Flat 28-A, Ground Floor Block Ba Ashok Vihar Phase-1, Delhi, Delhi/ September 20, 2021	March 25, 2021/ Rs. 42,73,987/-	Delhi/ Ncr
11.	Gaurav Dhalli/ Shyam Sunder Dhalli/ LBDEL00001091578/ LBDEL00001358021	Plot No - 3, PKT- 2, BLK- H, Sec- 11, Rohini, New Delhi, Delhi/ September 20, 2021	June 19,2021/ Rs. 21,49,265/-	Delhi/ Ncr
12.	Kuldeep Solanki/ Neelam/ LBDEL00001802844	Flat No- 220, Second Floor, MIG Flat, Pocket-7, Sector-21, Rohini, Delhi/ Delhi/ September 20, 2021	June 19,2021/ Rs. 15,95,759/-	Delhi/ Ncr
13.	Lalit Kumar/ Reevea/ LBDEL00004288417	Plot No 336, 3rd Floor Pocket-09, Sector- 21, Rohini, Delhi/ September 20, 2021	June 19,2021/ Rs. 19,89,663/-	Delhi/ Ncr
14.	Narender Kumar/ Geeta/ LBDEL00004969156	LIG Flat No 1346, 1st Floor, Pocket GH 4 Sector 28 Pocket GH 04 Rohini Delhi/ September 20, 2021	June 19,2021/ Rs. 22,18,061/-	Delhi/ Ncr
15.	Kapil Bhatia / Ashima Bhatia / Bharati Bhushan Bhatia / LBDEL00004091666 / LBDEL00002334912	DDA LIG, Flat No-Cc-8/275A, Block-C 8, First Floor, Lawrence Road, Delhi / September 18, 2021	June 19, 2021 / Rs. 41,18,895/-	Delhi/ Ncr

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : September 24, 2021
Place: Delhi/NCR
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited



Bollywood
 'I can't wait to showcase my vision through my maiden venture as a producer.'
 —Kunal Kapoor

LEADING THE WAY

CHRISTY VARGHESE talks with AKSHAT BHATT, the brains behind the novel, 'portable' Mohalla Clinics

When the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) rose to prominence and formed the Delhi government in 2015, building 1,000 clinics was one of its primary promises. However, acquiring land for the Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinics programme, in a congested Delhi, was one significant roadblock that came in the way of achieving such a promise. Only 500 Mohalla Clinics have been developed in the last six years, courted mixed reviews along the way.

While prestigious institutions such as the Stanford University, in its Social Innovation Review, and The Lancet, the renowned medical journal, expressed their appreciation at the Delhi government's move to offer free primary medical facilities through the neighbourhood clinics, there were others who criticised the capital territory's government for not being able to keep up with their pre-poll promises.

To address such criticism, and administer the services that fall within their purview as best as they can, the Delhi government announced last month that two new 'portable' Mohalla Clinics would be inaugurated shortly. And when these modular clinics were set up, in Shakur Basti and Rani Bagh, everyone had a lot of questions. The already innovative concept of Mohalla Clinics had received an ingenious twist — these were made out of what seemed like shipping containers at first glance, armed with air conditioning and other amenities.

Keeping aside the political shade of the event, while the government courted a lot of positive feedback for such an out-of-the-box initiative, little has been said about the brains behind this ingenuity. The clinic's design was developed by Architecture Discipline, a multi-disciplinary architectural practice founded

by Akshat Bhatt in 2007, and set up with the support of Tata Power-DDL. Based in New Delhi, Architecture Discipline used upcycled shipping containers to provide a compact, portable, and sleek twist to the concept of Mohalla Clinics.

Salvaged from various container yards in Delhi and Haryana, two 20-foot-long containers were joined together to form a single clinic that includes an examination room, a reception and waiting area, a pharmacy that is accessible from outside, and a washroom. The clinic is fully equipped to support routine health checks, testing, and medicine purchasing, as per the state's Health Minister, Satender Jain. These new-age Mohalla Clinics aspire to provide an affordable, space-efficient, and high-quality model of healthcare to all neighbourhoods in Delhi, especially in dense residential clusters that are hard-pressed for space and have limited access to healthcare facilities.

When we called in on Bhatt, the principal architect at Architecture Discipline, he offered to walk us through the thought-process behind the designing of these new models of the mohalla clinic, and the facilities provided.

"We have been experimenting with the use of shipping containers as a building material for a long time now, in typologies ranging from hotels to workspaces. Our own studio has an extension created out of a

repurposed shipping container," shared Bhatt animatedly.

He explained that such experiences had made the firm fairly proficient in the art of converting repurposed shipping containers into high-quality, usable spaces.

"Ever since the pandemic hit, we have been exploring the potential of containers in creating healthcare facilities. We designed the Life Community Medical Facility (LifeCMF), a concept for a modular healthcare facility built out of shipping containers that was presented at the London Design Biennale 2021. The Mohalla Clinics which have come up at Shakur Basti and Rani Bagh are a scaled-down version of LifeCMF, drawing on its central ideas of prefabrication, rapid deployability, and economic feasibility," revealed Bhatt.

He pointed out that the clinic's interiors are oriented towards creating a hygienic and optimistic patient friendly environment, with air-conditioning that is fitted with anti-viral filters and insulated walls that protect visitors from Delhi's searing heat. Features such as the anti-microbial vinyl flooring and medical-grade stainless steel countertops are designed to be easy to maintain, he further shared.

"The clinic's design capitalises on the structural strength of a

discarded shipping container and works with it as a module, reducing the need for costly modifications or custom-built additions. In this manner, it redefines post-industrial waste as a medium for universal primary healthcare," observed Bhatt.

With respect to the design related process, Bhatt explained that what they had in mind was that the end product should be capable of relocation at short notice. "Bearing in mind the congestion in a city like Delhi, we designed something which could be quickly deployed. In case of any emergencies or urgent requirement of a clinic at a location, we can relocate these clinics at short notice. The typical Mohalla Clinic occupies an area of about 720 square feet, our rendition of the clinic has everything that features in a typical clinic, within 350 square feet. And we haven't achieved this in an haphazard manner, mind you. We have assigned dedicated spaces for doctor-patient interaction, waiting room etc while making allowances for acoustic comfort. Even though we toned it down to the bare-minimum, there are provisions for making the clinic disabled-friendly with a graded-ramp facility that can be installed. An ad-hoc ramp solution has also been built-in to each unit," he said, to our wide-eyed wonder.

With the steadily increasing population, are modular spaces here to stay? Or are such instances just another novelty that will be less relevant with time? Only time can tell. However, in the meanwhile, the new clinics are something that would be welcomed by all Delhiites.



Strange times, novel solutions

RAJESH BHATIA shares some ways by which educators can counter the challenges posed by the pandemic

The education sector has been hit hard by the unexpected and unprecedented challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic. The biggest question has been how to address the absence of the chalk and talk model in education or do without the brick and mortar structures where young children once stepped in to experience the world outside their homes, for the first time? For preschoolers especially, not being able to step outside their homes to play and learn with peers has been hard because a big milestone from their lives has gone amiss in a blink.

As an educator, it is important to focus on the children. Here are some tips that helped teachers to transition from conventional teaching methods to virtual ones:



mal; be it with animated and interactive PowerPoints or the delivery of concepts in a new way.

Involve the kids instead of turning them into passive onlookers

When the kids participate in activities, whether in real or virtual classrooms, they feel more connected with the learning process. When they are encouraged to become the characters they are learning about, they take ownership of a lesson.

It is important to keep preschool kids engaged in particular, because their attention spans are very small. With aids like sound effects, dance sets, music, interactive games that engage all their faculties, children enjoy their lessons far more.

Provide alternatives to screen time

When most of the education is being imparted virtually, it is important to give children a break from screen time. Giving them projects that involve creativity, the use of imagination, planting something, painting or building a scrapbook, completing a puzzle, learning a poem or a song, gives them the pleasure of exercising their faculties actively and energises them to come back to learn with renewed zest.

Teach teachers to adapt to the new normal

Teaching during the pandemic is not something any educator was prepared for and adds wherever possible, teachers should update their skills to adapt to the new nor-

Enhance student-teacher interaction

What teachers and students miss the most is actual interaction with each other and this gap can be bridged innovatively with simultaneous experiments that teachers and students can conduct, apart from daily interactions.

We should encourage all students to answer questions in class and to approach teachers to solve their queries. It is absolutely important that all kids get opportunities to be heard, read aloud or recite a poem so that they develop confidence along with reading and speaking skills respectively.

Teachers must employ the scaffolding method where students are supported in such a way that they eventually learn to work independently, and this happens only with consistent communication.

Celebrate life together

In an increasingly virtual world, children miss being part of festivities, functions and connecting with peers and schools are learning to create alternatives to even such experiences. We should encourage students and teachers to dress up, put up skits and share the essence of a festival together with music and dance.

(The author is an educator, as well as the founder and CEO of TreeHouse, a borderless online initiative for preschoolers.)

It goes without saying that travelling is fun. You get to explore new cities, meet people and try out different food cuisines — that's the idea of heaven for every travel nerd. But thanks to Covid-19, the tourism industry has taken a hit. The UN's World Tourism Organisation stated that export revenues from international tourism have registered a loss of \$935 billion. This amount is only going to go up, as several countries have still not opened their doors to foreigners. Amid the strict international travel restrictions in place, what can Indians do to satisfy their travel needs? Well, the safest bet is to travel within the country.

While many might consider heading to the beaches or opting for a road trip to the mountains, how about a lazy train ride? You get to relax, enjoy the view and spend quality time with your friends and family while on the move. Read on for five train journeys that are worth your time and money.

(The author is the co-founder and CEO of Confirmtkt, the official partner of IRCTC.)

KALKA-SHIMLA TOY TRAIN

There are two reasons why people travel to Shimla — to capture the mesmerising view of the mountains and to enjoy the toy train ride. Built in 1903, the route is renowned for its engineering masterpiece, which covers 102 tunnels, 919 stunning curves and 864 bridges. The journey starts from Kalka, taking you through amazing views of the waterfalls, lush forests and rugged mountains. Till the time it reaches Shimla, you will be awestruck by the beauty of the city, which retains the title, 'Queen of hills'. This ride is so special that



it is listed as a UNESCO site. Generally, five trains cover the distance between Kalka and Shimla — Shivalik Deluxe, Himalayan Queen, Rail Motor, Shimla Kalka passenger and Shimla Express, with the fare starting from ₹70.



MANDOVI EXPRESS

Started in 1999, the Mandovi Express has been in service for over 21 years. It has been named after the Mandovi River, which is known as the lifeline of Goa. The train operates between Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus and Madgaon Junction, which is the primary railway station in Goa. The train covers 581 kms with an average journey time of 11hr 50min and is known for its tasty food that includes a mixture of regional cuisines like Gujarati dabelis, methi vadas, soups, idli-vadas and more. With the help of comfortable seats, great hospitality and delicious food, your journey with Mandovi Express promises to deliver an enjoyable experience to the passengers, with the fares starting at ₹210.

Feed your travel bug

DINESH KUMAR KOTHA points out five train journeys in India that will satiate your wanderlust

THE DECCAN ODYSSEY

If you want to feel like a true king, then the Deccan Odyssey is your way towards it. The train is built to mimic the traditions of the various royal-eras of Maharashtra. It operates between Delhi and Mumbai with 21 coaches. The entire train is stocked with top-of-the-range facilities like internet connectivity and air-conditioning, among other things, to provide optimum comfort to passengers. Once you get on the Deccan Odyssey by paying the minimum fare of ₹5,12,400, luxurious provisions like a well-stocked bar, multi-cuisine menu, conference cart and spa are sure to give you an unforgettable experience.



GOLDEN CHARIOT

When people want to travel in style, they hop on the Golden Chariot. This train covers the territories of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu along with Pondicherry and Goa. Once inside, the passengers are greeted with alluring hospitality and bombarded with a 360-degree view of the age-old royal traditions. The decor of the train creates an elegant atmosphere, which makes the passing landscapes more magical. With a starting price of ₹53,355, passengers get the best of suites, dining experience, spa and more at their service.

THE DARJEELING TOY TRAIN

Hopping aboard the Darjeeling toy train is an opportunity that one would rarely want to miss. It's recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and rightly so. The train functions between New Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling with the help of a small steam engine. As most of the train components are close to 100 years old, it runs at a slow pace, allowing passengers to absorb the surrounding beauty of the hills. The toy train takes you through the villages and local



shops with children waving at you, a moment a photographer will cherish forever. By paying a minimum of ₹1420, you can get the ride of your life and enjoy the view of Batasia Loop, covered in the lap of the hills.

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FARAH'S ADVICE FOR SHAH RUKH KHAN

When Juhi Chawla shared a story of Shah Rukh Khan coming extremely late for a party, on Zee Comedy Show, FARAH KHAN shared what she had learnt in her time with the star. "We all know that when we have a 9 am call time, Shah Rukh will come at 2 pm, and that's fine. However, when he suddenly turns up at 11 am, things go for a toss. I feel that if you are coming late, the least you can do is be consistently late," expressed Farah. Juhi is all set to feature as the special guest during this weekend's episode of the Zee Comedy Show.

fairtalk PRATIK GANDHI



"While filming for the forthcoming film, *Bhava!*, I received two phone calls which have changed my life forever. When we were shooting in Bhuj, I got a call from Hansal Mehta saying 'let us meet whenever you are back in Bombay', that's how *Scam 1992* happened. The other call came from my home to inform me about my dad's ill health and eventually, in six months, I lost him."

dailytalk TINA DESAI



"Since I started my career in cinema from scratch, I did not have much understanding on how to judge projects that come my way. My first film, *Yeh Faasley*, was a disaster but when I heard the script narration, I had found that story and my character very interesting. Eventually, I realised that it is not just about the story, it is about how well the idea is executed and how the film is made."

'CANCEL CULTURE IS OUT OF OUR HANDS'

Actor JOHNNY DEPP talked about 'cancel culture' and how social media can affect you. Seen addressing the issues during a press conference at the San Sebastian Film Festival, Depp agreed that it is a "complex situation." "It's so far out of hand now that I can promise you, no one is safe. Not one of you, as long as someone is willing to say one sentence. It takes just one sentence and the carpet has been pulled from under your feet," he shared, without divulging too much about his life.



BON APPETITE

TANMAYA DAS finds that the fare at Dhansoo cafe in Gurgaon has interesting twists and riveting representations

The majority of millennials enjoy spending countless hours in a cosy, teeny-tiny café. I had an excellent reason to test the new Dhansoo café in Gurgaon because I had been travelling since the morning to explore the city. I'm sure it will be the next big thing for foodies as the place offers a wide range of delicacies with a *dhansoo* touch. The café was the nicest pick, thanks to its lovely lighting, and décor of gorgeous flora murals that complemented the vibe immensely, while the umbrella-shaped lighting added a romantic touch to the space. The wine glasses were hanging upside down in the mocktail section and the calm romantic music playing in the background flattered me. I could see families and friends gathering around to spend a wonderful time on the weekend. The place displayed a colourful array of Indian cuisine with intriguing names on the menu list. Despite the fact that the café was packed, I was able to secure a little table in the corner to escape the din. The exquisite décor of the café brought back memories of evenings that I used to spend with my friends. I decided to try a few Indian dishes



to break my train of thought about those lovely moments spent at my hometown. After a while, I was served with small *Podi idli*, along with refried kidney beans and smoked tomato chutney, I had a yearning for something spicy, and this dish satisfied that need. *Podi idli* presented with spicy tomato chutney gave a burning sensation, but the bland flavour of refried *rajma* balanced out the spicy taste. Being an ardent non-vegetarian, I do have a fascination for chicken kebabs too. I vividly recalled my college days when we ate chicken kebabs for almost a month before getting sick of them. However, the next item on my list was to try

Dhansoo corn seekh kebab, as the name suggested distinctiveness. The dish was presented with mint chutney and *varqui* paratha along with masala onion. As I took a bit of the *seekh kebab* with mint chutney, it tasted little savoury, appealing to my taste buds to the fullest. A delightful mocktail with

detoxifying advantages of fresh kiwi and cucumber, along with jalapenos, mint springs, and coriander leaves was brought aside the corn *seekh kebab*. I sipped the drink carelessly, enjoying the combination of sweetness and tartness entirely throughout the meal. Nonetheless, some of my South

Indian acquaintances recommended that I must try *chettinad* paneer someday. While perusing the menu, I discovered *Chettinad pulled chicken*, which described the ingredients like a shredded chicken with *idiyappam* and gunpowder. It reminded me of my friend's suggestion and I ordered the dish right away. As I took a bite, I opted not to eat any more since it was extremely spicy and hot, which I was not aware of beforehand. Thankfully, *Kaala jadoo* came to the rescue and soothed my taste buds immediately. The amazing combination of activated charcoal detox juice with sweet lime helped me to relax for a while with a chill sensation on my tongue. The corporate chef Ashish offered *Pallet dinger* that came on the house gracefully. I loved how the drink was presented in two miniature bottles with a small leaf marked on each of them, which gave it a cute appearance on the table. My taste buds were sweetened to the core by the lovely pink strawberry syrup and I happily finished the entire drink. Out of all dishes, my personal favourite was the *British paneer butter masala* (I always have a soft corner for paneer butter masala, honestly), which had a fantastic balanced flavour of all masalas. The creamy soft gravy had a sweet taste of tomato and butter, and the soft paneer was great and worth trying again. Finally, *Yaddon ki churri* was served with *kalakand* and *rabri* was the last dish for the day. The sweetness of *rabri* appealed to me, the pleasant taste mesmerised my soul. As I went out of the café, more people came in, and the place got busy and lively in the evening. All of the customers were greeted with a humble nod from the employees. I could see the staff preoccupied while serving the best cuisine to their customers, making them contented. The courteous workers greeted me with a sincere smile and insisted on seeing me again as I was leaving, it was indeed a pleasant evening.

Partying on the health bandwagon

JYOTI DABAS shares five secrets and tricks to socialising while sticking to your health goals



Do you feel your health goals derail every time you socialise with your relatives and friends? Worried that you might overeat or drink too much and fall off the bandwagon? Or do you cancel all your social invites so you don't lose your progress? Well, look no further, we have got you covered. Going out with friends, family or for social events no longer needs to be stressful, daunting or a full-of-guilt affair anymore. You can bake your cake and eat it too! All you have to do is keep the following five guidelines in mind which will help you stay on track:



light during the day for your night-out. On the contrary, arriving hungry to a party or a dinner will lead you to make poor food choices such as snacking on fried foods, peanuts, and so on. Instead, according to the 'quantified nutrition' methodology, spread the excess calories in a structured manner over the next three to four days.

- **Remember the ½ and ¼ rule**
While going out is fun and you should enjoy yourself and eat what you desire to, there is an easy way to ensure you do not overdo on calories. To begin with, make sure that you fill up half your plate with vegetables. These could be low calorie vegetables, which means those that are high in fibre or water content. Of course, you need a balanced meal, so add lean proteins such as chicken, fish, or paneer to fill quarter of your plate. And last but not least, fill the remainder of your plate with carbohydrates such as rice or lentils. This can be a good guideline if you want to have an overall low-calorie meal.
- **Enjoy the occasion**
It can be stressful to go out and keep worrying about your calorie intake and the food you are consuming. But remind yourself that you are outside to enjoy yourself so, go have fun! Forget the food, strike a conversation with your friends, dance, play a game and simply enjoy the moment and the company you are in.
- **Watch out for alcohol-based or carbonated/sugary drinks**
Calories from alcohol, mixers and accompanying food can quickly add up. Ideally, alcohol is never advisable but for some, it is an inevitable part of enjoying the occasion. The best thing is to be aware and choose your drinks and mixers wisely. Cocktails can be the worst offenders while food that goes along with the drinks pile up the calories. There are some great alternatives including infused water or low-calorie drinks that have negligible calories. Keep hydrated and enjoy your time out without fussing about ruining your progress.
- **Starving yourself before going out might not be a good idea**
You could not be more wrong to think that you will adjust the calories by starving yourself or eating

Battling with PCOS/PCOD

Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) or Polycystic ovarian disease (PCOD) is a hormonal imbalance disorder. As per the results of a recent country-wide survey, close to 16 per cent women in the age-group of 20 to 29 years suffer from PCOS/PCOD. It is typically earmarked by irregular periods or by no menstruation at all. In this condition, women typically have multiple cysts in their ovaries that are caused by an overproduction of hormones called androgens. As a result, many are overweight and develop associated complications. Lifestyle changes and dietary modifications can play a major role in dealing with this hormonal disorder and in losing weight. If the symptoms are not controlled, the risk for heart disease, Endometrial cancer, Type 2 diabetes (T2D), and high blood pressure increases. It affects the woman's fertility and can cause complications during pregnancy. Many women with PCOS or PCOD have been able to manage their symptoms and

Battling with PCOS/PCOD

ROHIT SHELATKAR suggests superfoods to fight hormonal imbalance

reduce the risk of associated medical issues by modifying their diet and lifestyle choices. These simple lifestyle tweaks can improve your overall health while reducing the anxiety that can significantly impact one's ability to conceive. Here are some superfoods for PCOS/PCOD women should include as a part of their diet:

- **Leafy greens**
Women must include at least one serving of nutritious leafy green vegetables in their diets. Not only are these healthy, but they are also rich in vitamin B. It is an important nutrient that supports fertility by regulating ovulation, insulin control, and regulat-



- **Berries**
Berries are extremely beneficial for patients with PCOS as they are filled with antioxidants that may help reduce oxidative stress. Berries contain polyphenols, which have been shown to help in the management of weight, diabetes, and indigestion. A mix of strawberries, blueberries can be consumed with yoghurt for additional benefits.
- **Oats**
These contain soluble and insoluble fibres that slow down the absorption of fat and sugars in the body. Oats also contain vitamin B which helps in increasing the production of progesterone hormone. The zinc in oats can benefit hair growth while reversing PCOS.
- **Omega-3**
It is an important nutrient that can help in correcting hormonal imbalances. Certain fishes like salmon and sardine are rich in omega-3. It also helps to control stress levels and reduce inflammation that may cause uncontrolled weight gain. If these fishes are not available, fish oil supplements can be taken. Vegetarians can opt for flax seeds or walnuts with yoghurt or smoothies.
- **Legumes**
These nutrient-dense chickpeas, beans, lentils, peas, and soybeans are loaded with fibre and protein with zero cholesterol. Legumes are beneficial for diabetes manage-

ment because of their low glycemic index, which leads to a low rise in blood sugar after consumption. Additionally, they are also rich in proteins and can be taken by themselves, as a side dish with salads, wraps, or tacos.

A healthy diet helps to reduce the risk or impact of heart disease. Women who follow a low-carbohydrate or a low-GI diet have improved insulin metabolism and lower cholesterol levels. Weight loss or weight management will help to manage the side effects of PCOS. In addition, women with PCOS/PCOD must seek medical advice, especially if they are taking fertility supplements to compensate for the nutrients missing from their daily diet. Women dealing with PCOS/PCOD often find it challenging to keep stress at bay. But long-term stress can have a negative impact on hormones and fertility. However, there are multiple researches that show a link between high stress and infertility. High levels of stress trigger the release of the hormone, cortisol. To more effectively manage stress, affected women can practice meditation, exercise, yoga, or try counselling. (The author is a fitness expert and the VP at Vitabiotics.)

RECIPIES



PEPPER CIGAR ROLL
WHAT YOU NEED

- Spring roll sheet: 3
- Red capsicum: 10 gm
- Green capsicum: 10 gm
- Yellow capsicum: 10 gm
- American corn: 5 gm
- Black pepper: 1 gm
- Broth powder: 2 gm
- Maggi seasoning: 1 gm
- Garlic: 10 gm

METHOD

- Take all the ingredients and toss them together.
- Use the sheets of spring roll and put the mixture into them. Roll and place them in a fryer.
- Lastly, serve with sweet chili mayo in shot glasses to make them look more appealing and presentable.

Courtesy: Corporate Chef Kapil at The Western Village

OATS IDLI
WHAT YOU NEED

- Oats/rolled oats: 1 ½
- Olive/groundnut oil: 3 tsp
- Mustard: 1 tsp
- Urad dal: ¼ tsp
- Chana dal: 1 tsp
- Cumin: ½ tsp
- Curry leaves: 2-3
- Ginger paste: ½ tsp
- Chilli (finely chopped): 2
- Carrot (grated): 1
- Turmeric: ¼ tsp
- Curd/yoghurt: ½ cup
- Water: 1 cup
- Coriander (finely chopped): 2 tbsp
- Salt: ¾ tsp
- Eno fruit salt: ½ tsp

METHOD

- In a *kadhai*, heat the oil and splutter mustard, *urad* dal, chana dal, cumin and few curry leaves.
- Add ginger paste and chillies. Sauté slightly.
- Further, add a carrot and turmeric and sauté for 2 minutes.
- Now add the oats and roast on low flame until it turns aromatic.
- Transfer the mixture and allow it to cool completely.
- Add curd and water. Mix well, while making sure there are no lumps.
- Further add coriander, salt and water. Mix well, making sure to form an idli batter consistency.
- Let the batter rest for 20 minutes or until the oats absorb water.
- Just before steaming, add Eno fruit salt and mix well. Steam the oats idli for 15 minutes on medium flame.
- Remove it from the steamer and serve.

Courtesy: Aakriti Arora

JUNGLE FISH
WHAT YOU NEED

- Salmon: 200 gm
- Mushroom: 100 gm
- Asparagus: 25 gm
- Avocado: 20 gm
- Butter: 10 gm
- Salt
- Pepper
- Lemon
- Coriander
- Green chili
- Garlic

METHOD

- Take the salmon and wash the fillet pieces properly. Use a paper towel or clean kitchen towel to pat each fillet dry on the top and bottom to prevent them from sticking to the pan. Rub salt, pepper and lemon juice all over the fillet pieces.
- Place over medium-high heat and let the pan heat up for a couple minutes.
- Add and spread the butter

VARHADI RASSA FROM VIDARBHA
WHAT YOU NEED

- Carrots: 100 gm
- Beans: 100 gm
- Potatoes: 100 gm
- Cabbage: 150 gm
- Onions: 2
- Tomatoes (pureed): 2
- Coriander leaves: 1 handful
- Mint leaves: 1 handful
- Green chilly (chopped): 3
- Ginger garlic paste: 3 tsp
- Garam masala: 2 tsp
- Coriander powder: 1 tsp
- Red chilli powder: 2 tsp
- Turmeric powder: 1 tsp
- Mustard seeds: 1 tsp
- Cinnamon: 1 inch
- Bay leaf: 1
- Grated coconut: 6 tsp

METHOD

- Dry-roast coconut and onion together and grind them to smooth paste with coriander and mint leaves.
- Heat oil and add mustard seeds,



● Godrej groundnut oil: 2 tbsp
 ● Salt as per taste

over the pan. Carefully place the fillets skin-side down into the pan. Cook the salmon undisturbed until the lighter coloured flesh has moved about three-fourth of the way up the fillets. This will come to a total time of eight to nine minutes for thick fillets and six to seven minutes for thinner fillets. Use a fish or flat spatula to flip the salmon fillets, turning the fish away from you to prevent any oil splatter. Cook for two minutes more for thicker fillets and one to two minutes more

for thinner fillets.

- In the same pan put mushroom, asparagus and garlic. Add salt, pepper and lemon juice and fry it till it's properly cooked
- In a blender, make avocado sauce with coriander, green chili, garlic, lemon juice and salt.
- Put the vegetables and fish on a plate along with avocado sauce and enjoy.

Courtesy: Chirag Barjalya



RCB seek return to winning ways against resilient CSK

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Star-studded Challengers Bangalore would look to shrug off the crushing defeat in the previous outing and get their mojo back when they take on Mahendra Singh Dhoni's resilient Chennai Super Kings in an Indian Premier League (IPL) match, here on Friday.

While RCB will look to start afresh, CSK got a confidence-boosting 20-run win against defending champions Mumbai Indians on Sunday night. It is imperative for RCB to improve upon their batting as they seek to keep their place in the top half of the points table. It will be important that the openers -- Devdutt Padikkal (217 runs) and skipper Virat Kohli (203 runs) -- provide a solid start. But the opening duo would also need support from the middle-order, which crumbled against Kolkata Knight Riders.

The likes of Glenn Maxwell (233 runs) and AB de Villiers (207 runs) will have to perform in unison against a strong CSK attack. Australian Maxwell did justify his high price tag during the first leg, becoming the side's top scorer. He would be raring to go once again as will the ever-reliant De Villiers.

CSK could have suffered the reversal in their tie against Mumbai had it not been for youngster Ruturaj Gaikwad's mature unbeaten knock of 88 off 58 balls.

The team's leading run-getter Faf du Plessis (320 runs), Moen



Ali were out for ducks while Ambati Rayudu was retired hurt on nought. Veterans Suresh Raina and Dhoni also failed to reach double digit scores and the side was reeling at 24 for 4. But Gaikwad was not ruffled and kept

his calm, steering the three-time champions to a respectable 156 for 6. He stitched crucial partnerships with all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Dwayne Bravo, who smashed 23 runs off eight deliveries, taking the team over the 150-run mark.

Defending a modest total, CSK showed immense resilience as the bowlers led by pacer Deepak Chahar and Dwayne Bravo handed the "Yellow Army" their sixth win of the season. A win on Friday will take

them back to the top of the table. CSK will also have the option to choose young England all-rounder Sam Curran, who had been one of the breakout stars of last year's IPL, shining with both the bat and the ball.

I respect team's decision to let Pant stay as captain: Iyer

PTI ■ DUBAI

Shreyas Iyer says he relished captaining the Delhi Capitals in the IPL but completely respects the team management's decision to let Rishabh Pant stay as leader of the pack till the end of the 2021 season.

Iyer had led the Capitals to the summit clash of the 2020 season but he missed the first phase of this year's season due to a shoulder injury and the management asked Pant to captain the side.

The 26-year-old returned to the side before IPL's resumption after the COVID-19 forced break but the Capitals chose not to change the leader again, keeping Pant in the captain's chair.

The young Mumbai batsman, who hit a blistering 47 in team's win on Wednesday night, said he understands team's policy and has no complaints.

"When I was given the captaincy, I was in a different frame of mind and my decision-making and temperament level was very good and I benefited from it in the last two years," Iyer said at the post-match press conference.

"This is part of the decision-making from the franchise or whatever decision they took, I respect the fact and Rishabh is leading the side well from the start of the season and they thought that he should be continued till the season end and I completely respect the decision," he added.

The 26-year-old said he continues to enjoy the pressure situation as he thrives in such circumstances.



"And no drastic change has come that my focus has increased in batting. When I was captain, I like to soak in the pressure, when there is pressure, there are more challenges and, in such situations, I perform, that is my mindset."

"Even today (Wednesday) when I went in, there was pressure to win the game. The wicket was playing uneven, so the mind-set is the same that being a main part of the team, you have to finish the match and whenever I play, my mindset is that I play till the last ball and see to it that I make the team win."

The aggressive batsman it is a "really good feeling" to contribute in team's win in his first match post comeback.

"I wouldn't say that I'm satisfied because the hunger has just gone up and the appetite keeps on increasing every match you play, so yeah, not satisfied or not contained," he said after DC demolished Sunrisers Hyderabad by eight wickets.

You have to be best on that day: Rohit on match against KKR



PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma believes that T20 is a format in which one has to be at his best on the day. He added that the match against Kolkata Knight Riders in the Zayed Cricket Stadium on Thursday will not be a cakewalk for his team.

"I honestly don't believe in past records because T20 is a game of/on that particular day what happens. It's a game of that. You have to be best on that day," said Sharma in a video posted by the franchise on social media. Mumbai vs Kolkata match in the IPL presents a very one-sided story. In 28 matches between the two teams, Mumbai, IPL winners for five times, have the dominant hand, winning 22 times against Kolkata, the two-time champions.

"They (KKR) are a good opposition. They play cricket really well as a team and they will be obviously coming off from some confidence after their last win. So, it's not going to be a cakewalk for us. I know we've had a very handy record against them. But it's important we turn up really well on that particular day and do the job," added Sharma.

Sharma missed Mumbai's first match of the UAE leg of IPL 2021, the 20-run defeat to Chennai Super Kings in Dubai on Sunday. Chasing 157, Mumbai were hurt by lack of partnerships by their batsmen. "When you are chasing a score like 157, you need to build those partnerships. Small partnerships and make sure that you are keeping yourself in the game as long as possible," observed Sharma.

The 34-year-old praised New Zealand pacer Adam Milne, who took two wickets for 21 runs in the match against Chennai. "Adam Milne, especially, is coming from a very good tournament in UK. He's a good bowler, bowls really fast. It's all about getting that confidence and he got the confidence in the first game. So, I just hope that he builds on it."

Sharma concluded by saying that the defending champions are capable of making a fightback in the tournament. "We just have to come back and comeback really strong and tick those small boxes. I think, if you look at the potential in this squad, we have got all bases covered."

Army Red withdraws from quarterfinal due to Covid

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The Durand Cup quarter-final match between Army Red and FC Bengaluru United (FCBU), scheduled for Friday at the Kalyani stadium, has been called off after a Army Red player tested positive for Covid-19 virus on Thursday.

As the player had come into contact with other teammates during Thursday's training session, the Army Red squad decided to withdraw from the tournament as a result and



FCBU received a bye into the semi-finals.

All decisions have been taken, keeping in mind the health and safety of players and officials primarily and the continuity and success of the tournament, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of 130th Durand Cup informed in a release on Thursday.

It is learned that one player of Army Red tested positive in the mandatory Rapid Antigen Test conducted in the morning. He was asymptomatic while the

other players have tested negative. The organising committee has decided to go ahead with other matches as they are being held at other venues and there has not been any contact between the players since the last Covid test which had come negative for the said player.

Meanwhile, the LOC has also decided to shift the quarter-final match between FC Goa and Delhi FC from the Mohan Bagan ground to the Kalyani Stadium because of heavy rains in Kolkata.

Odisha to host Men's Junior Hockey WC

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Odisha will host the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) Men's Junior Hockey World Cup from November 24 to December 5 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced on Thursday.

Addressing a special event organised here for this purpose, Patnaik said that recently the Hockey India had approached the state government to support it for the Men's Junior Hockey World Cup, which is to be held in two months' time.

"It is a short notice for making arrangements for such an event, especially during the pandemic period. But since the country's prestige is at stake, we readily agreed to support," he



said. Stating that the junior India team had won the last hockey World Cup, he said, "As a defending champion, I am sure that our team will emerge victorious again on home turf." The Chief Minister further said that hockey has a special place in the minds of the people of Odisha and hockey players from the state have led the country in many international tournaments.

Paralympics bronze winner Sharad diagnosed with heart inflammation

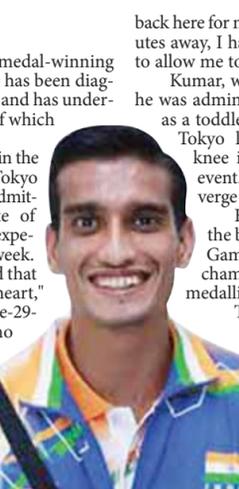
PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tokyo Paralympics bronze medal-winning high jumper Sharad Kumar has been diagnosed with heart inflammation and has undergone a few more tests, reports of which are still awaited.

Kumar, who won a bronze in the T-42 high jump event in the Tokyo Paralympics on August 31, was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) after experiencing chest congestion last week.

"The earlier reports showed that I have an inflammation in my heart," Kumar told PTI on Thursday. The 29-year-old Patna-born athlete, who stays in Chhatrapur, was discharged from the medical facility earlier this week but had to come back for some more tests.

"I have come



back here for more tests. Since I live just 10 minutes away, I had asked the hospital authorities to allow me to go home," he added. Kumar, whose left leg was paralysed after he was administered a spurious polio vaccine as a toddler, competed in the T-42 final in Tokyo last month despite suffering a knee injury while training before his event. He later revealed he was on the verge of pulling out of the competition. Kumar had jumped 1.83m to win the bronze. He is a double Asian Para Games (2014 and 2018) high jump champion and also a world silver medalist (2019).

The T-42 classification is for athletes with a leg deficiency, leg length difference, impaired muscle power or impaired passive range of movement in the legs. The athletes compete in a standing position.

Abhishek Verma elected to World Archery's athletes committee

PTI ■ YANKTON

India's three-time World Cup gold medal-winning compound archer Abhishek Verma has been elected to World Archery's athletes' committee for a four-year term.

The 32-year-old was elected alongside reigning women's world champion Natalia Avdeeva of Russia after participants voted during the ongoing World Championships. Compound archers were polled for their new representatives here.

Verma, a former Asian Games gold-medallist, was the only male candidate but had to earn a majority while Avdeeva and Janine Meissner of Germany were the female candidates. The Russian received 69 per cent of the votes. The duo will serve for four years and join chair Naomi Folkard, and members Sef van den Berg and Crystal Gajin on the committee. Terms are staggered to ensure continuity and transfer of knowledge. Verma, an Arjuna awardee, has won gold medals in the World Cups in Poland (2015) and Paris earlier this year. He also bagged the yellow metal in the team event in World Cup in Shanghai in 2018.

"...I think I can competently defend the rights of athletes, improve interaction with committees and contribute to competitions," Avdeeva was quoted as saying by the World Archery website.

HC asks Centre to conduct inquiry into allegations against TT body

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday stayed the Table Tennis Federation of India's mandate on compulsory attendance at the National Coaching Camp in order to be selected for any upcoming international event and asked the Centre to conduct an inquiry into

Manika Batra's complaint against the sports body. Justice Rekha Palli further said that if warranted, the Union Sports Ministry may look into the affairs of the TTFI as well. Justice Palli was hearing a plea by Batra who was left out of the Indian contingent for the upcoming Asian Table Tennis Championships and has alleged that the national coach Soumyadeep Roy "pressurized" her to "throw away" an Olympic qualifier match in favour of one of his personal trainees.

The judge said the rule mandating compulsory attendance at the national camp has been enforced "at a point when there was a complaint pending against the national coach" and the same "does not inspire confidence". "They are overreaching the court. I will issue a notice on this. I pass an order and you appoint a new person. This is shocking... I am expressing my anguish," the judge stated. "I am of the view that the operation of the rule is required to be stayed till the next date of hearing. Respondent no. 2 (Sports Ministry)...is itself inclined to hold an inquiry into the serious allegations by the petitioner. There is no reason why respondent no 1 (federation) should continue with its rule," she ordered.



La Liga: Asensio, Benzema star as Real beat Mallorca 6-1

PTI ■ MADRID

Marco Asensio scored a hat-trick and Karim Benzema struck a brace of goals as Real Madrid soared on their goal-scoring prowess to thrash Mallorca 6-1 and rose to the top of the table in the Spanish La Liga.

Asensio scored in the 24th, 29th, and 55th minute while Benzema struck in the third and 78th minute as Real Madrid produced another goal-fest for the Santiago Bernabeu faithful. Isco scored the sixth goal in the 82nd minute while Lee Kang-In got the

lone goal for Mallorca in the 25th minute. The game was a lively affair and was played at a high intensity throughout. The Real got off to an electrifying start when Benzema latched onto a missed controlled ball by Gaya and fired it past goalkeeper Manolo Reina to net his seventh goal of the league campaign after with just three minutes on the clock. In the 7th minute, the hosts almost doubled their lead when Marco Asensio's in-swinging corner kick was cleared off the line by the defence.

The visiting goalkeeper Reina was once again beaten in the 229th minute. Rodrygo picked up the ball inside the box with his back to goal, turned, and crossed. The ball deflected off both Valjant and Reina falling kindly for Asensio who slammed in the rebound for his first goal of the evening.

Mallorca's response was immediate, as Lee Kang-In produced a fine piece of individual skills before curling the ball superbly past Thibaut Courtois. Real took control after Mallorca reduced the margin.



The game was an end-to-end affair, Benzema linked up with Asensio after 29 minutes, his superb control and finish saw him dispatch the ball expertly past

Reina. The Balearic midfielder doubled his tally and could have made it three seven minutes later. Vinicius Jr. delivered to the far post, Benzema got on the end of it and headed towards the penalty spot where Valjant was on hand to clear Asensio's effort off the line as the team went for half-time with Real leading 3-1.

The intensity did not let up after the break and Real Madrid came close to the fourth goal on two separate occasions. Firstly, Benzema played the ball into the path of Vinicius Jr but his spectacular left-footed cut-back to his

marker in the 48th minute was kept out by Reina. Rodrygo then picked up the ball in his own half, raced past Battaglia, and delivered a perfect ball for Benzema to head home. However, the goal was ruled out by the referee after he spotted a foul by the striker.

Real could not be denied for long and the Los Blancos' fourth goal came in the 55th minute courtesy of a superb effort by Asensio, who received the ball on the edge of the area before firing in a left-footed shot that Reina could do nothing about.

Natarajan's positive COVID-19 test did not impact game: Bayliss

PTI ■ DUBAI

Sunrisers Hyderabad head coach Trevor Bayliss has asserted that their pacer T Natarajan's positive COVID-19 result did not impact their performance against Delhi Capitals on Wednesday since all the players are used to last-minute setbacks.

The game went ahead after other members of SRH squad tested negative but Delhi Capitals cruised to an eight-wicket win with 13 balls to spare. "I don't think that would have



affected the result of the match. They played way too well for us tonight. It was a little bit of an upset," Bayliss said at the post-match press conference.

"Natarajan was going to play, but these guys are professional players. There's now and then, there's an injury just before play and you have got to make a late replacement. So, I am sure all of the players are, in a way, used to that. But we hope Nattu (Natarajan) gets over it pretty quickly and we can move on," added Bayliss.

The Sunrisers Hyderabad coach said Delhi Capitals' world-class tall pacers used the wicket pretty well and deserve the credit for scripting their team's victory.

"Give Delhi the credit. They bowled particularly well. They have got some world-class bowlers and upfront some world-class very fast bowlers, so they had a good day. We didn't have such a good day and that's the game of cricket."

"Their bowlers upfront bowled exceedingly well. A lot of pace and used the wicket well with cutters, with the ball just holding in the wicket little bit and jumping up a little-bit, those tall fast bowlers took full advantage of it."

Women's European Championship cash doubles, vast gender gulf

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UEFA has doubled prize money for the Women's European Championship while maintaining vast disparities with the tournaments for men's championships. The 16 teams in the women's competition next year will share 16 million euros (\$19 million), while 4.5 million euros (\$5 million) will go to clubs who release their players. The 24 teams at the men's European

Championship shared 371 million euros (\$435 million) in UEFA prize money this year, but clubs were also guaranteed at least 200 million euros (\$235 million) for the release of players. UEFA said it was "ensuring that more money than ever before is distributed across the women's game."

The Women's European Championship is being hosted by England next July after being delayed by a year due to the pandemic.