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Dhankar elected VP with whopping 3/4th votes

LG suspends 11 officials in Delhi Excise Policy case

Opp pick Alva gets just 182 votes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

NDA candidate and former West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar was on Saturday elected as the new Vice President of India.

He trounced his rival and Opposition candidate Margaret Alva — a former Union Minister and Governor — by garnering about three-fourths of the votes cast. In percentage terms, Dhankar secured 72.83 per cent of the vote share.

Dhankar's win is bigger than that of outgoing Vice President Venkaiah Naidu, who had bagged 516 votes of the total 760 valid votes or 67.89 per cent vote share in 2017. He had defeated then Opposition candidate Gopalkrishna Gandhi by a margin of 272 votes. Gandhi had secured 244 votes. Dhankar will be the 14th Vice President of India.

"NDA candidate Dhankar won by 346 votes as he bagged 528 of the total 725 votes cast. "While 15 were termed invalid, Opposition candidate Alva received 182 votes in the election," Utpal Kumar Singh, Lok Sabha Secretary-General and the returning officer, said.

"Out of the 780 electors comprising elected and nominated members of the Rajya



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice-President designate Jagdeep Dhankar react during a meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. BJP national president JP Nadda is also seen

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Sabha and elected members of the Lok Sabha, 725 electors cast their votes with the total voter turnout being 92.94 per cent," Singh added.

Intriguingly, Alva got less than the expected around 200 votes from the Opposition camp while Dhankar received more than the little over 515 votes expected to be cast in his favour. Alva minced no words in making known her anguish.

"Unfortunately, some Opp par-

ties chose to directly/indirectly support BJP, in an attempt to derail the idea of a united oppn... damaging their own credibility," Alva tweeted after the results even as she congratulated Dhankar.

The Vice President election was an opportunity for the Opposition to leave the past behind, to work together, and build trust amongst each other, she maintained.

Notably, the 39-MP-

strong Trinamool Congress (TMC) had announced it would abstain from voting as it said the 17 Opposition parties had finalised Congress veteran Alva's candidature without consultations with it. But despite TMC's announcement, its MPs Sisir Kumar Adhikari and Dibyendu Adhikari — father and brother of BJP MLA Suvendu Adhikari— defied the party line and cast their ballots.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a major action in alleged corruption in formulation and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday recommended suspension and initiation of major disciplinary proceedings against 11 officials, including then Delhi Excise Commissioner Arava Gopi Krishna, a 2012 batch IAS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories) Cadre and Deputy Excise Commissioner Anand Kumar Tiwari, over their alleged involvement.

Krishna is currently posted in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. According to sources, the LG has recommended the Ministry of Home Affairs for suspension and major disciplinary actions against Krishna and Tiwari.

Tiwari was the Deputy Commissioner to Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

In the case of nine other officials, including three ad hoc DANICS officers, the Chief Secretary has been asked to take action against them.

The officials who have been suspended are Assistant Commissioner Pankaj Bhatnagar, Narinder Singh, Neeraj Gupta, Section Officer Kuljeet Singh, Subhash Ranjan and Suman and Dealing Hand Satya Brat Bhargav, Sachin

Solanki and Gaurav Mann.

"The L-G has taken this decision in view of the serious lapses on part of the officers concerned, including irregularities in finalising the tender and extending post-tender benefits to select vendors, as brought out by the Directorate of Vigilance (DoV) in its report after inquiry," sources in the L-G's office said.

The action against the senior officers came following an enquiry report by Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar and the vigilance department.

The said enquiry report clearly brings out blatant violation of procedures, deliberate misinterpretation and subversion of basic Government financial rules to provide benefit to licencees/tenderers obviously for a quid pro quo.

Be it the formulation of the tender document, award of tenders, undue return of EMD worth ₹30 crore, waiver of ₹144.36 crore licence fee or allowing additional liquor vendors by chosen licencees, the entire episode stinks of corruption and connivance.

"Officers of departments have tried to equate the failure of successful tenderer selected through bidding process in obtaining NOC from Airport Authorities, with unsuccessful bidders to justify the return of EMD amounting to ₹30 crore of a successful tenderer who failed to obtain NOC from the Airport authorities.

Sisodia seeks CBI probe into ex-LG's role in Excise Policy



Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia addresses a press conference in New Delhi on Saturday

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STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Accusing former Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal of creating a mess in the new excise policy, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has written to the Central Bureau of Investigation seeking a probe against the former as to why he changed his stand on the opening of liquor shops in unauthorised colonies just 48 hours before the launch of the policy.

Sisodia claimed that the sudden change in the then LG's stand led to "thousands of crores" of losses to the Government exchequer as close to 300-350 liquor shops that were supposed to open in unauthorised colonies could not be opened.

Addressing a Press con-

ference here at his Mathura Road residence, Sisodia said he has sent the details of the matter to the CBI and asserted that there should be a probe into it.

"Delhi Lieutenant Governor made changes in the new excise policy two days before shops were to open so he could extend special favours to a few liquor traders.

"The CBI should also find out if the decision was taken independently and without his pressure or coercion. I am fully optimistic that the CBI will investigate this matter fairly," he said.

This is the first time that the AAP Government has acknowledged that it has incurred losses worth "thousands of crores" of rupees under the new excise policy.

I-T raids on TN film persons find ₹200 cr hidden income

₹20 cr cash, jewellery worth ₹3 cr recovered from 40 premises

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department has unearthed undisclosed income of over ₹200 crore after it recently searched as many as 40 premises of some film producers, distributors and financiers in Tamil Nadu.

The searches were launched on August 2 and about 40 premises of the entities, which have not been identified, were covered in Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Vellore, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said on Saturday.

The board is the administrative authority for the IT



Department which functions under it.

The department also said it seized ₹26 crore undisclosed cash and gold jewellery worth over ₹3 crore during the searches. So far, the search operation has resulted in the detection of undisclosed income of more than ₹200 crore, the CBDT said in a statement.

The department seized a number of documents, digital devices relating to "unaccounted" cash transactions and investments even as "secret and hidden" premises have

been unearthed, it said.

In the case of film production houses, tax evasion has been found as the actual amounts realised from the release of the films are much more than the amounts shown in the regular books of account, it further said. "The unaccounted income so generated by them is deployed for undisclosed investments as well as for various undisclosed payments," the CBDT said.

In the case of film distributors, the statement said, seized documents indicate the collection of "unaccounted cash" from theatres.

"As per the evidence, the distributors have formed syndicates and have systematically suppressed the theatre collections, resulting in the suppression of actual income," it alleged.

Taiwan activates missile systems against Chinese 'simulated attacks'



AP ■ BEIJING

Taiwan on Saturday said China's military drills appear to simulate an attack on it, after multiple Chinese warships and aircraft crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait following US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to

Taipei that infuriated Beijing.

Taiwan's armed forces issued an alert, dispatched air and naval patrols around the island, and activated land-based missile systems in response to the Chinese exercises, the Ministry of National Defense said.

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KCR cites 'Centre's bias', to skip PM-chaired NITI meet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhhar Rao (KCR) on Saturday declared that he will "stay away" from Prime Minister Narendra Modi-chaired NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting to be held on Sunday here to strongly protest the Centre "discriminating against the States", "micro-managing schemes, giving complete go by to State-specific needs" and because there is "no planning and cooperative federalism".

Terming his decision as "unfortunate", the NITI Aayog responded swiftly dishing out figures to counter his claims.

KCR's announcement came even as reports about Bihar Chief Minister and president of



Telangana CM KC Rao addresses a press conference in Hyderabad on Saturday

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JD(U), an ally of BJP, Nitish Kumar, also not attending the meeting have come. Interestingly, while West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee

had been staying away from the PM Modi-chaired NITI Aayog meetings earlier, this time round she is not only attending it but has landed in Delhi a couple of days in advance. Both KCR and Mamata have been separately making efforts to forge an Opposition unity to take on Modi.

In a strongly-worded letter to the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister expressed anguish against the Centre for not giving States "flexibility to design and modify schemes based on their needs and conditions to ensure maximum benefit to people". His protest, he said, was against the "present trend of Central Government to discriminate against the States and not treating them as equal partners".

RCP quits JD(U) after party seeks reply on graft charges

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister RCP Singh on Saturday resigned from the Janata Dal (United) after the party sent him a notice seeking explanation from him over allegations of corruption against him. The notice, incidentally, came hours after he spoke about his intentions of floating his own party at a Press conference. "There is nothing left in this party. The JD(U) is a sinking ship," he said.

The JD(U) issued a show-cause notice to Singh over "discrepancies in immovable properties" and he was asked to file his reply at the earliest.

"A complaint has been received with evidence from two associates of Nalanda JD(U), mentioning that discrepancies in immovable properties registered from 2013-2022 in his name (Singh) and that of his family were noticed," the notice read.

Dhanbad judge's hit & run convicts get life behind bar

PANKAJ KUMAR ■ DHANBAD

The court of CBI Special Judge Rajnikanth Pathak on Saturday awarded life imprisonment till last breath to convicts Lakhan Verma and Rahul Verma for killing Dhanbad Civil Court Judge Uttam Anand. The court also imposed ₹25,000 fine each on both the convicted persons.

The duo was held guilty under sections 302 (murder), 201 (hiding evidence), 34 (common intention) of IPC on July 28, 2022 by the special CBI court and today the quantum of punishment was announced. The judgment was pronounced through video conferencing.

Defence lawyer Kumar Vimalendu, however, was not satisfied with the verdict. Talking to media persons, he said, "It was a case of hit and run but the CBI concocted it to be a murder theory without having any evidence of motive behind murder."



Rahul Verma and Lakhan Verma being taken to jail after conviction in connection with the murder of a Dhanbad court judge last year, in Dhanbad, on Saturday

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Lakhan and Rahul will challenge the verdict in higher court, added the defence lawyer, who was appointed by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

One of the relatives of the late Judge Vishal Anand too expressed anguish over the sentence. He said that they were expecting a death sentence but cannot comment on

the judgment.

CBI APP Amit Jindal had said the court found both guilty as they were not in an intoxicated situation when the auto, which one of the accused was driving, had hit the judge. It was not an accident but intentional murder, claimed Jindal. However, he could not explain what the intention behind the murder was.

Rich haul for India at CWG

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Star wrestler Ravi Dahiya triumphed in his men's 57 kg final to win gold and soon after, Vinesh Phogat won her third consecutive gold at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. India got a third wrestling gold on the day as Naveen beat Pakistan's Muhammad Sharif Tahir in the men's 74kg final. Their wins came soon after Pooja Gehlot became the first Indian wrestler to win a medal on the day as she brought home bronze in women's 50kg.

Besides, Avinash Sable became India's first male athlete to win a long distance medal at the Commonwealth Games with a silver in 3000m steeplechase and Priyanka Goswami also achieved a first while finishing on podium in a race walk event here on Saturday. Sable broke his own national record on way to the silver while

Goswami too clinched a medal of the same colour in the women's 10,000m race walk event on a pro-



Gold medalist Vinesh Phogat during the Women's Freestyle 53kg Nordic event medal ceremony at the Commonwealth Games, in Birmingham on Saturday

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ductive day for India in the athletics competition.

Putting aside the mental and physical struggles that pegged her back, an intimidating Vinesh Phogat pounced on her rivals to complete a hat-trick of CWG gold medals while Ravi Dahiya too went unchallenged in his gold-winning show, here on Saturday.

Vinesh became the first Indian woman wrestler to win three consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal. With only four wrestlers in the women's 53kg draw, Vinesh now needed to beat Sri Lanka's Chamodya Keshani Maduravilage Don and she did it in style, winning 'by fall' to clinch her third successive gold.

Tokyo Games silver medalist Ravi was also too good for the 57kg field. He won both his bouts — against Suraj Singh of New Zealand and Pakistan's Asad Ali — by technical superiority en route the final.

The India men's hockey team will also square off against South Africa later in the day in the semi-finals.

Ex- CM Rawat to sit on dharna outside CM residence

Panchayati Raj system being treated undemocratically, influential group managing the matter, alleges Rawat

PNS ■ HARIDWAR

Questioning the repeated postponement of Panchayat elections in Haridwar, former chief minister and sen-

ior of Haridwar district Panchayat elections, Rawat said that the way Panchayat election is postponed in the

and is orchestrating actions to end the leadership of the rural area. It seems as if the Panchayat institution and the district magistrate are under serious pressure in a manner which threatens the Panchayati Raj system itself in the district. Protesting against this, Rawat said that he will sit on hunger strike outside the chief minister's residence on August 18.

Apart from this, the former CM also lambasted the Central government and alleged that all the central



ior Congress leader Harish Rawat has announced that he will sit in protest outside the chief minister's residence on hunger strike on August 18. He said this while addressing the media here on Saturday.

Regarding the delimitation

name of reservation and delimitation in Haridwar district was very disappointing and was a threat to democracy. He alleged that it appears as if a group of influential persons is managing this matter, preventing some people from contesting Panchayat elections

agencies including the Election Commission, Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation are working at the behest of the Central government, which is a matter of great concern, added the senior Congress leader.

Doon Presidency wins Carbery Memorial sub-junior tourney

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The 35th Carbery Memorial sub-junior football tournament organised by Carman Residential and Day School, Dalanwala was held on the grounds of the Saint Jude's school here. The final match, which was a nail biting match was played between Wynberg Allen and Doon Presidency School, Premnagar with the Doon Presidency School taking the title by winning the match by one goal to nil. Manish Maithani, a footballer and old student from Carman School was the chief guest on the oc-



casion. He gave away the prizes to the winners and encouraged the runners up with motivating words. On this occasion the director of the school G Mann and principal S Mann were present along with the other invited guests.

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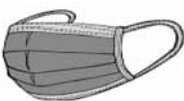
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One Govt college in every district to become model college

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The Higher Education minister Dhan Singh Rawat has said that the one government college in every district would be made a model college to fulfill the objective of making higher education in the state research and job oriented. He took a review meeting with the officers of the higher education department at his Vidhan Sabha office on Saturday. In the meeting, he directed the officers to prepare the proposal of the model colleges in all the districts. He said that the courses on research and vocational training would be conducted in these colleges in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020. He said that all the colleges and the educational institutes must compul-

sorily apply for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). This would help in increasing the quality of education in the state, he opined.

The minister also directed that a task force should be constituted to check the increasing prevalence of drug abuse in institutes of higher education in the state. He said that the task force would initiate an anti drugs campaign in the state from September 1.

The minister also asked the colleges to prepare the proposal for appointing one Yoga teacher and said that the vacant posts of Principals should

be filled by holding Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting. The minister also directed that Prabhat Pheri programmes should be held in all the colleges of the state on August 15.

Higher Education minister directs all colleges, institutions to apply for NAAC & NIRF

The secretary higher education Shailesh Bagoli, Advisor RUSSA MSM Rawat, additional secretary Prashant Arya, M M Semwal and others were present in the meeting.

Amarjeet Singh appointed social media/ political advisor of PCC

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Karan Mahara has appointed Amarjeet Singh as the social media/ political and media advisor of the PCC. Singh has held the position of social media in charge of the party in the past. The PCC president said that Singh has held the task of social media of the party during the tenure of Yashpal Arya, Pritam Singh and Ganesh Godiyal as PCC presidents and he is a dedicated worker of the party. He expressed confidence that the party would be able to get strengthened by his rich experience. The vice president (organisation) Mathura Dutt Joshi, general secretary or-



ganisation Vijay Saraswat, Vice president Puran Singh Rawat, Naveen Joshi, Garima Dasauri and others met Singh and congratulated him on his new assignment.

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2.	Branch: Ghanshali Borrower/mortgagor:- M/s Hari Om Auto (Prop. Shri Brjesh Singh Rana S/o Late Shri Dhan Singh Rana, R/o Ghanshali, Patti- Faigul, Distt. Tehri Garhwal. Guarantors: 1. Shri Sherg Singh Kandari S/o Shri Javir Singh, R/o vill. Kyarda, Po Dangri, Patti- nail Chami, Distt. Tehri Garhwal. 2. Legal heirs of late Shri Dhan Singh Rana Namely Shri Dinesh Singh Rana, Shri Brjesh Singh Rana & Shri Harish Rana, R/o Ghanshali, Patti- Faigul, Distt. Tehri Garhwal.	Rs. 17,74,616/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Only) + Interest from 27.02.2020 and expenses less recovery if any			
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Terms & Conditions:- 1. Interest Bidders may take bid form from the Ghanshali Branch (7088134131) Ghanshali, Tehri Garhwal - 249155 & submit the duly filled Bid Form with a self-attested copy of PAN Card, Aadhar Card & original bank Draft/Banker's Cheque of earnest money in a sealed envelope favouring "Uttarakhand Gramin Bank" payable at Tehri Garhwal" by 5 PM at Ghanshali Branch, up to 07.09.2022. Place, date, time of opening of Bids: 08.09.2022 at 12.00 PM at Uttarakhand Gramin Bank, Ghanshali, Tehri Garhwal. 2. Date and Time of inspection of property: on 05.09.2022 between 02.00 pm to 04.00 pm. 3. Date of inspection of documents: any working day of bank between 11 AM to 2 PM & 2 PM to 4 PM till 05.09.2022 at our, Ghanshali Branch Tehri Garhwal. 4. The intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding encumbrances; title of property put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances, whether known or unknown to the Bank. The authorized officer/bank will not be responsible for any charge, Lien, encumbrance, property tax or any other dues to the govt. or anybody in respect of the property under the sale. 5. No bid will be considered below the reserve price. Bidder should submit his tender in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for the purchase of property of M/s/Shri/Smt. Dinesh Singh Rana". Bidders should submit earnest money with the tender which will be refunded without any payment of interest in case of non-acceptance of bid. 6. The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of bid amount, inclusive of EMD already paid, on same day and the balance amount within 15 days without giving any notice. Amount of EMD and/or initial deposit as above shall be forfeited on failure to pay the balance amount. 7. All payment shall be made by Demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of "Uttarakhand Gramin Bank" payable at Tehri Garhwal. 8. The authorized officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/date of sale without assigning any reason hereof. 9. The successful bidder shall bear the charges/fee payable such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. as applicable as per law. 10. The buyer will be responsible in respect of all types of payments towards statutory dues or liabilities viz. electricity bill, house Tax etc. 11. After opening of the bids the top three intending bidders may be given an opportunity at the discretion of the authorized officer to have inter se bidding among them to enhance the offer price. 12. After auction, for any dispute, the bank will not be responsible for any adverse decision of Hon'ble court. 13. The Sale shall be confirmed by Authorized Officer. The borrower/owners whose property is being sold take a note of it and make efforts at their end in realizing fair market price of property. This may also be considered as a notice to the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors under rule 8(6) of the security interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002.

Date : 06.08.2022	Place : Dehradun	Authorized Officer: Uttarakhand Gramin Bank
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002. 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 / charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor) will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS" and "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"** on 24.08.2022 in between 10:00 A. M. to 03:00 P. M., for recovery of respective amounts, due to the Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor) from the respective Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned below. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit will be as mentioned below. For details terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in. Bidder may also visit the website <https://www.ibapi.in>. The under mentioned properties will be sold by Online E-Auction through website www.mstcecommerce.com on 24.08.2022 for recovery of respective amounts plus interest and other expenses in the respective borrowers accounts.

Online E- Auction through website <https://www.mstcecommerce.com>
Date & Time of Auction : 24th AUGUST, 2022 at 10.00 A. M. to 03.00 P. M.

a) Name of the Borrower, b) Name of the Branch, c) Description of Property, d) Name of the Owner's	a) Reserve Price (in ₹) b) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in ₹)	Debt Due Amount Contact Person & Mobile No. Inspection Date/ Time	Encumbrance Possession: Symbolic / Physical
a) M/s. Boltmaster India Pvt. Ltd. b) Asset Recovery Management Branch c) Factory Land & Building at Plot No. 14, 15, & 16, Sector-6, Rudrapur, Uttarakhand. Total Land Area of the Property : 77472 sq. ft. or 7200 sq. mlt. d) M/s. Boltmaster India Pvt. Ltd.	a) ₹ 3,80,10,000/- b) ₹ 38,01,000/-	₹ 38,63,98,693.00 (Rs. Thirty Eight Crore Sixty Three lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three Only) as on 31.03.2022 plus further interest thereon w. e. f. 01.04.2022 at applicable rate of interest, cost and charges till date. * Mr. Sureshwar Deshbharat - Mob. No. 9082071047 * Mr. Shailesh Singh - Mob. No. 8052113909 + 19.08.2022 / 03.00 p. m. to 05.00 p. m.	Not Known to A. O. Physical Possession

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STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) / RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
This may also be treated as notice under Rule 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower's and guarantor's of the said loan above the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in or <https://www.ibapi.in>, www.mstcecommerce.com

Place : Rudrapur, Uttarakhand.	Sd/-	Authorized Officer, Union Bank of India
Date : 06.08.2022		

Dhami meets Shah and Vaishnaw, seeks boost to development projects, central assistance for Uttarakhand

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami met the Union Home minister Amit Shah and Railways, Communication and Information

computerisation of PACS and recently 108 PACS have become online and remaining 502 would be made online in next six months. Dhami re-

crore per year under this head but after that the amount was decreased to Rs five crore. The CM also demanded a sum of Rs 25 crore under Nirbhaya

centage of housing facilities from existing 18 per cent to 25 per cent of policemen.

In the meeting with the CM of Uttarakhand, the Union Railways and Communication minister Ashwini Vaishnaw approved installation of 1,206 mobile towers in the state. A sum of Rs one crore would be spent on construction of one tower. On his part Dhami also pitched for a new Jan Shatabdi express connecting Tanakpur with Dehradun. He also requested that Uttarakhand should be exempted from payment of a sum of Rs 99.01 crores as its remaining contribution for the Roorkee-Deoband rail project. The state needs to provide 50 per cent of the total project cost and has handed over a sum of Rs 296.67 crore to the Railway ministry.

Dhami said that at present Dehradun- Kathgodam is the only train service that connects Garhwal and Kumaon regions. He said that the proposed Tanakpur- Dehradun Janshatabdi express would provide relief for the people residing near Nepal border and further strengthen the connectivity between Garhwal and Kumaon regions. Dhami also requested for conversion of Tanakpur- Bageshwar narrow gauge line to broad gauge, making Dehradun- Haridwar rail line double lane, modernisation of Harrawala rail station and construction of Kiccha- Khatima rail link. He also requested that necessary steps should be taken to reduce the journey time of Tanakpur- New Delhi Purnagiri Jan Shatabdi express so that it is completed in five to six hours.

Technology minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi on Saturday. In the meeting with the Union Home and Cooperatives minister Shah, the CM requested that the Central government's contribution for the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) should be increased from the current allocation of Rs 50,000 per PACS. He said that Uttarakhand is a leading state in

quested that the predominantly mountainous state should be given central assistance in the ratio of 90:10.

Dhami also requested Shah that the annual grant given to Uttarakhand in the police modernisation scheme should be increased from existing Rs five crore to Rs 20 crore. He said that till the year 2014-15, the State used to get Rs 13

fund for the State. He said that a sum of Rs 33 crore should be given to the State for construction of buildings of 11 police posts under Border Area Development Project (BADP). Rs eight crore for strengthening cyber laboratory under the 'cyber crime prevention and children scheme'. The CM also demanded a package of Rs 50 crore for increasing the per-

Complete construction of U'khand Niwas on time-CM

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that the Uttarakhand Niwas in New Delhi should be constructed within the stipulated time period. He inspected the place where the building is being constructed on Saturday and gave necessary instruc-

struction of Uttarakhand Niwas commenced in June 2020 at 3, Gopinath Bardoli road, Chanakypuri, New Delhi. The proposed seven storied building would have three basements and it is being constructed as per the Uttarakhand style of Architec-



tions. He said that the quality of the construction should be maintained. CM directed the work executive agency that the office of Resident Commissioner and Uttarakhand State information centre should be shifted to the Uttarakhand Niwas.

It is pertinent to mention here that the work on the con-

ture. The building would have its own sewage treatment plant and 50 MW solar power plant. The work on the building is expected to be complete next year. Secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram, director Vigilance Amit Sinha and additional resident commissioner Ajay Mishra were present during the inspection.

Anti-dengue drive intensified in Doon, claims Health Dept

Four cases of the vector borne disease have been found in the district so far

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

In view of increasing cases of dengue, the Health department has started an intensive disease control campaign in provisional state capital Dehradun.

On Saturday, one more patient of the disease was detected in the Araghara area of the city. The state health department has reported four cases of the disease in the district this season.

The district vector borne diseases officer Subhash Joshi said that the department has undertaken source reduction activity on a large scale in the city. He said that the anti dengue activities are being done in coordination with Asha workers and Municipal Corporation and fogging is being done in the affected areas.

He added that Apart from source reduction exercises the health department has also undertaken an awareness drive in which people are ex-



plained the ways to prevent the menace of dengue. Joshi said that the Aedes Aegypti, the vector of the disease, strikes during the day time and breeds in clear water. "One should wear full sleeved clothes to prevent exposure to the mosquito bite and don't allow water to get collected in their vicinity," he said.

Dengue is a viral infection spread by the mosquito Aedes Aegypti popularly known as Tiger Mosquito. The symptoms of the disease are persistent high fever, rashes, headache and pain in the joints. In the acute cases the platelets number decreases drastically which may prove fatal for the patient. In Uttarakhand the disease is more prevalent in Dehradun, Haridwar, Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar districts.

Substandard, unsafe Paneer, condensed milk being sold in the market?

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The consumption of open Paneer being sold in the markets of the State could prove to be detrimental for health. The State food and drugs testing laboratory, Rudrapur has found seven samples of open Paneer unsafe to eat and below standard. Apart from Paneer, one sample of Papad and one sample of open Mawa (condensed milk) have been found below standard and not safe to consume. The Food Safety and Drug Administration (FDA) department had taken the sample of open Paneer from



Fedrick, Radha enclave, Dehradun on April 4, this year. Paneer samples were also collected from Ali Sher Qureshi, New Shuddh Dairy, Mothrowala Road in Dehradun, Murtza-Nehru Colony, Dehradun and vehicle

of Subhash Chandra on April 29 this year. Paneer samples were also collected on May 1 this year from three different locations in Dehradun. The Rudrapur lab in its report has found all these samples unsafe to eat and below the prescribed standards. The team of the department had collected a sample of Papad from a resort in Mohan, Salt Almora on September 1 last year and a sample of Mawa from Reetha Mandi in Dehradun on May 1 this year. These samples have

also been found below standards and not safe by the laboratory of the department.

The Drug Controller, FDA, Uttarakhand Tajber Jaggi told The Pioneer that the samples were collected by the department on the orders of the commissioner, FDA Radhika Jha. He said that the Commissioner has now directed the department to file suits in court against the traders and shopkeepers whose food samples have been found below standard or unsafe to consume.

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80% to 89.8%	85 Students	55% to 69.8%	57 Students

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China military drills appear to simulate attack: Taiwan



AP ■ BEIJING

Taiwan said on Saturday that China's military drills appear to simulate an attack on the self-ruled island, after multiple Chinese warships and aircraft crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait following US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taipei that infuriated Beijing.

Taiwan's armed forces issued an alert, dispatched air and naval patrols around the island, and activated land-based missile systems in response to the Chinese exercises, the Ministry of National Defense said. China's Ministry of Defense said in a statement Saturday that it had carried out military exercises as planned in the sea and airspaces to the north, southwest, and east of Taiwan, with a focus on "testing the capabilities" of its land strike and sea assault systems.

China launched live-fire military drills following Pelosi's trip to Taiwan earlier this week, saying it violated the "one-China" policy. China sees the island as a breakthrough province to be annexed by force if necessary, and considers visits to Taiwan by foreign officials as recognising its sovereignty. Taiwan's army also said it detected four unmanned aerial vehicles flying in the vicinity of the offshore county of Kinmen on Friday night and fired warning flares in response.

The four drones, which Taiwan believed were Chinese, were spotted over waters around the Kinmen island group and the nearby Lieyu Island and Beiding islet, according to Taiwan's Kinmen Defense Command. Kinmen, also known as Quemoy, is a group of islands only 10 kilometers east of the Chinese coastal city of Xiamen in Fujian province in the Taiwan Strait, which divides the two sides that split amid civil war in 1949.

"Our government & military are closely monitoring China's military exercises & information warfare operations, ready to respond as necessary," Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen said in a tweet. "I call on the international community to support democratic Taiwan & halt any escalation of the regional security situation," she added. The Chinese military exercises began Thursday and are expected to last until Sunday. So far, the drills have included missile strikes on targets in the seas north and south of the island in an echo of the last major Chinese military drills in 1995 and 1996 aimed at intimidating Taiwan's leaders and voters.

Taiwan has put its military on alert and staged civil defense drills, while the U.S. Has deployed numerous naval assets in the area. The Biden administration and Pelosi have said the US remains committed to a "one-China" policy, which recognises Beijing as the government of China but allows informal relations and defense ties with Taipei. The administration discouraged but did not prevent Pelosi from visiting. China has also cut off defense and climate talks with the U.S. And imposed sanctions on Pelosi in retaliation for the visit. Pelosi said Friday in Tokyo, the last stop of her Asia tour, that China will not be able to isolate Taiwan by preventing US officials from travelling there.

Pelosi has been a long-time advocate of human rights in China. She, along with other lawmakers, visited Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1991 to support democracy two years after a bloody military crackdown on protesters at the square. Meanwhile, cyberattacks aimed at bringing

down the website of Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs had doubled between Thursday to Friday, compared to similar attacks ahead of Pelosi's visit, according to Taiwan's Central News Agency. The ministry did not specify the origin of the attack.

Other ministries and government agencies, such as the Ministry of Interior, also faced similar attacks on their websites, according to the report. A distributed-denial-of-service attack is aimed at overloading a website with requests for information that eventually crashes it, making it inaccessible to other users.

Also Saturday, the Central News Agency reported that the deputy head of the Taiwan Defense Ministry's research and development unit, Ou Yang Li-hsing, was found dead in his hotel room after suffering a heart attack. He was 57, and had supervised several missile production projects. The report said his hotel room in the southern county of Pingtung, where he was on a business trip, showed no signs of intrusion.

Taiwanese overwhelmingly favour maintaining the status quo of the island's de facto independence and reject China's demands that the island unify with the mainland under Communist control. Globally, most countries subscribe to the "one-China" policy, which is a requirement to maintain diplomatic relations with Beijing. Any company that fails to recognise Taiwan as part of China often faces swift backlash, often with Chinese consumers pledging to boycott its products.

On Friday, Mars Wrigley, the manufacturer of the Snickers candy bar, apologised after it released a video and materials featuring South Korean boy band BTS that had referred to Taiwan as a country, drawing swift criticism from Chinese users.

Ukrainian unit digs in for Russian assault on eastern city

AP ■ SLOVIANSK

Ukrainian military personnel are fortifying their positions around the eastern city of Sloviansk in expectation of a fresh Russian attempt to seize the strategic point in the fiercely fought-over Donetsk region.

As heavy ground fighting continues on the front line only miles to the east, southeast and north of Sloviansk, members of the Dnipro-1 Regiment are digging in after a week of relative calm. The last Russian strike on the city occurred on July 30.

While the lull provided Sloviansk's remaining residents a reprieve after regular shelling between April and July, some unit members say it could be a prelude to renewed attacks.



"I think it won't be calm for long. Eventually, there will be an assault," Col Yurii Bereza, the head of the volunteer national guard regiment, told The Associated Press on Friday, adding that he expected the area to get "hot" in the coming days. Sloviansk is considered a strategic target in Moscow's ambi-

tions to seize all of Donetsk province, a largely Russian-speaking area in eastern Ukraine where Russian forces and pro-Moscow separatists control about 60% of the territory.

Donetsk and neighbouring Luhansk province, which Russia has almost entirely cap-

tured since Ukrainian forces withdrew in early July from the remaining cities under their control, together make up the industrial Donbas region. The separatists have claimed the region as two independent republics since 2014, and Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised their sovereignty before he sent troops into Ukraine.

Seizing Sloviansk would put more of the region under Russian control, but it also would be a symbolic victory for Moscow. The city was the first to be taken by the separatists during an outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine in 2014, though it was later brought back under Ukrainian control.

Indiana becomes 1st state to approve abortion ban post Roe

AP ★ INDIANAPOLIS (US)

Indiana on Friday became the first state in the nation to approve abortion restrictions since the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade, as the Republican governor quickly signed a near-total ban on the procedure shortly after lawmakers approved it.

The ban, which takes effect Sept 15, includes some exceptions. Abortions would be permitted in cases of rape and incest, before 10-weeks post-fertilisation; to protect the life and physical health of the mother; and if a fetus is diagnosed with a lethal anomaly. Victims of rape and incest would not be required to sign a notarised affidavit attesting to an attack, as had once been proposed.

Under the bill, abortions can be performed only in hospitals or outpatient centres owned by hospitals, meaning all abortion clinics would lose their licenses. A doctor who performs an illegal abortion or fails to file required reports must also lose their medical licence — wording that tightens current Indiana law that says a doctor "may" lose their licence.



"I am personally most proud of each Hoosier who came forward to courageously share their views in a debate that is unlikely to cease any time soon," Gov Eric Holcomb said in the statement announcing that he had signed the measure. "For my part as your governor, I will continue to keep an open ear."

His approval came after the Senate approved the ban 28-19 and the House advanced it 62-38. Indiana was among the earliest Republican-run state legislatures to debate tighter abortion laws after the Supreme Court ruling in June that removed constitutional protections for the procedure. But it is the first state to pass a ban through both

chambers, after West Virginia lawmakers on July 29 passed up the chance to be that state.

"Happy to be completed with this, one of the more challenging things that we've ever done as a state General Assembly, at least certainly while I've been here," Senate President Pro-Tem Rodric Bray told reporters after the vote. "I think this is a huge opportunity, and we'll build on that as we go forward from here."

Senator Sue Glick of LaGrange, who sponsored the bill, said that she does not think "all states will come down at the same place" but that most Indiana residents support aspects of the bill.

North Korea calls Pelosi 'destroyer of international peace'

AP ■ SEOUL

North Korea on Saturday called US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi "the worst destroyer of international peace and stability," accusing her of inciting anti-North Korea sentiment and enraging China during her Asian tour earlier this week.

Pelosi travelled to South Korea after visiting Taiwan, which had prompted China to launch military exercises including missile strike training in waters near the self-governed island.

China views Taiwan as part of its own territory to be annexed by force if necessary. While in South Korea, Pelosi visited a border area with North Korea and discussed the North's nuclear programme with South Korean National Assembly Speaker Kim Jin Pyo. According to Kim, the two agreed to support their governments' push for denuclearisation and peace on the Korean Peninsula based on strong, extended deterrence against the North and diplomacy.

Explainer: What is driving current Israel-Gaza violence

AP ■ TEL AVIV

Israel and Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip were exchanging fire Saturday in the worst bout of cross-border violence since an 11-day war between Israel and Hamas last year.

Israeli airstrikes have killed 11 people, including a senior commander from the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, an Iran-backed militant group, who was slain in a targeted attack.

Israel has carried out several deadly airstrikes, among them the targeted killing of a senior commander from the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, an Iran-backed militant group.

Militants have fired dozens of rockets at Israeli cities and towns, disrupting life for tens of thousands of people.

Here's a look at the latest round of violence: IN HAMAS'S SHADOW

Islamic Jihad is the smaller of the two main Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip, and is vastly outnumbered by the ruling Hamas group. But it enjoys direct financial and military backing from Iran, and has become the driving force in engaging in rocket attacks and other



confrontations with Israel.

Hamas, which seized control of Gaza in 2007 from the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority, is often limited in its ability to act because it bears responsibility for running day-to-day affairs of the impoverished territory. Islamic Jihad has no such duties and has emerged as the more militant faction, occasionally even undermining Hamas' authority.

The group was founded in 1981 with the aim of establishing an Islamic Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza and all of what is now Israel. It is designated a terrorist orga-

nization by the U.S. State Department, European Union and other governments. Like Hamas, Islamic Jihad is sworn to Israel's destruction.

THE IRANIAN CONNECTION

Israel's archenemy Iran supplies Islamic Jihad with training, expertise and money, but most of the group's weapons are locally produced. In recent years, it has developed an arsenal equal to that of Hamas, with longer-range rockets capable of striking central Israel's Tel Aviv metropolitan area. Air raid sirens went off in the suburbs just south of Tel Aviv on Friday, although no rockets appear

to have hit the area.

Although its base is Gaza, Islamic Jihad also has leadership in Beirut and Damascus, where it maintains close ties with Iranian officials.

Ziad al-Nakhalah, the group's top leader, was in Tehran meeting Iranian officials when Israel began its operation in Gaza on Friday.

TARGETING COMMANDERS

This isn't the first time Israel has killed Islamic Jihad leaders in Gaza. The commander it killed Friday, Taiseer al-Jabari, replaced Bahaa Abu el-Atta who was slain by Israel in a 2019 strike. His death had been the first high-profile assassination of an Islamic Jihad figure by Israel since the 2014 war in the Gaza Strip.

Al-Jabari, 50, was a member of Islamic Jihad's "military council," the group's decision-making body in Gaza. He was in charge of the Islamic Jihad militant activities in Gaza City and the northern Gaza Strip during the 2021 war. Israel said he was preparing to launch an anti-tank missile attack against Israel.

His death came on the heels of the arrest by Israel of a senior Islamic Jihad commander in the West Bank earlier this week. Bassam al-Saadi, 62,

is a senior Islamic Jihad official in the northern West Bank. According to Israeli media, al-Saadi was working to deepen the group's reach in the West Bank and expand its capabilities.

Al-Saadi spent a total of 15 years over several stints in Israeli jails for being an active Islamic Jihad member. Israel killed two of his sons who were also Islamic Jihad militants in separate incidents in 2002, and destroyed his home during a fierce battle in the West Bank city of Jenin the same year.

"Once you will hit the commanders it will affect immediately all the organization," said Zvika Haimovich, the former head of the Israeli military's air defense force.

"It immediately creates a big mess in the Jihad."

A DELICATE BALANCE

Since seizing power in 2007, Hamas has fought four wars with Israel, often with support from Islamic Jihad fighters. Aside from a flare-up earlier this year, the border has largely been quiet since last year's 11-day war and Hamas appears to be staying on the sidelines of this current conflagration, which might keep it from spilling over into all-out war.

Biden calls for reducing gun violence to defeat 'poison of white supremacy'

10th anniv of Wisconsin gurdwara attack

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden has called for reducing gun violence and banning assault weapons in the US to defeat "domestic terrorism" and hate in all its forms, including the "poison of white supremacy," as he condemned the attack on a Sikh gurdwara in Wisconsin in 2012 on the 10th anniversary of the heinous act.

On August 5, 2012, a white supremacist opened fire inside the Oak Creek gurdwara in Winconsin, killing six people. A seventh person who was severely paralysed died from his injuries in 2020.

"The Oak Creek shooting was the deadliest attack on Sikh Americans in our nation's history. Tragically, attacks on our nation's houses of worship have only become more common over the past decade. It is up to all of us to deny this hate safe harbour. No one should fear for their life when they bow their head in prayer or go about their lives in America," Biden said in a statement on Friday.

The President said the Oak Creek incident has shown "us the way" and recalled how after the attack, the Sikh community returned to their Gurdwara and insisted on cleaning it themselves. The son of one of the victims became the first Sikh in American history to testify before Congress, successfully calling for the federal government to track hate crimes against Sikhs and other minority groups.

Every year, the congregation now hosts an annual memorial run to honour the victims. The event bears the words 'Charhdi Kala', meaning "eternal optimism", he noted.

"Fuelled by that spirit of eternal optimism, we must continue to take steps now to reduce gun violence and keep our fellow Americans safe. We must do more to protect places



of worship, and defeat domestic terrorism and hate in all its forms, including the poison of white supremacy.

"We must ban assault weapons—used in many mass shootings at houses of worship and other sites across the country—as well as high-capacity magazines," Biden asserted.

Underlining that the House of Representatives last week passed a bill to do that, he said the Senate must do that.

"To stand in defence of religious freedom, we must all stand together to ban the weapons that terrorise congregations around our country," Biden said.

Recalling the attack, the President said when generations of Sikh-Americans in Oak Creek constructed their place of worship after years of renting local halls, it was a sacred place of their own and a connection shared with the broader community. That sense of peace and belonging was shattered on August 5, 2012, when a white supremacist wielding a semiautomatic handgun arrived at the Gurdwara and began shooting.

"The gunman murdered six people and wounded four that day, as well as another victim who survived his wounds only to succumb to them years later. Jill and I know that days like today bring back the pain like it happened yesterday, and we mourn with the victims' families, the survivors, and the community devastated by this heinous act," he said.

5.3-magnitude earthquake jolts central Nepal

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale jolted Kathmandu Valley and other parts of central Nepal on Saturday morning.

However, there were no reports of any damage or casualties, officials said.

According to the National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre, the 5.3-magnitude earthquake, which occurred at 5:26 am, had its epicentre in Belkot Gadhi of Nuwakot district.

In April 2015, a devastating earthquake of 7.8-magnitude rocked Nepal, killing nearly



9,000 people and wounding nearly 22,000 others. It also damaged over 800,000 houses and school buildings.

Hiroshima vows nuke ban at 77th memorial amid Russia threat

AP ■ TOKYO

Hiroshima on Saturday remembered the atomic bombing 77 years ago as officials, including the head of the United Nations, warned against nuclear weapons buildup and as fears grow of another such attack amid Russia's war on Ukraine.

"Nuclear weapons are nonsense. They guarantee no safety — only death and destruction," said UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, who joined the prayer at the Hiroshima Peace Park.

"Three quarters of a century later, we must ask what we've learned from the mushroom cloud that swelled above this city in 1945," he said.

The United States dropped the world's first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug 6, 1945, destroying the city and killing 140,000 people. It dropped a second bomb three days later on Nagasaki, killing another 70,000. Japan surrendered on Aug 15, ending World War II and Japan's nearly half-century of aggression in Asia.



Fears of a third atomic bombing have grown amid Russia's threats of nuclear attack since its war on Ukraine began in February.

"Crises with grave nuclear undertones are spreading fast" in the Middle East and the Korean Peninsula, Guterres said. "We are one mistake, one misunderstanding, one miscalculation away from Armageddon."

Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui, in his peace declaration, accused Putin of "using his own people as instruments of war and stealing the lives and livelihoods

India’s forex reserves rises after four weeks of fall

Mumbai: India’s forex reserves rose around \$2.4 billion during the week ending July 29 after falling for the four consecutive weeks. The rise was seen on back of positive inflows by the foreign investors in the Indian equity market.

The country’s foreign exchange reserves rose by \$2.315 billion to \$573.875 billion during the week ending June 29, according to the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) weekly supplementary statistical data.

“India’s foreign exchange reserves, supplemented by net forward assets, provide insurance against global spillovers. Our umbrella remains strong,” RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said.

“The Reserve Bank has also used its foreign exchange reserves accumulated over the years to curb volatility in the exchange rate,” he added.

During the current financial year (up to August 4), the US dollar index (DXY) has appreciated by 8.0 per cent against a basket of major currencies. In this milieu, the Indian rupee has moved in a relatively orderly fashion depreciating by 4.7 per cent against the US dollar during the same period, faring much better than several reserve currencies as well as many of its EME and Asian peers.

The depreciation of the Indian rupee is more on account of the appreciation of US dollar rather than weakness in macroeconomic fundamentals of the Indian economy.

“Market interventions by the RBI have helped in containing volatility and ensuring orderly movement of the rupee. We remain watchful and focused on maintaining stability of the Indian rupee,” Das added.

In July, foreign investors turned net buyers in the Indian equities nearly after 10 months,



with an investment of around Rs 4,980 crore in the Indian equity markets. This comes heavy sell-off by these entities of around Rs 50,203 crore.

According to the data NSDL data, investment of foreign investors in July month stood at Rs 4,989 crore, as compared to over Rs 50,000 crore outflows in June, Rs 39,993 crore in May and Rs 17,144 crore in April.

The other central banks of the asia also used their foreign exchange reserves to defend their currency.

Despite the resultant draw-down, India’s foreign exchange reserves remain the fourth largest globally.

Paytm’s revenue jumps 89% to ₹1,680 cr in Q1

New Delhi: Digital financial services giant One97 Communications, that operates the brand Paytm, on Friday reported its Q1FY23 results, where it saw a massive jump in revenue from operations driven by strong monetisation in payments, device subscriptions and accelerated adoption of high-margin businesses such as lending.

In addition to 89 per cent Y-o-Y revenue growth to Rs 1,680 crore, the company also saw EBITDA (before ESOP) reduce to Rs 275 crore, an improvement of Rs 93 crore Q-o-Q. As a result, the company’s contribution profit grew 197 per cent Y-o-Y to Rs 726 crore, leading to an increase in contribution margin to 43 per cent of revenues in comparison to 35 per cent in Q4FY22.

Paytm’s payments services revenue grew by 69 per cent Y-o-Y (3 per cent Q-o-Q), supported by rapid growth in user engagement, merchant base, use cases on the Paytm super app and subscription revenue from payment devices.

The company’s user engagement, measured by monthly transacting users (MTU), grew 49 per cent Y-o-Y to 74.8 million during the quarter, while the merchant base expanded 30 per cent Y-o-Y to 28.3 million. This has resulted in a 101 per cent Y-o-Y jump in Gross Merchandise Value (GMV), which stood at Rs 2.96 lakh crore during the quarter. Paytm continues to dominate the offline payments segment, with a total of 3.8 million total devices deployed, of which 2.8 million were added in the past 12 months and 0.9 million during the quarter.

The company’s revenue from financial services grew 393 per cent Y-o-Y during the quarter, led by massive growth in Paytm’s loan distribution business. During the quarter, Paytm disbursed 8.5 million loans, representing a growth of 492 per cent Y-o-Y and 30 per cent Q-o-Q.



AIPEF seeks PM intervention to ensure wider consultation on new electricity bill

New Delhi: All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF) has sought the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for referring the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022, to the Parliamentary standing committee to ensure wider consultations on the proposed law.

After the announcement of Union Power Minister R K Singh to place and pass Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022, on August 8 in Parliament, AIPEF Chairman Shailendra Dubey in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sought his intervention in the matter and has appealed him that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee of Parliament for detailed discussion with all stakeholders, an AIPEF statement said.

According to the statement, the National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees & Engineers (NCCOEEE) and the AIPEF have already served a notice to the Ministry of Power that as and when the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022 is placed in Parliament, all power employees and engineers across the country shall be forced to cease the work and hold demonstrations throughout the day to register their protest.

The bill seeks to create competition in the power distribution (retail) segment. It proposes that a discom can use other power distribution licensee’s network.

The bill also seeks to strengthen payment security mechanism and give more powers to regulators.

“It has become necessary to strengthen the regulatory mechanism, adjudicatory mechanism in the Act and to bring administrative reforms through improved corporate governance of distribution licensees,” states the bill.

The bill also states that”the continuing as well as new challenges of sustainability of the power sector, contract enforcement, payment security mechanism, energy transition and the need to provide choice (of multiple service providers) to consumers in order to promote competition and the like, it has become necessary to make certain amendments in the Electricity Act”.

The AIPEF said that the bill no. 187 of 2022 contains a statement of objects and reasons which has been signed by the Minister (R.K. Singh), late on August 2, 2022.



HPCL reports record loss of ₹10,196 cr on petrol, diesel price freeze

New Delhi: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) on Saturday reported its highest ever quarterly net loss of Rs 10,196.94 crore in the June quarter as a freeze on petrol and diesel price revision wiped away record refining margins.

A standalone net loss of Rs 10,196.94 crore during April-June compares with a net profit of Rs 1,795 crore in the same period a year back, according to a company’s filing with the stock exchanges.

During the quarter, HPCL and other state-owned fuel retailers Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) did not revise petrol and diesel prices in line with rising costs to help the government contain runaway inflation.

The basket of crude oil India imports averaged USD 109 per barrel but the retail pump rates were aligned to about USD 85-86 a barrel cost.

Basmati rice exports up 26% in Q1 to USD 1.15 bn



New Delhi: Exports of basmati rice increased by 25.54 per cent in April-June 2022-23 to USD 1.15 billion, the commerce ministry said on Saturday. The exports stood at USD 922 million in the year-ago period.

Non-basmati rice exports too increased by 5 per cent in June quarter to USD 1.56 billion, it said. Exports of agricultural and processed food products rose by 31 per cent in the quarter to USD 7.4 billion.

For financial year 2022-23, an export target of USD 23.56 billion has been fixed by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for the agricultural and processed food products basket, it said.

Among these products, sectors which recorded growth during the period under review include fresh fruits and vegetables, and cereals. “The export of meat, dairy and poultry products increased by 9.5 per cent...Dairy products alone recorded a growth of 67.15 per cent as its export rose to USD 191 million in the first three months of the current fiscal,” the ministry said.

M Angamuthu, Chairman, APEDA, said by creating a necessary ecosystem of exports along with collaboration with key stakeholders in the agri-exports value chains,”we are aiming to sustain the growth in India’s agricultural and processed food exports in the current fiscal as well”.

SBI net profit drops 7% to ₹6,068 cr in Q1

New Delhi: The country’s biggest lender State Bank of India (SBI) on Saturday posted a 7 per cent decline in standalone net profit at Rs 6,068 crore for the first quarter of the current financial year due to fall in income.

The bank had reported a net profit of Rs 6,504 crore in the April-June quarter of 2021-22.

Its standalone total income declined to Rs 74,998.57 crore in the first quarter of 2022-23, as against Rs 77,347.17 crore in the same period a year ago, SBI said in a regulatory filing.

The operating profit of the bank slipped by 33 per cent to Rs 12,753 crore from Rs 18,975 crore in the April-June quarter of the previous fiscal, impacted by Mark to Market (MTM) losses on its investment book.

“The MTM hit also had an adverse impact on bank’s Return on Asset and Return on Equity, which stood at 0.48 per cent and 10.09 per cent respectively,” it said.

However, interest income of the bank moved up to Rs 72,676 crore as against Rs 65,564 crore earlier. At the same time, net interest income increased to Rs 31,196 crore from Rs 27,638 crore in the first quarter of the last fiscal.

Net interest margin rose to 3.23 per cent as against 3.15 per cent.

The bank’s gross non-performing assets (NPA) ratio improved to 3.91 per cent from 5.32 per cent at June-end last year. Similarly, net NPAs declined to 1.02 per cent in June 2022 from 1.7 per cent a year ago.

As a result, the provisions for bad loans declined to Rs 4,268 crore from Rs 5,030 in the same period a year ago.

Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) improved by 719 basis points to 75.05 per cent on annual basis.



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राष्ट्रीय प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक निविदा (e-tendering)

महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तराखण्ड की ओर से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, चतुर्थ वृत्त, लोकनिर्माण रुद्रपुर (ऊधम सिंह नगर) द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा टू-बिड बिड सिस्टम के अन्तर्गत निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से सम्बन्धित सभी सूचनायें वेबसाइट <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> पर दिनांक 16.08.2022 से उपलब्ध होंगी।

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	घरोहर घनराशि (लाख में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रु० में)	निविदा की वैधता (दिवस)	कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय (माह में)	टेकेदार की श्रेणी
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1	राज्य योजना के अन्तर्गत विधानसभा क्षेत्र बाजपुर में मुकुन्दपुर पैगा ढकिया गुलाबो मार्ग (राज्य मार्ग सं० 105) के चैनज 13.700 से चैनज 16.000 तक (वीरपर से कटेया) पुनः निर्माण/सुदृढीकरण का कार्य।	7.75	5000.00 + 18% GST	120 दिन	15 माह	केन्द्र / राज्य सरकार के विभाग / उपक्रम में मार्ग कार्य हेतु श्रेणी A / A+ पंजीकृत

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राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. के अन्तर्गत राष्ट्रीय बाल स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम में सविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक (डीआईसी) के रिक्त पदों पर नियुक्ति के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है यह अनुबंध 31 मार्च 2023 तक के लिये होगा, जिसे आगामे वर्षों की वार्षिक कार्ययोजना में स्वीकृत अनुसार नवीनीकृत किया जा सकेगा :-

क्र.	पदनाम	रिक्त पद	मासिक मानदेय	अनिवार्य शैक्षणिक योग्यता	आयु सीमा
1	सविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक (डीआईसी)	22	30,000/- रूपये प्रतिमाह	किसी भी मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थान/विश्वविद्यालय से बैचलर ऑफ डेंटल सर्जरी (बी.डी.एस.) उत्तीर्ण। म.प्र. राज्य डेंटल काउंसिलिंग में स्थायी जीवित वैध पंजीकरण प्रमाण पत्र होना अनिवार्य।	21-40 वर्ष अधिकतम आयु सीमा में (अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग, निशक्त जन्म/महिलाओं (अनारक्षित /आरक्षित) अधिकतम आयु सीमा में 5 वर्ष की छूट) (01.01.2022 की स्थिति में)

आवेदन सेम्स लिमिटेड के वेब पोर्टल www.sams.co.in के माध्यम से किया जा सकता है, आवेदन के लिए लिंक दिनांक 08.08.2022 से उपलब्ध की जायेगी। ऑनलाईन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 08.09.2022 है। ऑफ लाईन आवेदन किसी भी स्थिति में मान्य/स्वीकार नहीं किये जावेंगे।

2. पद हेतु आरक्षण निम्नानुसार होगा :-

पद का नाम	कुल सीटें	अनारक्षित	आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर	अनुसूचित जनजाति वर्ग	अनुसूचित जाति	अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग	रिक्तियों में मध्यप्रदेश की मूल निवासी दिव्यांगजन अभ्यार्थियों हेतु आरक्षित पदों की संख्या								
सविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक (डीआईसी)	22	5	2	1	1	3	1	2	1	4	2	-	1	-	-

● दिव्यांगजन का आरक्षण क्षैतिजिक (Horizonatal) के आधार पर 06 प्रतिशत का प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। निःशक्तजनों के लिए कुल रिक्तियों में से 06 प्रतिशत पद निःशक्तजन के लिए आरक्षित है, जिस श्रेणी का निःशक्तजन इन पदों के लिए चयनित होगा उसे उसी श्रेणी हेतु मान्य किया जावेगा। यह पद प्रत्येक श्रेणी को बिना वर्ग/ओपन नियुक्तियों में सम्मिलित है।

3. कोविड-19 के अंतर्गत अस्थायी एवं आकस्मिक रूप से कार्य करने वाले दंतशल्य चिकित्सक जिनसे न्यूनतम अवधि 89 दिवस कार्य किया हो उसे सविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक (डीआईसी) की भर्ती प्रक्रिया में 10 प्रतिशत अधिभार अंक (Weightage) प्राप्त करने की पात्रता होगी।

4. निर्धारित प्रारूप में नहीं किये गए अथवा अपूर्ण आवेदन स्वयमेव निरस्त माने जायेंगे।

5. अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात् प्राप्त होने वाले आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

6. मिशन संचालक, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. किसी भी आवेदन को बिना कारण बताये स्वीकृत निरस्त करने अथवा प्रक्रिया को निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा।

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CAMS Q1 PAT up 2.4% to ₹65 crore

New Delhi: Registrar and transfer agent for mutual funds Computer Age Management Services on Saturday reported a 2.4 per cent growth in profit after tax to ₹64.78 crore for the April-June quarter of this fiscal. The company had posted a PAT of ₹63.24 crore in the same quarter of the last fiscal. Computer Age Management Services Ltd (CAMS) said in a statement.

Its revenue rose 17.6 per cent to ₹236.65 crore in the quarter under review from ₹201.18 crore in the three months to June 2021. Anuj Kumar, Managing Director CAMS Ltd, said that despite the volatile market situation, individual investor confidence remained high with buoyant equity net inflows supported by predictable, strong SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) collections of nearly ₹7,000 crore every month.

New SIPs clocking 10 lakh plus monthly registrations is another key trend pointing to mutual fund as the preferred route for long-term investors, he said. “Our share in assets under management (AUM) is at a robust 69 per cent serving 10 of the top 15 mutual funds. Our equity AUM expanded by 2.6 per cent quarter on quarter while our overall AUM saw a marginal decline of 1.6 per cent,” he added.

New Delhi: Max Ventures & Industries Ltd (MaxVIL) has won a bid to acquire about 4 acres of land in Noida for ₹220 crore for development of a commercial project.

In a statement, MaxVIL said its real estate arm Max Estates through its special purpose vehicle (SPV) had bid for the two land parcels being auctioned by Axis Bank.

“Axis Bank has sent a confirmation letter ascertaining the company as the successful bidder for both the land parcels,” MaxVIL said.

The two land parcels are located in Sector 129, Noida and next to Max Estates’ under-

Google launches ‘India Ki Udaan’ to mark 75 years of Independence

New Delhi: Capturing the milestones India has achieved in its journey of 75 years since Independence, software giant Google on Friday unveiled a vibrant online project drawing from rich archives and featuring artistic illustrations to tell the story of the country.

Named ‘India Ki Udaan’, the project executed by Google Arts & Culture celebrates the country’s achievements and is “themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years”.

The project was officially launched at a glittering event held at the Sunder Nursery here in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy and senior officials of the Culture Ministry

Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ programme”, the search giant said in a statement.

It also announced that its popular Doodle4Google contest for 2022, themed on ‘In the next 25 years, my India will...’, is now open for entries to students of classes 1-10.

“The winner of this year’s Doodle4Google will see their artwork on the Google homepage in India on November 14, and win a Rs 5,00,000 college scholarship, a Rs 2,00,000 technology package for their school/non-profit organisation, a recognition of achievement, Google hardware, and fun Google collectibles. Four group winners and 15 finalists will also win exciting prizes,” it said in the statement.

11 SRM medical students placed for US @ ₹55L/A

Chennai: It was a moment of pride for the students of Allied Health Sciences of SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre at Kattankulathur near Chennai.

About 11 students from MSc Audiology and Speech Language Pathology department have been placed in United States of America (USA) at a very handsome pay package. Founder chancellor of SRMIST Dr T R Paarivendhar showered praises on the students who have won the placement with great pay package.

The 11 students have been placed at Pleasanton in California of USA with a salary package of 72,000 USD per annum which amounts to about ₹55 lakhs in the Indian estimates. The students have won applauds from every one at a function held in Chennai recently.

Pro Vice Chancellor (Medical and Health Sciences) at SRMIST Dr. A. Ravikumar said it is a matter of pride for the institution that trained these students.

GIPPY GREWAL

**'SINGING IS
MY PASSION
& MY FIRST
INTEREST'**



It's been an incredible journey with Believe Artist Services. The team in India is a very well-informed group of people and with their guidance and support on strategic and innovative marketing services, they are clear in their vision and do the job with clarity.

Presentations by senior doctors and Head of Veterinary Services, Dr Vinod Sharma were a reflection on the pet health category, where the need for efficacy of vaccines, focus on preventive care and also the need for deep diagnosis in animal health was well reflected.

**SHAMAN
IN THE
CITY**

VIKAS TRIVEDI
SMITA AGARWAL

DR RIYA GUPTA answers some of the frequently asked questions, which every individual should be aware of

A black and white photograph showing a person's hands, wearing light-colored gloves, holding a large, white, tooth-shaped object. The object is a stylized, three-dimensional representation of a tooth, with a prominent crown and a visible root. The person is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, long-sleeved garment. The background is dark and out of focus.

Avoid sweets containing artificial color as it can stain your teeth

Kalra (Instagram: @ishu_kalra99) requests more and more people to join in the bandwagon of serving people and encourage them to contribute their efforts to society to bring in a positive change they wish to see around them.

Vinesh pounces CWG gold, Dahiya wins yellow metal

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Putting aside the mental and physical struggles that pegged her back, an intimidating Vinesh Phogat pounced on her rivals to complete a hat-trick of CWG gold medals while Ravi Dahiya too went unchallenged in his gold-winning show, here on Saturday.

Vinesh became the first Indian woman wrestler to win three consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal.

In what was expected to be a tough opener against world championship bronze medallist Samantha Leigh Stewart, Vinesh reduced it to a no contest and finished it in mere 36 seconds.

Vinesh had the Canadian in a head lock from where she pushed her on the mat and in no time pinned her rival.

Even before people could warm up to the contest, it was all over.

Next up for the 27-year-old



VINESH BECAME THE FIRST INDIAN WOMAN WRESTLER TO WIN THREE CONSECUTIVE COMMONWEALTH GAMES GOLD MEDAL.

Vinesh was Nigeria's Mercy Bolafunoluwa Adekuroye, who tried to resist a bit but soon the Indian had her in an iron grip. Vinesh kept her in that position for more than a minute in a magnificent show of power, winning 6-0.

With only four wrestlers in the women's 53kg draw, Vinesh now needed to beat Sri Lanka's Chamodya Keshani Maduravilage Don and she did it in style, winning 'by fall' to clinch her third

successive gold.

Vinesh has been struggling for form and fitness ever since her defeat at the Tokyo Games, where she made a shock first-round exit after entering the field as the hot favourite for the gold medal.

Tokyo Games silver medallist Ravi was also too good for the 57kg field. He won both his bouts -- against Suraj Singh of New Zealand and Pakistan's Asad Ali -- by technical superiority en route the final.

In the final, Nigeria's Ebikewenimo Welson showed the intent to fight but the level at which Ravi wrestles, it was a tough task.

Ravi foiled a right leg attack and on next try of the Nigerian, he scored on counter-attack, effecting a take-down move with ease.

Soon he had trapped Welson in leg-lace and rolled him thrice for a 8-0 lead. Ravi completed the formality with another take-down.



Wrestler Naveen wins gold in men's free style 74kg

IANS ■ BIRMINGHAM

Indian wrestler Naveen won the gold medal in the men's 74kg freestyle wrestling at the 2022 Commonwealth Games with an thumping victory over Pakistan's Muhammad Sharif Tahir in the final at the Coventry Stadium and Arena, here on Saturday.

Making his CWG debut at Birmingham 2022, the 19-year-old Naveen, an under-23 world champion,

won three of his bouts by technical superiority and fell just a point short of making it four in the final.

Naveen, who missed the Tokyo Olympics qualifiers after testing positive for COVID-19, started the gold medal match, with purpose. The Indian seemed to have the edge over Tahir in terms of speed and used it to his advantage to open the scoring with a two-point takedown.

Steeplechaser Sable, race walker Priyanka clinch silver medals in CWG

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Avinash Sable broke his own national record to win a silver in the men's 3000m steeplechase while Priyanka Goswami also clinched a medal of the same hue in the women's 10,000m race walk on a productive day for India in the Commonwealth Games athletics competition here on Saturday.

Goswami also scripted history as she became the first Indian woman to win a medal in race walk with a silver in 10,000m event.

With the two silver, the Indian athletics team's medal count swelled to four and it has already gone past the number in 2018 Gold Coast where the country had won a gold, silver and bronze each in track and field.

High jumper Tejswin Shankar and long jumper Murali Sreeshankar had won a bronze and silver respectively in Birmingham.

The 27-year-old Sable clocked 8:11.20s to better his earlier national record of 8:12.48 and finish behind Kenyan Abraham Kibiwot (8:11.15). Another Kenyan Amos Serem took the bronze with



a time of 8:16.83.

Kibiwot had finished fifth in the World Championships in Eugene, USA, last month with a time of 8:28.95s while Sable had ended a disappointing 11th, clocking 8:28.95s in the slowest ever 3000m steeplechase in the history of the showpiece.

With the silver, Sable made amends for his disappointing performance in the World Championships.

President Murmu congratulates CWG medal winners Priyanka Goswami, Avinash Sable

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday congratulated Priyanka Goswami and Avinash Sable for winning Commonwealth Games medals in race walking and steeplechase respectively and hoped their feats will inspire millions.

"Congratulations to Priyanka Goswami for winning silver in race walking at #CommonwealthGames. Becoming the first Indian woman to win a medal in race walking you have opened a new chapter of achievements. Your feat will inspire millions, especially our girls," the president tweeted

INDIA BEAT ENGLAND BY FOUR RUNS TO ENTER CWG FINAL

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

All-rounder Sneha Rana showed nerves of steel by choking runs in death overs as Indian women's cricket team pipped hosts England by four runs to enter the final of the Commonwealth Games on Saturday.

Needing 165 to win, England were cruising along at 132 for 3. The hosts required only 33 runs off 24 balls but off-spinner Rana (4-0-28-2) bowled extremely well. She gave away only 3 runs in the 18th and 9 runs in the final over. England finished at 160 for 6 and even a last-ball maximum from Sophie Ecclestone couldn't save the day for the hosts with Harmanpreet Kaur's brigade earning a sweet revenge of the 2017 ODI World Cup final defeat at the Lord's.



If Smriti Mandhana's 32-ball-61 was a treat for the eyes, Rana, India's forever 'MVP', Deepti Sharma (4-0-18-1) and Pooja Vastrakar (3-0-20-0) didn't err in line or length under pressure. The match seemed to have decisively tilted in favour of England

when Harmanpreet introduced Shafali Verma, whose friendly "donkey drops" in the 16th over fetching the home team 15 runs. But Deepti and Rana collectively gave away only six runs in the 17th and 18th over respectively.

Pooja leaked 13 runs in the 19th over but the Mandhana-Taniya Bhatia combination pulled off a brilliant run out of the dangerous Nat Sciver to change the course.

It was then left to Rana to bowl at least five good balls that assured a medal for India in the inaugural edition of women's cricket. Earlier Mandhana's elegant yet brutal knock of 61 along with Jemimah Rodrigues' useful 44 not out powered India to a healthy 164 for 5 in 20 overs. Mandhana's 32-ball assault in the Powerplay laid the platform while Rodrigues, who is finally doing justice to her enormous potential, improvised well during his 31-ball unbeaten stay at the crease.

En route her knock, Mandhana also recorded the fastest T20 International fifty in women's cricket off only 23 balls.

Indian team wins silver in men's fours lawn bowls

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

India won its second medal in lawn bowls competition at the Commonwealth Games after the men's fours team settled for a silver after losing to Northern Ireland in the final here on Saturday.

The final score read 18-5 in favour of Northern Ireland.

The Indian team comprised Sunil Bahadur (lead), Navneet Singh (second), Chandan Kumar Singh (third) and Dinesh Kumar (skip).

Northern Ireland's last gold medal in lawn bowls came way back in the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

The Indian team defeated hosts England by a close 13-12 margin in the semifinal to assure India of at least a silver medal.

This comes after the women's quartet of Lovely Choubey (lead), Pinki (second), Nayanmoni Saikia (third) and Rupa Rani Tirkey (skip) beat South Africa 17-10 in the women's fours final to hand India a historic gold on Tuesday.

TT: Sharath, Sathiyan advance to semifinals

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Top Indian paddlers Achanta Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyan progressed to the semifinals of the men's singles event at the Commonwealth Games here on Saturday.

While Sharath made short work of Singapore player Yong Izaac Quek 4-0 (11-6 11-7 11-4 11-7), Sathiyan was stretched in his 4-2 (11-5 11-7 11-5 8-11 10-12 11-9) win by England's Sam Walker.

"It was a great match, all credit to Sam, he fought really hard. I really should have closed in that fifth set but I was a bit nervous," Sathiyan said.

"I have never beaten Sam, so this came into my mind and it was not so easy to play in a big



match like this. I kept my cool in the end and I took the match to get my first (Commonwealth Games) semifinal so I'm really happy," he added.

However, it was curtains for Sanil Shetty, who squandered a one-game lead to go down to home favourite Liam Pitchford 1-4 (11-9 6-11 8-11 8-11 4-11).

In the women's doubles, both Indian



pairs -- Sreeja Akul and Reeth Tennison, and Manika Batra and Diya Chitale -- won their round of 16 matches.

Akula and Tennison defeated Chloe Anna Thomas Wu Zhang and Lara Whitton of Wales 11-7 11-4 11-3.

Batra and Chitale beat Mauritian pair Jalim Nandeshwaree and Oumehani Hosenally 11-5 11-5 11-3.

Sindhu enters women's singles semifinals



PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu struggled past Malaysia's Goh Wei Jin in women's singles quarterfinals to stay on course for a maiden individual gold medal at the Commonwealth Games here on Saturday.

A former world champion, Sindhu registered a comeback behind 19-21 21-14 21-18 win over Goh, ranked 60th, to enter her third successive semifinals at the Commonwealth Games.

However, young Aakarshi Kashyap's CWG debut ended with a 10-21 7-21 defeat to Scotland's Kristy Gilmour, a silver and bronze medallist in 2014 and 2018 editions respectively. Sindhu, who had won a bronze and silver in the last two editions, looked slightly shaky against Goh, whom she had defeated in two tight games in the mixed team championship final.

Goh's attacking prowess was once again on display as she made the Indian work hard in the opening game.

The 27-year-old from Hyderabad had a two-point cushion in the mid-game interval but Goh managed to turn the tables with her better display in the second half of the first game to take a 1-0 lead in the match.

A vastly experienced Sindhu, however, got back her bearing soon as the duo engaged in some superb rallies with the Indian managing to grab a three-point advantage at the break.



Boxers Nitu, Amit Panghal storm into finals, eye CWG gold medals

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Indian boxer Amit Panghal (51kg) displayed his class as he reached his second consecutive Commonwealth Games final while Nitu Ghanghas (48kg) also remained on course for a gold in her maiden appearance here on Saturday.

Panghal, who is vying to win the yellow metal after his silver in the last edition, came from behind to beat an aggressive Patrick Chinyemba of Zambia with a 5-0 unanimous decision win.

Nitu, on the other hand, prevailed over Canada's

Priyanka Dhillon as she notched a RSC (Referee Stops Contest) win in the minimum weight category.

Such was the 21-year-old Nitu's confidence that she played with an open guard, inviting her opponent to strike while using her straight jabs and combination punches to great effect. In the end, the referee had to end the contest.

Both the boxers will have to overcome local challengers in Kieran Macdonald (men's fly) and Demie-Jade Resztan (women's minimum) in their respective finals on Sunday in pursuit of their maiden gold medals.

World U20 Athletics C'ship: Triple jumper Selva P Thirumaran clinches silver

PTI ■ CALI (COLOMBIA)

Indian triple jumper Selva P Thirumaran improved his personal best to clinch the silver medal at the World U20 Athletics Championship here.

The 17-year-old managed a distance of 16.15m to finish two centimetres ahead of Estonia's Viktor Morozov.

The gold went to Jamaican Jaydon Hibbert who broke the Championship Record with his 17.27m effort.

Thirumaran's silver-winning jump came in his second attempt.



The Indian women's team qualified for the 4x400m relay finals.

The quartet of Summy, Priya Habbathnanahalli Mohan, Rajitha Kunja and R upal

clocked 3:34.18 to finish second in heat 3 and fourth fastest overall.

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was the first Indian to win a gold in the championships in 2016 in Poland. Indian athletes have picked up three medals at the tournament, which was earlier known as World Junior Championships, so far, including two silver and a bronze.

In the last edition in Nairobi in 2021, India had won three medals -- 2 silver, 1 bronze.

FIFA threatens AIFF ban, stripping of right to host women's U-17 World Cup

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

World football governing body FIFA has threatened to suspend the AIFF and strip of its right to host the women's U-17 World Cup in October due to a third party "influence", a development which comes just days after the Supreme Court's directive to hold elections of the national federation. The Court on Wed directed the executive committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to expeditiously hold elections as per the schedule proposed by the CoA which is currently running federation's affairs.

India beat SA 3-2 to reach CWG men's hockey final

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

India on Saturday defeated South Africa 3-2 to reach the Commonwealth Games men's hockey final. After a goalless first quarter, India scored twice in the second quarter.

Abhishek opened the scoring before Mandeep Singh made it 2-0 after a fine solo goal. Ryan Julius got South Africa back in the match after scoring off a rebound from the penalty.

India restored their two-goal lead in the fourth quarter before South Africa pulled one back again to give ruffle a few feather inside the Indian dugout. India have remained



unbeaten in the tournament so far, registering three wins and a draw. South Africa, on the other hand, have recorded two victories and a draw and a loss.

As per the current scenario, Manpreet Singh led-side will be overwhelming favourites against world no.13 South Africa. India finished at the top of Pool B while South Africa ended their group stage campaign on the second spot. The winner of the semi-final match will be facing the winner of the other semi-final match, which will be played between Australia and England. The losers of the both the matches will be squaring off in the bronze medal match.



India’s telecom auction process has a long history associated with politics, corruption, and legal cases, writes J GOPIKRISHNAN

FROM 2G TO 5G AUCTION

THE GREAT INDIAN TELECOM SAGA

The 5G spectrum auction has reaped a whopping sum of ₹1,50,173 crore for the public exchequer. This massive figure is the highest value collected in India through not only spectrum auctions but also from any kind of bidding process, be it coal or power, or land auctions. As expected, the country’s leading telecom operator Mukesh Ambani-headed Reliance Jio made the highest bid for 5G waves in all 22 circles as well as for other frequencies and paid ₹88,078 crore. Jio was followed by India’s first private telecom operator Sunil Mittal’s Bharti Airtel, which made a successful bid of ₹43,084 crore by competing in all 22 telecom circles. Cash-strapped Vodafone Idea headed by Aditya Birla Group, which continues to struggle with financial woes despite Government’s grand bailout packages, bid only in 17 circles and bought spectrum for ₹18,799 crore only.

Adani Group also bid for 5G to operate their private network installed in airports, sea ports, and power stations by paying ₹212 crores for 400 MHz.

As per the convention, Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) BSNL and MTNL did not attend the auction. They will be allotted 5G spectrum at the highest price reached in auction at each circle. Sadly, these two PSUs have not yet optimized the service and even in the usage of 4G. It has to be seen how much time they take to activate 5G on their networks.

Interestingly, the 5G auction turned out to be the only auction where Chinese telecom giants have been kept out from supplying gears, machinery, etc., ringing in cheers for European telecom equipment giants like Nokia, Ericson, and Korean behemoth Samsung.

India’s auction process has a long history associated with politics, corruption, and legal cases. The government decided to conduct the auction for the first time in the telecom sector in 2001. Then India had only four million mobile phone users, and through pan Indian (all the 22 telecom circles) auction, telecom license fee with spectrum allotment arrived at a handsome figure of ₹1651 crore. Undivided Reliance and Tata Group entered the telecom sector through this process. Earlier, players like Airtel and BPL were cajoled by the Government to enter the sector in 1994 at a very low price. Those were the days when the incoming call rate was Rs Eight and outgoing ₹16 per minute on a minuscule customer base.

While the ruling BJP rejoiced over the final figures of the 5G auction that came out on August 1 after four days of bidding, 2G Scam-hit former Telecom Minister A. Raja got his chance to take a jibe at the NDA government. Raja called for a probe into the auction asserting that the 5G spectrum should have been sold for ₹5 lakh crores. Raja compared the 5G spectrum amount of ₹1.5 lakh crore with the notional loss of ₹1.76 lakh crore in the 2G auction during his tenure as calculated by the CAG and said that 5G has more spectrum, it should have fetched more for the government.

“When I recommended only 30 MHz of spectrum to TRAI, the regulatory authority, the then CAG Vinod Rai said ? ₹1.76 lakh crore loss to the Government. But now 5G only for ₹1.5 lakh crore?” Raja asked.

Raja and several other Opposition leaders vented their anger against the then CAG Vinod Rai for “sabotaging the UPA regime” and providing a platform for the rise of the BJP by alleging a scam in the 2G auction. These allegations are laughable given the gross procedural irregularities in the allotment of the spectrum during Raja’s regime.

AUCTION OF SPECTRUM, COAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Government was forced to conduct a 3G and BWA spectrum auction in April 2010, when the 2G Scam of 2008 made headlines. The scam-hit UPA Government formed a Group of Ministers headed by then Finance Minister



THE MERIT OF THE AUCTION CAN BE SEEN IN THE RISE OF RATES FROM 2014 ONWARDS. IN FEBRUARY 2014, THE SPECTRUM AUCTION BAGGED ₹62,162 CRORE TO THE PUBLIC EXCHEQUER AND THE RATES WERE HIGHER THAN THE 2010 3G AUCTION, JUSTIFYING THE CAG’S LOSS FIGURE BASED ON THE 3G AUCTION RATES. IN MARCH 2015, THE SPECTRUM AUCTION FETCHED THE GOVERNMENT ₹1,10,000 CRORE, AND IN DECEMBER 2016 THE SPECTRUM AUCTION BROUGHT IN ₹65,789 CRORE TO THE PUBLIC EXCHEQUER. AGAIN IN MARCH 2021, THE SPECTRUM AUCTION GAVE ₹77, 814 CRORES WHEREAS THE RECENT 5G AUCTION PROVIDED THE HIGHEST FIGURE ₹1,50, 173 CRORES, TOTALING AROUND ₹5.9 LAKH CRORES TO THE PUBLIC EXCHEQUER BY AUCTION



Pranab Mukherjee, sidelining Telecom Minister A. Raja and the public exchequer got a huge sum of ₹1,06, 200 crores. This figure ignited the anti-corruption wave and opposition demanding the removal of Telecom Minister A Raja who allotted 2G Spectrum and 122 licenses to many companies, most of them from real estate sectors, at a throwaway price of just ₹9, 200 crores.

Raja gave telecom licenses and spectrum without auction in 2008 at a price arrived in 2001. In 2001, the pan-Indian license (total 22 licenses) value was ₹1651 crore when India had just four million mobile phone users. But in 2008, India’s number of mobile phone users crossed 300 million, and the Minister, ignoring Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s direction, gave away licenses and spectrum at a seven-year-old fixed rate. Among the 122 licenses, around 86 licenses , did not get clearance from the Regulator TRAI to start a telecom business.

By that time BJP leader Subramanian Swamy and lawyer Prashant Bhusan approached the Supreme Court demanding the cancellation of all 122 tainted licenses granted by Raja and conducting fresh auction. The CBI in its FIR in 2009 on the 2G Scam pegged the loss to the public exchequer at 30,000 cr. Things got murkier when the beneficiary companies started selling their shares to multinational companies for huge premiums. For example, Swan Telecom sold around half of its shares to UAE telecom giant Etisalat for more than ₹4,500 crore.

HOW CAG ARRIVED AT THE LOSS FIGURE OF ₹1.76 LAKH CRORE?

In November 2010, the CAG submitted a report to Parliament outlining the illegalities in the 2G Scam allotment and claiming a notional loss of ₹1.76 lakh crore in the auction. For this, CAG Vinod Rai was maligned and bullied by

Congress and DMK MPs in JPC and PAC and in the public domain. How the auditors finalised the loss figure is a matter of record in the CAG’s depositions before JPC and PAC. The auditors had derived around 10 types of rates for calculating the expected loss to the public exchequer.

The figures were based on the sale of shares to multinationals by the beneficiary companies in the 2G scam and the companies reaping the benefit of Dual Policy (Anil Ambani’s Reliance, Tata, and Shyam Telecom). Somehow probes against the Dual Policy, the fountainhead of 2G Scam fizzled out. The lowest loss figure arrived at was a ₹60,000 crore loss based on the sale of shares of Swan Telecom to Etisalat. The highest loss figure arrived at was ₹4.25 lakh crore based on the sale of Tata shares to Japanese firm DoCoMo. As this price was based on the brand value of Tata, the auditors did not consider it.

At last CAG auditors after deliberations decided to stick to the rates of the 3G and BWA auction of April 2010, and based on these rates the 2G Scam loss was estimated at ₹1.76 lakh crore. Interestingly, the BWA spectrum was later conveniently termed the 4G spectrum. This was seen as a real Indian Jugad. In February 2012, Supreme Court cancelled all 122 licenses allotted by Raja and ordered an immediate auction and also called for an auction of all natural resources, later leading to the cancellation of all coal blocks. The Government went for Presidential Reference in the Supreme Court, which justified its decision to auction all natural resources in place of arbitrary allocations.

Many of the operators and the authorities resorted to every possible trick to sabotage the first auction in November 2012 after the Supreme Court verdict of Justices GS Singhvi and AK Ganguly. Airtel’s Sunil Mittal even said the auction would not last a day. But just 19 licenses were

sold at ₹9400 crore, while in 2G Scam 122 licenses were given away arbitrarily for just ₹9,200 crore.

The merit of the auction can be seen in the rise of rates from 2014 onwards. In February 2014, the spectrum auction bagged ₹62,162 crore to the public exchequer and the rates were higher than the 2010 3G auction, justifying the CAG’s loss figure based on the 3G auction rates. In March 2015, the spectrum auction fetched the government ₹1,10,000 crore, and in December 2016 the spectrum auction brought in ₹65,789 crore to the public exchequer.

Again in March 2021, the spectrum auction gave ₹77, 814 crores whereas the recent 5G auction provided the highest figure ₹1,50, 173 crores, totaling around ₹5.9 lakh crores to the public exchequer by auction.

WHEN WILL 5G SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BSNL AND MTNL?

The full optimization of 5G technology will be reached only when the country’s BSNL and MTNL are equipped with the 5G technology. It is high time for the merger of BSNL and MTNL by delisting MTNL from stock exchanges. Sadly, BSNL and MTNL are not yet fully equipped with 4G. The Narendra Modi Government has come out with a huge package to revive these two strategic PSU telecom companies. If the plans work out, then only the 5G technology could reach most of the users across the country.

Incidentally, all the private operators only roll out their technology in Metros Cities and urban areas based on commercial viability. Since only BSNL can reach out to the entire country, hence 5G and all technologies must be made available to the public sector telecom firm for the benefit of the entire Indian population.

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CLARIFICATION

The Uttar Pradesh Government has dismissed as “baseless” the report “Money spinner transfer industry” published in the agenda section of the Pioneer dated. July 31, 2022. Additional Chief Secretary , Information department, Navneet Sehgal has issued a strongly-worded rebuttal to the report and said it is not based on fact .

The Pioneer would like to clarify it has no intention to cast aspersion on the functioning of the state government and has even highlighted the stern steps taken by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to curb corruption. The story talks at length about how the Chief Minister has taken administrative action against over 1,000 officials to weed out corruption in the government departments. The transfer rates mentioned in the story were hearsay without corroborating the facts and were unintentional and regrettable.

LONELINESS—A SILENT KILLER

Loneliness can affect anybody. Experts define it as a “distressing feeling that accompanies the perception that one’s social needs are not being met by the quantity or especially the quality of one’s social relationships.” Covid-19-induced restrictions have just added to the woes. The experts tell ARCHANA JYOTI that everyone who may be feeling lonely, or isolated should reach out to someone, and if they know someone who they feel might be lonely, or isolated to get in touch.

Seventy years old Kamlesh Patel (name changed) who retired as a senior bureaucrat, is a lonely man now. With his wife passing away two years ago, both the children settled abroad, and no close friends and relatives around, he is leading a secluded life in his 3-BHK apartment in a posh locality in the national capital. When in job, Patel failed to balance his personal/professional and social life. So, he is now rejected by those who really mattered in his life then. Now, he cannot blame anyone but himself for this situation that led him to loneliness.

Thirty-five years old Sanjay Rastogi is surrounded by so many people, but he is still leading a lonely life. It’s all because of an inferiority complex, he developed when he failed to convert his dream of becoming an IAS into reality. A brilliant student, Rastogi couldn’t accept any job lower than an IAS officer. Now, he avoids social contact and is in a kind of confinement because of low self-esteem, sadness, and fear of being repulsed/rebuffed.

These two cases are just the tip of the iceberg. As per the findings of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) released in 2017, over 12 per cent of Indian youth reported feeling depressed often, and 8 per cent reported feeling lonely quite frequently.

A study “What causes loneliness among household heads: a study based in a primary setting in Mumbai, India” found that around 7 per cent of respondents often felt lonely, while 21 per cent sometimes experienced loneliness in the last seven days preceding the survey date.

Household heads with two or more chronic diseases had higher odds of loneliness than household heads without any chronic disease. The odds of loneliness were almost 3 times higher among females as compared to males. Household heads living alone (single) had higher odds to suffer from loneliness than those living in a joint family,” it said.

The study conducted by Vidya Yadav, Assistant Professor P.G. Department of Geography, College of Commerce, Arts & Science, Patna, Patliputra University, Patna, Shekhar Chauhan and Ratna Patel, Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai has been published in the BMJ Public Health.

They researchers noted that lifestyle of urban dwellers adversely affects their health not only physically but mentally too. In this context, loneliness rapidly emerged as a public health concern in the urban part.



Furthermore, many identified the risk factors of loneliness that could be avoided if timely preventive measures could be taken along with adequate care. Improvement in the aesthetic design of future slum rehabilitation projects can promote a socially cohesive environment,” they found.

Situation is not encouraging elsewhere. A study in 2020 by Cigna found that 61 per cent of Americans reported being lonely in 2019, up from 54 per cent in 2018. Some figures suggest loneliness affects the well-being of as many as 3 in 10 people. Similarly, yet another study same year but conducted by the University of Edinburgh suggests that the causes of loneliness differ depending on the age of the individual.

For example, older adults experience loneliness more frequently as a result of living alone, while middle-aged individuals aren’t likely to report living alone as a cause of their loneliness.



JR Gupta, President of Senior Citizens Council of Delhi avers saying that “Older individuals are more likely to have lost friends and family members, and they are more likely to experience medical or physical limitations that restrict their opportunities for activities and socializing.”

Recently released Longitudinal Ageing Study of India too says that approximately 23% of the elderly stay

alone, without children. While loneliness can have an impact across ages and be relevant irrespective of whether you stay alone or in a full house, it is most common among those above 60 and affects almost everyone at some point in time.

Gupta says that on their part they have been organising various tours and get together events so that their elder members do not feel that they are alone in their travail. “Sharing reduces the pain of loneliness,” he asserts.



Dr. RK Dhamija, Director Delhi-based Institute of Behaviour Human Allied Sciences (IBHAS) emphasizes that loneliness is both a cause and consequence of mental health disorders. Sometimes though, “loneliness may result in lifestyle modifications such as joining fitness classes, seeking outdoor adventure.”

Although loneliness and being alone are commonly confused, being alone doesn’t necessarily mean someone is lonely. “Loneliness is a feeling while being alone is a situation or state of being, which is not inherently negative,” says Nina Vasani, psychiatrist and professor at Stanford University School of Medicine and chief medical officer at Real, an online mental wellness membership site.

“You can feel lonely even when you’re surrounded by other people—such as a partner, family, co-workers or friends,” Dr. Vasani says.

Tips to Manage that Feeling

But there is light at the end of tunnel. **RABYA KHATOON**, Delhi-based clinical psychologist talks about how to beat loneliness.



Take control of your time: When you feel lonely. It means time for yourself to make a list of your goals and try to accomplish them. **Self-care:** It tends to improve mood, quality of life, and physical and mental health. **Manage your leisure time with your skills:** You allow doing your skills like painting, cooking, dancing and some other activities. **Join a social group:** Join dance class, club, swimming, and some other social groups help to reduce your loneliness and it also helps to increase your physical and mental energy. **Give priority to close relationships:** Relationship matters in loneliness. Keep in touch with your loved one whether you touch it online or offline. **Self-love:** Be your own

best friend and gives value to your own work. It helps to improve your self-esteem which supports physical and psychological growth. **Enjoy your own company:** Connect with your own pleasant memories. **Active lifestyle:** You can beat your loneliness with your active lifestyle. Make activity schedule include your sleep 6-7 hour, healthy foods, exercise, fun, and traveling. **Enjoy the little moment:** Celebrate little moments like birthdays, organize a small party for fun, reading books that help to improve mental and physical health. **Count blessings:** Count your achievements and do appreciate them. It develops a positive approach toward your life.

Nations Gear up to Tackle Loneliness



Delhi Government has started ‘Happiness Curriculum’ to teach students how to keep the stress and loneliness at bay

Various Governments across the world are gradually waking up to this silent killer. If the UK appointed a designated loneliness minister in 2018 to reach out to its older people, Japan last year took similar step after it felt that loneliness is afflicting across different age groups, including children, young people, women and older people. Rising cases of suicide was immediate trigger.

In India, Delhi Government has started ‘Happiness Classes’ while a few years ago, Madhya Pradesh set up a ‘Happiness Department’, with Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan saying it will work to ensure “happiness in the lives of the common people” along the lines of the neighboring country Bhutan.

Since 2008, Bhutan has

established the Ministry of Happiness to measure the happiness of its citizens. In the population census form, there is a column to fill in the information about citizens’ level of life satisfaction. This information is acquired using a holistic approach to measuring citizens’ happiness and well-being that also provides guidelines to design evidence-based policies.

Happiness classes have brought a pathbreaking change in the student’s mindset, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia says explaining that the “curriculum has changed students’ learning experience for the better and how to tackle stress. Students’ focus on studies (is) increasing. Children are staying stress-free.”

Dr Dhamija agrees as he cautioned that solitude and loneliness should not be explained in similar ways. Solitude is enjoyed by people and it leads to creativity, and self-realization, and is totally an approach to developing one own individual space.

Loneliness is basically of three types - Emotional, Social, and Situational. Situational loneliness is when we lose someone close to our heart (bereavement), get bullied, physically/mentally abused, have chronic disease, and post-retirement fear of loss of Income, elaborates **Dr Smita Deshpande, a professor of psychiatry at St. John’s Research Institute, St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences in Bangalore.**



Secondly, our egoistic attitude, underestimating/avoiding people for not being of our standard creates hatred for us, and people gradually start leaving us. And our high ambition to see our children get good jobs and earn a lot of money takes them away from us. They run after money leaving us behind and getting detached from us due to their busy/hectic work schedule, she points out.

Rajeev Kumar, Official on Special Duty (OSD) in Delhi Government’s Education Department who has gone through isolation stage as a Covid patient feels that people do not have time to talk to each other in this net-savvy world. New concept that “it’s no use of telling or advising anybody” is fast catching up. This also lead to loneliness even you when you have friends. Sometimes even when living in the same house they talk through Whatsapp or phone calls from their rooms. This is leading to decline in verbal communication, he says matter-of-factly.

Dr Dhamija concludes with the warning that, “Chronic feelings of loneliness can have huge adverse impact on anybody’s quality of life. If left untreated, these feelings can lead to more serious issues such as depression or other mental health conditions.

“These can be Cognitive decline/Depression/Heart disease/High blood pressure (hypertension)/Obesity/Weakened immune system /Alzheimer’s disease. Hence, it is important to reach out to a mental health professional, if you are feeling lonely.”



Modi to inaugurate 2,400-bed Amrita Hospital in Faridabad on August 24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will inaugurate Amrita Hospital, Sector 88 in Faridabad, Haryana on August 24, 2022.

After making its mark in South India, Amrita Hospital is being started to cater to the patients in North India under the auspices of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math (MAM), a world-renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader who will also grace the occasion. State Governor Bandaru Dattatreya and State Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar, will also attend the function along with other dignitaries.

The 2,400-bed healthcare institution will be India’s largest private sector hospital. This is the second large-scale Amrita Hospital in India after the iconic 1,200-bed Amrita Hospital, Kochi, that was established 25 years ago by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math.

Dr. Sanjeev K Singh, Resident Medical Director of Amrita Hospital, Faridabad said that cutting-edge medical research will be a strong thrust area. “The hospital will have a dedicated research block spread across a seven-floor building that totals three lakh sq. ft. with exclusive Grade A to D GMP labs. There will be a focus on identifying newer diagnostic markers, AI, ML, Bioinformatics, etc. We are in the process of entering into research collaborations with some of the world’s biggest names in medical science,” he said.

“The comprehensive transplant program offered by the hospital will be among the biggest in the country,” Dr. Sanjeev K Singh said.

Dr Prashant Mehta, Senior Consultant and Asst Professor, Department of Hematology/Medical Oncology and BMT at the Hospital added that the institute will be one-of-its kind in the country, trying to reach out to the poor and needy.

“There will be a special focus on indigenous research and innovation so as to develop therapies and solutions relevant to our country and our specific health related issues.

HARYANA GOVERNOR BANDARU DATTATREYA AND CHIEF MINISTER MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR WILL ATTEND THE FUNCTION ALONG WITH OTHER DIGNITARIES

“This indigenous innovation is an important step towards reducing the cost of healthcare in India more importantly for major illnesses like cancer, severe heart, kidney and liver ailments, solid organ and bone marrow transplants, and multi drug resistant infections,” he said.

The hospital’s benefits will go beyond providing access to the latest in healthcare technology and high-quality patient care in the Delhi-NCR. Once fully operational, the hospital will have around 10,000 staff and more than 800 doctors.

As part of its community initiatives, Amrita Hospitals has already started medical outreach programs at various residents welfare associations in and around Faridabad. These include awareness programs for the elderly with a focus on those suffering from neurological ailments, health talks for school children, general health checkups, and many more.

The Hospital is considered one of the country’s largest green-building healthcare projects with a very low carbon footprint, and it is an end-to-end paperless facility with zero waste discharge.

Amrita Hospital at Kochi has many firsts in its credit. For instance, in 2015, South Asia’s first ever successful Bilateral Hand Transplant Surgery was done at the Hospital. The same year, it won the British Medical Journal Award for the Best Surgical Team in South Asia after also completing the region’s second successful double hand transplant.

That Incomparable Born Again Feeling After Dying A Million Deaths

There are bad days and there are horrific days. Even in the ‘best’ of malignancies, one cannot predict which way it will go. You have to tread the slow and painful path to reach the other side, DR NITA RADHAKRISHNAN, a child cancer specialist, shares her experience about how important it is to make sure those patients, most of whom come from the poor strata, are taken care of in every necessary aspect, from diagnosis to survivorship.

Yesterday, one more kid passed the golden hoop of 5 years to reach the other side of cancer care. The team that stood with her heaved a collective sigh of relief as she got the ‘survivor’ label. We hope and pray that she lives a full life without any side effects of cancer or its treatment. She hails from Uttarakhand and was diagnosed in 2016 with lymphoblastic lymphoma. The entire treatment over 2 years needed a lot of patience and perseverance from both sides; the family and the hospital. There were bad days and there were horrific days. Even in the ‘best’ of malignancies, one cannot predict which way it will go. You have to tread the slow and painful path to reach the other side. Every blood test, every hospital visit and every admission is a hurdle you have to jump to reach the finish line.

As a person working with sick children, I have realised that health undoubtedly is the biggest luxury for all of us.



DR NITA RADHAKRISHNAN Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, Post-Graduate Institute of Child Health, Noida.

We do not have any control over who gets a disease or who doesn’t. In most cases, we don’t even know why someone gets a disease in the first place. We also don’t have much control over who will make it and who will not. Many children whom we think will never survive, come out beautifully.

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treatment remains uniform. Things may not go as hoped for in the best of countries and the best of centres; often there are horrible infections that

don’t give you time to react. Often there are dreadful cancers that don’t respond to anything.

When we start treatment

for cancer, this is what most doctors tell their patients. That there is a process to it and timelines to follow. I often draw a mountain and tell them we are at the beginning of this trek uphill. We need to work together to reach the top. Everyone in the team should speak the language of hope and comfort. We need to continue the trek. The family has to put their life on hold for the duration of treatment; festivals, weddings and parties will be there next year also. We try to compensate for lost childhood and replicate life’s little joys in our hospital wards.

It can be overwhelming for the hospital team as well. We go through this rite of passage of analysing each and every child who did not do well. Abandoning treatment is perhaps the biggest tragedy of pediatric cancer care in our country. It is understandable if we lose a child to an aggressive disease. But to lose a child with a “perfectly curable” dis-

ease due to the ignorance of parents or relatives is unacceptable. A small part of you dies with each difficult patient. You are never the same as you were yesterday; you are warrior in each situation, richer in experience, calmer as a person and more restrained in your response.

As Gibran said, “the river cannot go back”. One has to keep going, with faith in a higher power, in yourself and in humanity and a promise to yourself to do your best. Each decision is vital; every child and every outcome stays with you. Happiness and sadness become parts of the same continuum. We learn to accept both; we pray. As doctors, we also realize that our profession is one of the biggest customer satisfaction portals. That at every age and stage of our lives, we are “rateable”. Most of them understand and stand with you in fighting the bigger battle of the disease. Many of them continue with you as your extended family.

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