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Dhankar elected VP with UP to introduce caravan tourism whopping 3/4th votes

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 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

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.

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.

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Imagine that you have a moving house and if you want to go somewhere during holidays, you can take it with you. This may sound a bit strange but in the new tourism policy, the Yogi Adityanath government is preparing to provide a home with facilities like a hotel by introducing caravan tourism.

tourism.

In the Tourism Policy 2022-2032, the government is going to provide the facility of caravan motors. On one hand, tourists will get the benefit of state-of-the-art facilities, while on the other new employment opportunities will also be available in the state.

"It is the intention of Chief."

"It is the intention of Chief Minister Yogi that Uttar Pradesh becomes a favourite destination for domestic and global tourists in terms of tourism. For this, along with beautifying the religious tourist

places, he is also adopting the new concept prevalent in the world," a government spokesman said.

Caravan tourism is a new concept in itself, though it is quite popular abroad. Along with the motor home, the government is preparing to build a caravan park where the caravan motors can be parked. As a pilot project, these facilities

will initially start from Bundelkhand, which encom-passes historical, natural and

cultural heritage.

There will be accommodation for two people in the caravan. It will have sofa-cumbed, fridge and dining table with microwave oven, Toilet will also be included inside it. Not only this, it will have all the necessary facilities like air-

conditioner, internet connec tivity, audio-video services, charging system and GPS.

As per the proposed tourism policy, the government is attracting investors to start the caravan facility in Uttar Pradesh. Subsidy will also be given in the new tourism policy for caravans. If an investor invests to start this facility, a subsidy of 20 per cent or maximum Rs 20 lakh will be given on the capital allowed by the government.

Also, registration in the Tourism Department will be free of cost. Not only this, the government is also planning to give exemption in RTO regis-tration to people operating caravan motors. At the same time, the government is planning to give subsidies to the investors who develop Caravan Park, and also give exemption in registration and stamp duty and land-use change and devel-

UP minister held guilty in Arms Act case

PTI KANPUR

A court here on Saturday held Uttar Pradesh minister Rakesh Sachan guilty in a three-decade-old Arms Acts case, after which the leader "disappeared" from the courtroom "without furnishing bail bonds".

The minister, however, denied the disappearance charge, claiming his case "wasn't listed for the final verdict".

Prosecution officer (PO) Richa Gupta said Sachan left the courtroom soon after his conviction when the court

asked the defence counsel to was given to him for putting his make arguments over the quantum of punishment.

Sachan went away "without furnishing bail bonds" and an

FIR will be lodged against him in this regard, Gupta said. Talking to PTI over the phone, Commissioner of Police BP Jogdand confirmed to have received a written complaint against Sachan. He, however, did not elaborate on the content of the complaint, saying he hasn't personally seen it.

Sachan 'fled' with the court's conviction order, which

signature, said a senior official on condition of anonymity.

The decision to register an FIR against the minister was taken after a marathon meeting with senior judicial officials believing that letting him off without action might land the presiding officer in trouble, the official added. Interacting with mediapersons in Kanpur Dehat district later, Sachan denied the charge of leaving the courtroom in a clandestine manner. Admitting that he had gone to the court for some

that his case "wasn't listed for the final verdict". He said his lawyer has moved an applica-tion seeking for him exemption from personal appearance. The minister said he will honour the court verdict whatever it

work, the minister claimed

may be. Giving information about the case, Gupta said in 1991, police had recovered an illegal firearm from Rakesh Sachan.

Sachan had joined the BJP after leaving the Congress just before the assembly polls ear-

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

In the case of film produc-tion 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 pay-

ments," 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 sup-pression of actual income," it

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 landbased missile systems in response to the Chinese exercises, the Ministry of National Defense said.

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

PNS NEW DELHI

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) on Saturday declared that he will "stay away" from Prime Minister Narendra Modichaired 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

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".

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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.

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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."

Lakhan and Rahul will



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

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. Continued on Page 6

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 ath-

lete 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-



Rich haul for India at CW

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

ductive day for India in the athletics competition.

Putting aside the mental and physical struggles that pegged her back, an intimi-dating 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 consecutive three Commonwealth Games gold medal. With only four wrestlers in the women's 53kg draw, Vinesh now needed to beat Sri Lanka's Chamodya Keshani Maduravlage Don and she did it in style, winning 'by fall' to clinch her third successive Tokyo Games silver medal-

list 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

also moved into the finals with a 3-2 win against South Africa later in the day.

Surge in export, diversion of sugar for ethanol a good omen for sugar industry

The surge in export and diversion of sugar for ethanol production has come as a big boost for the sugar industry saddled with a huge inventory due to record sugar production during the last crushing season 2021-22.

India exported one crore metric tons of sugar and diverted 35 lakh MT to ethanol production during the 2021-22 sugar season.

"It is a good omen for the sugar industry struggling to dispose of the excess sugar production. Despite the export and significant increase in ethanol production, the market price of sugar is still Rs 3-4 kg lower than the cost of sugar production," said Deepak Guptara, secretary of UP Sugar Mills Association (UPSMA), representing over 100 sugar mills in the private sector.

and surge in ethanol production will have an overall positive impact on the finances of the sugar industry, enabling it to clear the dues of the sugarcane farmers at the earliest."

Export of one crore MT sugar till August 1, 2022 in the current sugar season has helped in improving the liquidity of sugar mills by Rs 33,000 crore, enabling them to clear cane dues of farmers.

Further export of 12 lakh MT of sugar would help in improving the liquidity of sugar mills by Rs 3,600 crore, enabling them to clear cane dues of farmers which stood around Rs 9,700 crore on August 4, 2022.

During the past few years, sugar production in the country has been consistently more than the domestic consumption, thereby creating the surplus situation. With a view to sugar in the country, the Central government has been encouraging sugar mills for the last several years to divert surplus sugar to ethanol and is also facilitating mills to export surplus sugar, thereby improving liquidity of sugar mills, enabling them to clear cane dues of farmers.

Export of sugar and diversion of sugar to ethanol during recent times has also helped in maintaining demand-supply balance and stabilising domestic sugar prices, the ministry

The Central government, meanwhile, is also concerned about food inflation. Therefore, with a view to ensure sufficient availability of sugar for domestic consumption within the country at a reasonable price, the government, in May, 2022, imposed restrictions on export of sugar beyond one crore MT.

stone unturned to boost ethanol production. With the aim to meet the Central government's target of 20 per cent ethanol blending by 2025, the state is adopting various measures. The ethanol production in UP has increased from 43.2 crore litre in 2016-17 to 107.21 crore litre in 2020-21.

Till the year 2014, the ethanol distillation capacity of molasses-based distilleries in India was only about 215 crore litre. However, in the past eight years, due to the policy changes made by the government, the capacity of molasses-based distilleries has been increased to 569 crore litre. The capacity of grain-based distilleries, which was 206 crore litre in 2014, has increased to 298 crore litre. Thus, the total ethanol production capacities have increased from 421 crore litre to 867 crore litre in the last eight years.



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath presenting ODOP hamper to the ace mountaineer Bachendri Pal and her team in Lucknow on Saturday

UP govt starts online registration of gaushalas

PNS LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh government has started online registration of cow shelters (gaushalas) and so far 582 gaushalas have been registered in the state, an official of the Animal Husbandry Department said.

This aims to monitor cow shelter houses to ensure better protection and conservation of cows and stray and abandoned cattle, which has been one of the priorities of this government," the spokesman said here on Saturday.

Stray cattle have been a threat to the crops and a major cause of road accidents in Uttar Pradesh.

The government has selected Bundelkhand for the initiative to promote natural farming through shelter homes for cows. At present, natural manure is being produced at 1,108 animal shelters in the form of cow dung and urine and being provided to the farmers of Bundelkhand to take to natural farming for production of chemical-free, high quality

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CM Yogi

congratulates

Dhankhar on

Dhankhar on his landslide

victory in the vice presidential

election and said that his vic-

tory would strengthen the

faith of people in the Indian

Minister Yogi said, "Heartfelt

congratulations to Shri Jagdeep

Dhankhar ji, NDA's candidate

for the post of Honourable

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Minister Yogi Adityanath said

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Furthermore, the district magistrates are identifying interested farmers/livestock owners and other persons who are ready to raise the destitute cows. They are being given an allowance of Rs 30 per day for the maintenance of the bovine, and the amount is transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries on a monthly basis. The beneficiaries are not allowed to abandon the cattle or sell them at any cost.

The Yogi Adityanath government's comprehensive scheme for sheltering cows is helping a large number of poor people, farmers, mothers and infants. The Animal Husbandry Department also ensures that milk is available to the mothers and infants of the farmers rearing the

According to a report, Uttar Pradesh currently has 6,222 cow shelters housing 8.55 lakh homeless

New postings to 10 IAS officers

PNS LUCKNOW

he Uttar Pradesh government, in late hours 1 of Friday, shifted six IAS officers. Four district magistrates who were recently shifted and kept in waiting were also given new postings.

Ashutosh Niranjan has been posted as special secretary planning while former district magistrate of Kannauj, Rakesh Kumar Mishra, has been posted as special secretary, housing and urban planning.

Vaibhav Srivastava, also waiting for posting, has been posted as special secretary, home,

jail and administrative reforms. Amrit Tripathi, who was recently shifted as district magistrate of Azamgarh, has been

posted as special secretary, planning. Special Secretary (Information) Surendra Prasad Singh has been shifted as additional labour commissioner in Kanpur Nagar.

Special Secretary (Planning) Ram Nayan Singh Yadav has been shifted to agriculture production commissioner branch in same capacity. Six PCS officers of special secretary

3 brothers get 10-yr jail term for raping minor in UP's Sultanpur

victory in vice **PTI** SULTANPUR

A local court here has sentenced three brothers to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment prez election each for raping a minor and compelling her to PNS LUCKNOW commit suicide, an advocate said on Saturday. hief Minister Yogi 31,000 fine on each of the accused. **└**Adityanath, on Saturday, congratulated Jagdeep

Government advocate Sanjay Singh gave the names of the convicts as Pappu alias Shakeel, Kaleem and Aleem. He said the fourth accused,

also a sibling of the three men, was a minor back then and is being tried in a juvenile court. The case dates back to June 2010. The then 14-year-old girl had set herself on fire when her father had been to a neighbouring village to

recite 'Ram Charit Manas'. Before her death, the girl had told her father that the four brothers had been raping her for a month. She had also said they threatened to push her into prostitution and also kill her family if she revealed their details.

TEMPLE PRIEST BEATEN TO DEATH

BIJNOR: An elderly priest of a temple in the Sherkot area here was allegedly beaten to death on Saturday morning, police said. Superintendent of Police (SP) Dinesh Singh

said that the deceased has been identified as Begram (70) and the incident took place when he was conducting rituals and worship at Manokamna Mandir.

On Saturday, at around 4.30 am, some unknown assailants attacked him. As Begram shouted, his wife came out, after which the attackers fled, he said.

Police after reaching the spot took Begram to hospital, where he was declared dead by the

Three teams have been formed to unveil the incident, the SP added.

FIR LODGED AGAINST UNKNOWN PERSONS FOR MISTREATING WOMAN

SIDDHARTHNAGAR: An FIR has been lodged against unknown persons after a video of a woman being mistreated by locals went viral on social media platforms, police said on Saturday.

The FIR was lodged station on the orders of Superintendent of Police (SP) Amit Kumar Anand. A circle-level officer is investigating the matter. In the small video that is doing rounds on the internet, a group of women and men can be seen looking at the woman as she stands near, what looks like a boundary with her hands tied. A man in the video can be seen walking with a stick in his hands while the other seems to be clicking selfies with the woman. According to locals, the said incident occurred almost a week ago after the married woman was caught with her lover. She was later allowed to return home. "We are trying to locate the woman and the people who mistreated her. Those responsible for the incident will be dealt with as per law," said the SP.

MAN SURRENDERS AFTER KILLING WIFE **OVER PROPERTY DISPUTE**

MAU: A man surrendered at the police station after killing his wife with a shovel following a property dispute here on Saturday, police said. The incident took place in Tajopur village

under the Sarai Lakhansi police station limit. The accused named Devendra Yadav killed his wife Kripadevi with a shovel following an argument over property. He later reached the police station and surrendered there, police said.

Police have lodged an FIR in the matter and initiated an investigation. Circle Officer (CO) Dhananjay Kumar Mishra said, "Devendra Yadav has been arrested for the murder of his wife. We have also recovered the murder

Padma awardees to grace main, Independence Day celebrations

ro make the 75th celebra-**I** tions of Independence a special event, Padma awardees from the state will be invited to grace the main ceremony along with other dignitaries, including the families of freedom fighters, on this historic occasion. "This year's Independence Day is special because India is celebrating. Azadi. Ka. Amrit

celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, and therefore the cultural extravaganza planned for the Independence Day celebrations will be a confluence of cultural, social and geographical diversity of the state," a government spokesman said here on Saturday.

He said various events were being organised as part of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence.

He said for the first time, the national flag would be hoisted at the newly constructed gram sachivalayas in 58,189 gram panchayats of the state. He said flag hoisting would also take place at 7,500 Amrit Sarovars on August 15 and the district administrations had already started making necessary arrangements

The spokesman said be deployed to take care of Amrit Sarovars.

Besides, in all the 75 districts of the state, two buses would be added to the fleet. These buses will be adorned with patterns resembling the tricolour. As many as 75 buses of the UP State Road Transport Corporation will be named after freedom fighters. In this regard, the preparations of the Uttar Pradesh

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State Road Transport ers, Anganwadi workers Corporation are going on in

Along with Roadways buses, bus stands will also be recognised. Just like the Roadways buses will be named after the freedom fighters, similarly the bus stands will also be named after freedom fighters.

In the series of events to mark the 75 years of Independence, the Amrit Mahotsava Mini Marathon would be organised across the 75 districts of the state, the official said.

One of the highlights of the festival is that 75 people from each section belonging to different cultures and regions

This will include folk artistes, tribal groups and various communities which will display the diverse culture of Uttar Pradesh in their traditional dress. Seventy-five persons from 75 different groups will depict the richness of the

In addition, people representing 16 trades, including Banking Correspondent (BC) Sakhis, factory workers, farmamong others will also be a part of this event.

Based on the theme of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', the event will showcase the rich cultural heritage, traditions and customs of Uttar Pradesh to the people. Presentations on the history and tourist attractions of Uttar Pradesh as well as Yogi Adityanath government's action plan for the 'New Uttar Pradesh of New India' will also be made at the

To make the Har Ghar Tiranga programme from August 13 to 15, as part of Independence Week (August 11 to 17) successful in Uttar Pradesh, the state intends to houses and 50 lakh government and non-government

offices in tricolour. On August 15, to mark 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', 75 saplings will be planted in each gram panchayat of the state. Indigenous plants like Banyan, Peepal, Pakad, Neem, Bael, Amla, Mango, Jackfruit, and Drumstick will get preference during the plantation

CPI (ML) asks govt to distribute national flag to people

PNS LUCKNOW

The state unit of the **▲** Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) has asked the government to ensure peaceful celebration of the 75th year of independence of the country and to ensure that Tiranga Yatras do not culminate in riot yatras (danga

In a statement, CPI (ML) state secretary Sudhakar Yadav cited an incident of Kasganj in 2018 when Yogi Adityanath was the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh. He said Vishwa Hindu Parishad and other Hindu outfits had taken out Tiranga Yatras on Republic Day in areas which were communally sensitive as per the administration. "The government should ensure that such incidents are not repeated," he said.

Yadav said the government should distribute national flags free of cost to the public for celebration of Independence Day under the government's 'Har ghar Tiranga, Har ghar ki chhat par tiranga (hoist national flag at every house and at the roof of every house) campaign. He demanded free distribution of

the national flag through Panchayati Raj institutions in the rural area of Uttar

will launch a drive across the country between August 9 and August 15 to celebrate the 75th Independence Day.

Notice- It may be noted that the documents related to my residence 107/72 Jawahar Nagar Kanpur Deed 1463 dated 27/07/1939 by Hari Shankar to Kanhaiya Lal and Deed dated 11/06/1937 by Kanpur Improvement Trust Harishankar and Deed dated 01/02/1943 by Kanhaiya Lal in name of J.N. Chakraborty While going from home to office, he has fallen somewhere. Its use would be illegal. The property related to the said document above is referred to as S.B.I. to be held mortgage in Motijheel branch. Daljeet Singh

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AIPEF warns against tabling of Electricity (Amendment) Bill PNS LUCKNOW

The All India Power L Engineers Federation (AIPEF) has sought the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for preventing the tabling of the Indian Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022 in Parliament on August 8. Union Power Minister RK Singh has announced to table the bill in Parliament on August 8. The power engineers have demanded that the bill be referred to the standing committee of Parliament for a detailed discussion with all

National Coordination Committee of AIPEF have already served a notice on the power ministry and warned that if the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, power employees and engicease work and hold demonstrations throughout the day to register their protest. AIPEF Shailendra Dubey said the

Electricity Employees and Engineers (NCCOÉEE) and 2022 is tabled in Parliament, all neers across the country would chairman

approved the statement of objects and reasons of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022 on August 2. He said the minister approved the bill without obtaining the views of the

government owed an explanation to the people as to why the bill was being rushed through and who were the hidden forces behind the bill. He said the Central gov-

Constitution. different stakeholders. The AIPEF said that in line Dubey said the Central

ernment had not put the draft bill on the website, and had failed to hold consultations Union power minister with the stakeholders. He said

consultation with states was a requirement Constitution that could not be bypassed as electricity was a concurrent subject in the

with the fact that electricity was a concurrent subject, the state governments must be given adequate time and opportunity to put their views to the Ćentral government so that the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022 could incorporate the views of the states to amend the bill accordingly within the framework of federal structure.

Pradesh. Yadav said the CPI (ML)

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for booster dose today

Amega Covid vaccination camp for booster dose to people in the age group of 18-59 years will be held in Lucknow on Sunday. District Immunisation Officer Dr MK Singh said it was the first time that the booster drive would be carried out on a Sunday.

He said they were carrying the drive on a holiday so that working people could get vac-cinated. "The drive is being held as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations," he added.

The immunisation officer said they would hold camps at the all the major hospitals such as SGPGI, KGMU, Lok Bandhu, RMLIMS, Balrampur, Rani Laxmi Bai, BRD, RSM, Avanti Bai and Jhalkaribai apart from at 80 workplace vaccination centres.

He said vaccination would also be carried out at the primary health centres, community health centres and all places where Arogya Mela is held. He further said that along with the precautionary doses, vaccine jabs would also be

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A teacher accused his former friend, a bank manager

and other staff of criminal

breach of trust after he was

duped of Rs 10 lakh allegedly

Khera in Banthra said his for-

mer friend Umesh Kumar

Yadav of Azamgarh met him 15

days back and sought help in

getting back his gold orna-

ments mortgaged in a bank in

common friend, Dinesh of

Kakori, sometime ago. Umesh

"I met Umesh through a

Surendar of Gauri Shanker

given to those aged 12-14 years and 15-17 years.

He urged people to get the booster dose and said vaccination was the best fight against Covid. "Since the time booster dose is being given free of cost, the total number of beneficiaries in Lucknow has increased to 3.5 lakh. We are second in Uttar Pradesh in terms of the highest number of booster doses administered," he said.

Among other venues where the booster dose will be administered include Sri Jan Kalyaneshwar Mandir, Sainik Nagar Colony, Swantantra College (Alambagh), Satish Garments (Alambagh), Bakery (Krishnanagar), Shiv Shanti

Ashram (Alambagh), Satnam Traders (Krishnanagar) Shivani Vihar Jan Kalyan Samiti, Jagran Park, Madrasa Islamiya School (Chinhat), Sindh Bakery (Uthretiya), Tirupati Lawns (Banthra), Rama Pathology (Hardoi Road), Saraswati Shishu Mandir (Rajajipuram), Hanuman Setu temple, Durga temple (Indiranagar), etc.

Teacher duped of over ₹10L

4.19 lakh in the said bank to

"After depositing the

take back Umesh's mortgaged

money, the bank manager told

me that the gold ornaments

were mortgaged in two differ-

ent branches and would be

handed over to him only after

the total loan amount was paid

off," he explained. Surendar

said as he found himself

trapped, he deposited over Rs

6 lakh after which the bank

manager agreed to release the

er let me get the ornaments

checked by a goldsmith but he

refused. After getting the gold

"I asked the bank manag-

by former friend, others

gold ornaments.

gold ornaments.

Mega vax drive Hubby, in-laws booked for abetment after suicide by woman, two sons

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Tn an incident in which a woman, along with her two sons, committed suicide by jumping before a train in Nishatgani under Mahanagar police station area on Friday morning, her father lodged a case of abetment to suicide and dowry harassment against her husband and in-laws on Saturday.

A spokesman said the deceased woman's father, Satya Prakash of Ghazipur district, lodged a case against her husband Shashi Bhushan mother-in-law Gupta, Shakuntala Gupta and others identified as Shailendra, Devi Gupta and Varun Gupta besides an unidentified man.

was registered under Section 306 of IPC (abetment to suicide) and Dowry Harassment Act under Section 498A of IPC. He said the police were yet to arrest any of the accused.

The 36-year-old woman, Madhu Gupta, and her two sons — Anya Bhushan (8) and Amish (2.5) — of Balda Colony had died after being run over by a train in Nishatganj on Friday morning. The woman, along with her sons, had jumped before the train about 100 metres away from a manned level crossing. Her family was reeling under a financial crisis after her husband lost his job the

While Madhu and Amish were crushed to death, Anya was rushed to KGMU Trauma Centre where he succumbed. Shashi Bhushan did not give any complaint to police. He had gone to SGPGI to get a token for a relative who needed to see a doctor. Madhu, along with her children, left the house saying she was going to drop the elder son to his school in Mahanagar. However, Madhu did not go to the school as the place of incident does not fall on that route. Shashi worked with a private firm in Chandigarh but lost job during the lockdown. Since then, the family had been surviving on his late father's pension.



A fire tender stationed outside Bank of India's branch in Aishbagh where a fire broke out on Saturday

Salesman ends life over domestic dispute

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said. He said he deposited Rs ornaments from the bank, I

he alleged.

A³⁵-year-old salesman ended his life following a domestic dispute at his house in Alambagh police station area on Friday night. The deceased was identified as Piyush Srivastava of Chandernagar area.

Reports said Piyush had dinner with his family on Friday and retired to his room

went to a jeweller's shop where

I was told that the same were

artificial and not made of gold,"

ed Umesh and told him about

the forgery. "Umesh accused

me of playing tricks after get-

ting gold ornaments and

refused to pay him a single

penny. He threatened me with

dire consequences if I asked my

nivance with the bank manag-

er and others, duped him.

Police registered a case for

criminal conspiracy, criminal

breach of trust, forgery, etc

against the accused.

He said Umesh, in con-

money back," he alleged.

Surendar said he contact-

on the top floor of the house. a saree tied around his neck. Around 6 am on Saturday, his On being informed, police father Ramesh Chand reached the place and sent the Srivastava went to his room to body for autopsy. wake him up but found the Ín another incident, a 27door bolted from inside. He year-old jobless youth ended

his life at his house in Sairpur police station area. The deceased was identi-

fied as Sohan of Kodari village in the area. Reports said Sohan was found hanging with a saree tied around his

neck. His father said Sohan had been without a job for a long time and was under mental duress due to the same reason. He said Sohan ended his life due to depression caused by joblessness. Police sent the body for autopsy and started further investigation. Sohan got married three years back and the couple had no issue from the marriage.

Three youths drowned in

the Gomti river in Madiaon

police station area on Saturday

afternoon. They were identi-

fied as Sandeep, Saurabh and Amit (all of Faizullahganj).

Reports said the trio, along

with 7-8 friends, went to take

a dip in the river to beat the

heat around 2 pm. The trio

reached the middle with the

flow and started drowning.

Their friends raised an alarm

following which the divers

rushed to their rescue. A

spokesman said they were

rushed to King George's

Medical University Trauma

Centre where they succumbed.

The police sent the bodies for

Complex surgery at SGPGI telecast live during conference

PNS LUCKNOW

The department of Cardiology, SGPGI, recently performed a complex coronary intervention in a 60-yearold male patient and telecast it live during the 'ACVS India-South Asia 2022', India's premier interventional cardiology conference organised at Hyderabad.

More than 500 leading interventional cardiologists from India and abroad exchanged thoughts, shared ideas and interacted with each other on a hybrid platform. The insights provided are likely to contribute towards making India a significant player in the global cardiac space in the years to come and provide an impetus to quality-based cardiology care in the country.

The patient had left main coronary artery disease involving the origins of both the main arteries of the heart. After detailed discussions and planning amongst the cardiology team members, including Prof Aditya Kapoor, Prof Satyendra Tewari, Prof Sudeep Kumar, Dr Roopali Khanna and Dr Ankit Sahu, a coronary angioplasty was performed taking the guidance of the latest coronary imaging techniques, including IVUS (intravascular imaging) and OCT (optical coherence

and other aspects of the coronary vascular bed that are not seen by simple coronary angiography. Following initial IVUS imaging, the vessel size and tissue characterisation were discussed with the international and national faculty members who were panel discussants during the live telecast.

Prof Satyendra Tewari explained that once the management strategies were decided, the disease in the circumflex artery was tackled at first by inserting a stent in it. Later, stents were inserted in the main artery (i.e the LAD) and the left main coronary artery.

Explaining the intricacies of this complex procedure, Prof Sudeep Kumar said that meticulous pre-planning is the key to success in such cases that involve multiple wire passages and balloon crossings in the

coronary arteries. Dr Roopali Khanna said that imaging using IVUS or OCT is mandatory in these situations, not only to understand the exact stent size needed but also to assess if the stent is well implanted and opposed to the

vessel wall. Dr Ankit Sahu said that after implanting the stents, a final imaging analysis by OCT was performed to see for any residual plaque or diseased

areas left uncovered. The panel disc

offered to give me those ornaments at lower rates," Surendar

CITYBRIEFS

WORKSHOP

Krishnanagar.

Orthopaedics, Apex Trauma Centre, organised a workshop on basic life support skills, a flagship event of Indian Orthopaedic Association, on Thursday. Head of the department of Hospital Administration Dr R Harshvardhan said the 'Bone and Joint Decade' was an international collaborative movement in 2000-2010 AD to raise awareness on the impact of bone and joint conditions on the society and to raise the global funding for research on costeffective prevention and treatment of musculoskeletal problems. In order to raise awareness and sensitise people about bone and joint health, Indian Orthopaedic Association has been celebrating 'National Bone and Joint Day' on August 4 since

SILVER MEDAL

North-Eastern Railway's (NER) athlete Priyanka Goswami, who represented India in the Commonwealth Games (CWG-2022) in Birmingham (England), brought laurels to the country by win-

Pankaj Kumar Singh said Priyanka Goswami secured second position in the 10-km race walk in 43.38 minutes on August 6. He said Priyanka has many achievements to her credit. "She had also represented India in the Tokyo Olympic-2020 and finished 17th. She secured first position in the 20-km race walk by clocking 1.28.45 minutes in the International Walk Championship-2021 held in Ranchi," he pointed out.

ANNUAL MAJLIS

The annual mailis-e-aza, organised by Prof Syed Ali Hamid and Syed Masoom Raza, was held at Saltanat Manzil opposite city station. The majlis, addressed by Ayatullah Syed Hamidul Hasan, was attended by a a large number of mourners.

CRESCENDO

'Crescendo', the cultural festival of Seth MR Jaipuria Schools, returned with a big bang. The grand finale took place on August 6. The finale week saw a tough competition

ning silver medal in the 10-km amongst over 3,000 students. The event champions were Seth MR Jaipuria School (Gomtinagar), followed by Seth MR Jaipuria School (Babatpur, Varanasi) and Seth MR Jaipuria School (Parao, Varanasi). The top 10 schools were awarded medals and trophies.

FIRST PRIZE



Ahsan Siraj Khan, a class 9 student of of City Montessori School, Chowk, won the first prize in an inter-school debate competition, organised by Bal Sangrahalaya, Lucknow. Students of various schools participated in the contest in which Ahsan emerged victorious. He was awarded a certificate.

Former min's son injured as gun goes off Doctors attending to

from inside.

Son of a former minister in the erstwhile Samajwadi Party government suffered firearm injuries at his house in Gomtinagar Extension police station area on Saturday. Identified as Akash Manjhi (22), he was admitted to Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences where his condition was said to be

repeatedly rapped the door but did not get any response

Ramesh sought help from neighbours who broke open

the door, only to find Piyush

hanging from the ceiling with

DCP, East, Prachi Singh said Akash suffered injuries as his father's revolver went accidentally while cleaning. "The wound he suffered had entry and exit points. It implied that he suffered injuries from a close range," Singh said, adding that further investigation was

student for stopping the latter

from copying during an exam-

ination on Saturday afternoon.

He lodged a case at the

In his complaint, Dr

Madehganj police station.

in the chest and was bleeding profusely when brought to the hospital. His condition is critical as the bullet seems to have punctured his vital organ," a doctor said.

Akash said his condition was

critical. "He suffered an injury

Explaining the sequence of events, commissioner of police's PRO Nitin Yadav said Akash was preparing to go to the airport to receive someone. "In the meantime, Akash started cleaning the nozzle of the revolver which went of accidentally. He was rushed to RMLIMS by his kin," he said. He added that the police were yet to collect full details relat-

autopsy and started further **Assistant professor thrashed at Shia PG College**

Dharmendra Kumar said he was on duty in room number thrashed me before the stu-An assistant professor of 6 of Imam-e-Raza Block of the dents and also snatched my mobile phone when I tried to idents was underway. He alleged that Rahul Tiwari was mobile phone and fled the copying from notebooks and scene," Kumar said. he stopped the latter. "Around 20 minutes were left in the

Date: 07.08.2022

He recommended the expulsion of the student in question to the faculty incharge and college principal

इंडियन बैंक

Head of department of Cardiology, SGPGI, Prof Aditya Kapoor said the use of advanced imaging modalities helps in delineating the coronary anatomy, plaque structure

appreciated the optimal use of dual imaging modalities (IVUS and OCT) and were impressed with the final result. SGPGI director Prof RK Dhiman congratulated the cardiology team.

Indian Bank

DM reviews preparations for I-Day celebrations

Lucknow (PNS): District some groups members of which Magistrate Suraj Pal Gangwar held a meeting on the arrangements for Independence Day celebrations at his camp office on Saturday. The DM said a microplan would be made regarding the various programmes which would be organised on the occasion of Independence Day.

He said that for all the 75 groups which will be performing outside the Vidhan Bhawan, arrangements would be made to help them groups reach the venue on time. The chief development officer said that the groups would be brought to the venue by the departments concerned. He further said that

are beneficiaries of various government schemes and some others would be ferried through buses. The district magistrate said that a control room has been set up for the participants to know the bus routes. He directed the officials to ensure that all the 75 groups to be participating in the Independence Day celebrations should reach the venue at 7 am and the officials concerned must ensure that the groups reach their respective points by 7:30 am. A detailed report was also presented regarding their food and

other arrangements for the

exam to get over. Rahul pushed

me down when I tried to take

🛆 डलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD Branch Office: 92, Civil Lines, Jhansi, U.P. -284001 POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable property) [See Rule 8(1)] Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest

(Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice (details of which have been mentioned hereunder) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

amount mentioned in the respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subjected to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount and interest & other expenses as described herein below:

The attention of the borrowers detailed hereunder is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to replace the secured assets redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No		Name of Mortgager/Guarantor	Description of the Mortgaged Immovable property	Date of Demand Notice/Dt. of Possession Notice/Outstanding Am			
	Branch : Sipri Baza	r, Jhansi					
1.	Vishal Raikwar & Rameshwar Raikwar		Single Storey residential building having area 69.64 Sq.Mtr. Which is situated at mauza Rund Panch Mahal, Indra Nagar, Isai Tola, Near Sai Aata Chakki, Jhansi (U.P.) 284003 in the name of Mr. Rameshwar Prasad S/o Mr. Munga Lal. Boundaries: East: Property of seller, West: 2.43 Mtr. wide Road, North: Property of Bhupendra Singh, South: Property of Bhupendra Singh, South: Property of Mahaveer Prasad Dubey	Possession Notice Date 01.08.2022 Rs. 12,92,167/- (Rs. Twelve Lakh Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Seven Only) as on 01.08.2022			

Kakori trial judgement's document safe with State Archives

SHARMILA KRISHNA

The State Archives has the original document of the Kakori trial judgement which is in four volumes. A senior official said the trial after the famous Kakori train action took place in a specially made rink theatre which is currently the GPO in Hazratgani.

The document carries the date of the judgment when it was given (in April 6, 1927) by ICS special sessions judge (Lucknow) A Hamilton. The case was named 'King Emperor

Versus Banwari Lal and others'. The history of the case, as written in the document and penned down by the Britishers,

is as follows: "On August 9 shortly after 8.30 pm, Mr Jones, Station Master at Charbagh East India

Railway, made a report that the train known as the 8 Downtown Train from Hardoi to Lucknow had been stopped between Alamnagar and Kakori by the pulling of the communication, that the dacoits and removed the cash safe from the train and broken it open, abstracted the cash and fired guns during the dacoity. The report was based on the information received by him over the telephone from the station controller at Hazratganj who had received it in the same manner from the guard of the train, Jagannath Prasad. Jagannath had phoned the controller at Alambagh, which is the next station to Lucknow. Alamnagar is four miles from Lucknow and Kakori the place from which the case takes its name is the next station in the direction of Hardoi, five miles

IN THE COURT OF THE SPECIAL SESSIONS JUDGE, LUCKNOW Kakori Conspiracy Case

from Alamnagar."

due to arrive at Lucknow at The document further 7:45 pm and actually arrived at reads that the 8 down train was Lucknow at 8:37 pm on August

9, 1925. "The station master inspected the train and found that the safe which contained all the cash receipts from Katghar to Kakori excluding those where there is a government treasury amounting to around Rs 4679 was missing. Arrangements were made at once to send a special train to Kakori. Two sub-inspectors of police Sajjad Ali and . Khursheed Áli Khan and constable Syed Jan returned with the empty safe and the dead body of Ahmad Ali lying beside the line about a mile from the Kakori station in the direction of Alamnagar. On August 14, Dr RA Horton was placed in charge of the investigation."

It may be noted that in this

case, death sentence was given for Ram Prasad Bismil, Thakur Roshan Singh, Rajendra Nath Lahiri and Ashfaqullah Khan.

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda 日 会議法

Name & Address of

Borrower/Guarantor

[Rule 8 (1)] Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and

POSSESSION

NOTICE

The Authorized Officer, Indian Bank

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Dt. of Demand Notice

Details of Immovable

Property

Branch : Vrindavan Yojana Branch- H.No. 5-ML, Sector-9B, Near Awas Vikas Office, V Borrower: 1- Mr Kuldeep All the part & parcel of land and building situated at Kumar S/o Late Madan House (Municiple No.631/K-941) on plot of Khasra Mohan Verma, A-775, Indira No 941, Ward Ismailganj First, Indira Nagar Nagar, Near CMS A Block, admeasuring 185.873 sq mtrs in the name of Mr Kuldeep Kumar S/o Late Madan Mohan Verma & 2- Mrs Asha Verma, W/o- Mrs. Asha Verma W/o late Madan Mohan Verma

Late Madan Mohan Verma, Bounded as: East: House of Mr. Iliyas, West -775, Indira Nagar, Near Bright Children Academy School, North: 15 Fee

Rs. 50,70,073.50 contractual rate plus costs, charges and

Dt. of Possession Notice

Outstanding Amount

25.04.2022

02.08.2022

van Yojana, Lucknow

CMSABlock, Lucknow wide road, South: House of Mr Ismail Place: Lucknow, Date: 07.08.2022 Authorised Officer, Bank Of Baroda

COURT NOTICE
CITATION (BY ADVERTISEMENT)
(Chapter XXX, Rule-21)
NTHE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAE
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION FESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION TESTAMENTARY CASE NO. 43 OF 2021
IN THE MATTER OF
THE GOODS OF
Late Shailendra Kumar Tripathi son of

Sri Umapati Tripathi and Late Anju Tripathi wife of Late Shailendra Kumar Tripathi, Both vife of Late Shailendra Kumar Iripatini, bou esident of 503 Buxi Khurd, Daraganj, District PrayagrajDeceased. Aryan Tripathi and Shivang Tripath Petitioner.

WHEREAS an application has bee WHEREAS an application has beer made by Aryan Tripathi and Shivang Tripathi Both sons of late Shailendra Kumar Tripathi, Both resident of 503 Butkhurd, Daragani, Prayagraj, for the probate of the will (or Letters of Administration to the estate) of Late Shailendra Kumar Tripathi deceased, who died at Vineete Hospital, Pvt. Ltd, Allahabad or 17,04,2021, and Late Anju. Tripath 17.04.2021 and Late Anju Tripath Deceased, who died at 503, Baksh Khurd, Daraganj, Allahabad (Prayagraj) Uttar Pradesh, 211006, Allahabad of 20.04.2021, AND WHEREAS, the 02th day of September, 2022 has been fixed or September, 2022 has been lixed for hearing of the said application. THIS CITATION is issued calling upon all persons claiming to have any interest to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the grant of probate (or Letters of Administration).

Given under my hand and the sea of the Court this 2nd day of August, 2022 DEPUTY REGISTRAR HIGH COURT. ALLAHABAD Shri Pranab Kumar Ganguly, Advocat Counsel for the Petitioner.

DC: Quick hearing of public grievances govt's priority

The Kanpur Divisional 1 Commissioner, Dr Raj Shekhar, while chairing the Tehsil Diwas on Saturday at Tehsil Sadar said top priority of the Uttar Pradesh Government was to ensure quick hearing to the public grievances and qualitative solutions and disposals as well as within the stipulated timeframe. He said it was a matter of concern that seven officials were found absent in the Tehsil Diwas. He said umpteen district and police officials had failed to sign the register of attendance as well. He directed the authority concerned to issue show cause notices and ensure they immediaely replied as well so that necessary action can be taken against them.

He said a total of 139 applications were received and added

were related to RTE where that applicants alleged that the school had put up umpteen objection to prevent the admission of their children to the respective school. The DC directed the District Magistrate, Visakh G Iyer to ensure that all such schools where the complaint was genuine, a list should be prepare in the next 15 days. He also directed the officials , school managers or principals and applicants should be summoned and a meeting be conducted to solve the genuine problems one to one in one months time.

Dr Shekar expressed concern over complaints against the Kanpur Nagar Nigam especially related to house tax notices where majority of the complaints were that the notices were not being sent to the landlords and thus they were facing the problem of complainant also.

He strictly directed the officials of KNN to ensure they served notices as per the House Tax policy and all the notices must reach the landlords in one months time. He said this will also help to work out the pending dues of the landlords and which date they need to deposit the tax. He said the landlords need to be informed well in advance so that they can timely deposit the tax. He also directed the Kanpur Municipal Commissioner to ensure that hearing to this issue be carried out every week. He said each and every official had to solve the issues qualitatively in one weeks time and the reports should be forwarded to the SDM. He said once the issue was solved then the copy of the issue settled should be sent mandatorily to the



Kanpur Divisional Commissioner, Dr Raj Shekhar, chairing Tehsil Diwas at Tehsil Sadar on Saturday

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Indian Bank

Branch Office: 92, Civil Lines, Jhansi, U.P. -284001 POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable property) [See Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice (details of which have been mentioned hereunder) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, मध्यप्रदेश

(लोक स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग, मध्यप्रदेश शासन) लिंक रोड नंबर 3, माधवराव सप्रे मार्ग, भोपाल (462003)



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भोपाल, दिनांक: 02.08.2022

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

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1	संविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक (डीईआईसी)	22	30,000/- रूपये प्रतिमाह	किसी भी मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थान/विश्वविद्यालय से बैचलर ऑफ डेंटल सर्जरी (बी.डी.एस.) उत्तीर्ण। म.प्र. राज्य डेन्टल काउसलिंग में स्थायी जीवित वैद्य पंजीकरण प्रमाण पत्र होना अनिवार्य।	21-40 वर्ष अधिकतम आयु सीमा में (अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अन्य पिछडा वर्ग, निशक्त जन/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 नही किये जावेगें।

2. पद हेतु आरक्षण निम्नानुसार होगा :-

G-15127/22

पद का नाम	कुल सीटें	अनारक्षित		आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर		अनुसूचित जनजाति वर्ग		अनुसूचित जाति		अन्य पिछडा वर्ग		रिक्तियों में मध्यप्रदेश की मूल निवासी दिव्यागंजन अभ्यार्थियों हेतु आरक्षित पदों की संख्या			
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- दिव्यांगजन का आरक्षण क्षैतिजिक (Horizonatal) के आधार पर 06 प्रतिशत का प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। नि:शक्तजनों के लिए कुल रिक्तियों में से 06 प्रतिशत पद नि:शक्तजन के लिए आरक्षित है, जिस श्रैणी का नि:शक्तजन इन पदों के लिए चयनित होगा उसे उसी श्रेणी हेतु मान्य किया जावेगा। यह पद प्रत्येक श्रेणी की बिना वर्ग/ओपन नियुक्तियों में सम्मिलित है।
- कोविड-19 के अंतर्गत अस्थायी एवं आकस्मिक रूप से कार्य करने वाले दंतशल्य चिकित्सक जिनसे न्यूनतम् अविध 89 दिवस कार्य किया हो उसे संविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक (डीईआईसी) की भर्ती प्रक्रिया में 10 प्रतिशत अधिभार अंक (Weightage) प्राप्त करने की पात्रता होगी।
- निर्धारित प्रारूप में नहीं किये गए अथवा अपूर्ण आवदेन स्वयमेंव निरस्त माने जायेंगे।
- अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात् प्राप्त होने वाले आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।
- 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।

कोरोना में सावधानी हटी, समझो दुर्घटना घटी।

मिशन संचालक

Spl training of IPR conducted

Kanpur (PNS): A special training of Intellectual Property Right was conducted at OPF jointly organised by the Gliders India Ltd and Ordnance Parachute Factory under 'Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti 2018'. The particicipation of the officials and staff was highly encouraging. The General Manager, Sushil Sinha while addressing the gathering said IPR was highly essential in the current times and added that modernisation operations were being carried out on a war footing. He said the experts were making every effort to work efficiently as per the directives of innovation. He said it was moving in the positive direction as per the concrete strategy.

IPR expert from IIT-Khadagpur Divyansh Shukla discussed various issues a patent was important because it can help safeguard invention and can protect any product, design or process that met certain specifications according to its originality, practicality, suitability, and utility. He said in most cases, a patent can protect an invention for up to 20 years. He said it provided a right to an inventor(s) to exclude others from exploiting the patented invention. He said thus other than the inventor cannot use, make or sell the patented invention without permission from the inventor.

UCO Bank's net profit increases

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UCO Bank announced its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 and the bank's official statement mentioned that it had made a net profit of Rs 123.61 crore during the quarter ended June 2022 as against net profit of Rs 101.81 crore in the quarter ended June 2021 registering a growth of 21.41 per cent. Similarly the Operating Profit of the Bank for the quarter June 2022 stood at Rs 439.94 crore (Operating profit excluding MTM loss Rs 1093.43 crore) as against Rs 1173.41 crore (Operating profit excluding MTM loss Rs 1286.29 crore) for the quarter ended June 2021. The Banks Net Interest

Income for the quarter ended June 2022 had increased to Rs 1649.54 crore from Rs 1460.24 crore for the quarter ended June 2021 registering a growth of 12.96 per cent. The other income of the Bank for the quarter ended June 2022 stood at Rs 54.47 crore (Other Income excluding MTM loss Rs 599.02 crore) as against Rs 856.64 crore (Other Income excluding MTM loss Rs 969.52 crore) for the quarter ended June 2021. The total business of the

bank had increased to Rs 356677.47 crore as on June 30, 2022 from Rs 332946.17 crore as on June 30, 2021 registering a growth of 7.13 per cent. The



UCO Bank Managing Director, Soma Sankara Prasad.

Total Deposits of the Bank had increased to Rs 225327.74 crore as on June 30, 2022 from Rs 212096.82 crore as on June 30, 2021 registering a growth of 6.24 per cent. The

CASA of the Bank (Domestic) stood at 39.25 per cent as on June 30, 2022.

Savings Deposits of the Bank had increased to Rs 77498.06 crore as on June 30,2022 from Rs 71377.97 crore as on June 30, 2021 registering a growth of 8.57 per cent. He said the

total advances of the Bank stood at Rs 131349.73 crore as on June 30, 2022 as against Rs 120849.35 crore as on June 30, 2021 registering a growth of 8.69 per cent.

Gross NPA of the Bank had reduced to Rs 9739.65 crore

(7.42 per cent) as on June 30, 2022 from Rs 11321.76 crore (9.37 per cent) as on June 30, 2021 and from Rs 10237.43 crore (7.89 per cent) as on March 31, 2022.

The Net NPA of the Bank had reduced to Rs 3103.82 crore (2.49 per cent) as on June 30, 2022 from Rs 4387.25 crore (3.85 per cent) as on June 30, 2021 and from Rs 3315.78 crore (2.70 per cent) as on March 31, 2022. The Provision Coverage Ratio of the Bank had increased to 91.96 per cent as on June 30, 2022 from 88.53 per cent as on June 30, 2021 and from 91.44 per cent as on Marh 31, 2022. The Capital Adequacy Ratio of the Bank stood at 14.13 per cent and CET-I Ratio at 11.29 per cent

Mason commits suicide

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drunken mason, after Adrunken mason, after feeding jalebis to his elderly mother, committed suicide by hanging himself in a room in Tulsiyapur village under the Vidhnu police station on Saturday morning.

The incident came to light when elder brother went to his room and found him hanging from the ceiling

He was identified as Ravi Kumar (28). Elder brother Vinod said due to Ravi's addiction for liquor, his wife with children had migrated to her parents house. On Saturday morning, drunken Ravi arrived at home with jalebis and after feeding them to his elderly mother Darshana Devi went to his

After some time, when elder brother called him for lunch, he was found hanging. Vinod said after his median brother Kailash had hanged himself four years ago, his wife Baby was married to

SHO Prakash Chandra Sharma said further action would be initiated on the basis of autopsy report.

'Tiranga Mahotsav' organised

The NCC unit of Mahila Mahavidyalay, as part ▲ of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organised 'Tiranga Mahotsav' on the school premises on Saturday and the college had especially erected a selfie point where the NCC cadets took selfies. The objective of the whole programme was to promote patriotism and unity and to instil values in each person to perform ones duty towards the nation.

Addressing the gathering the Principal, Anju Chaudhary said the obective of the Tiranga Mahotsav was to make the whole country colurful with Tricolours. She said all the students had been provided with the National Flag and they had been assigned the task to hoist the flag atop their houses between August 11 and 17, 2022. She said in the national flag of India the top band is of Saffron colour, indicating the strength and courage of the country. The white middle band indicates peace and truth with Dharma Chakra. She said the last band was green in colour which showed the fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land. She said India's cultural heritage was its most valued treasure and the history dated



NCC cadets of Mahila Mahavidyalay taking part in 'Tiranga Mahotsav' on Saturday

of the parents to talk to their children about how ancient our country is. She said the 75 year of Independence was certainly a great occasion and thus parents need to encourage children to teach patriotism to their children since patriotism is to do with emotions and not knowledge, it must be taught at the personal level. She said children back thousands of years. She said it was the duty get inspired if they see parents being patriotic.

Min attends court hearing

as on June 30, 2022.

State MSME Minister Rakesh Sachan appeared in the court of ACMM (III) Alok Yadav on Saturday to hear the arguments of his counsel in a case of theft of pebbles lodged against him in the past. Suddenly, he disappeared from the court prior to announcement of the judgement allegedly on pretext of he was not feeling well. However, the court reserved the judgement. But there were rumours that the court held the state minsiter guilty in the matter and is likely to announce its judgement in due course. Besides, in a case lodged against him under the Arms Act on August 13, 1991 with the Naubasta police station which was also heard on Saturday, the court is yet to announce its judgement. In this case, police had recovered a rifle from the possession of Rakesh Sachan which was allegedly used in the killing of students

Naubasta.

It may be recalled that during his engagement as railway contractor, an FIR was lodged against the state minister Rakesh Sachan u/s 389, 411 of IPC for the theft of pebbles. Later, the stolen pebbles had also been recovered by the police. A resident of Kidwai Nagar, Sachan had started his political career with the Samajwadi party.

He was elected legislator from Ghatampur assembly seat in 1993 and 2002 and in 2009, had won the parliament seat from Fatehpur by defeating Mahendra Prasad Nishad by around one lakh votes.

He was considered to be the close aide of Mulayam Singh and Shivpal Singh. In 2019 Lok Sabha elections, due to SP-BSP alliance, as the Fatehpur parliamentary seat was awarded to BSP, this irked him.

IR, IIIT-A organise 2-day workshop

Atwo-day workshop on Human Robot Interaction (HIR) organised by the Centre of Intelligent Robotics (CIR), Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad (IIITA) commenced at Jhalwa campus here on Saturday.

Inaugurating the workshop Prof RS Verma, Director, IIITA referred that though the hardware assembly have achieved high accuracies, programming the machines in general has its importance in regard to learning. He hoped that this workshop would help the participants to learn new ideas and gain quality knowledge in HIR. He also inaugurated the CIR lab on this occasion.

Prof Subir Saha from IIT Delhi delivered a talk on robotics and cobot (collaborative robot) which is an area in which he and his team are performing their research. He encouraged the partici-

pants by advertising various Intelligence Laboratory) research work carried out at IIT Delhi and also various robotics competitions held there, including Peer robotics startup founded by former IIT Delhi students and Botlab Dynamics, which is a startup company incubated at IIT

He then introduced the I-**Hub Foundation of Cobotics** (I-HFC), which is a Technology Innovation Hub initiative of IIT Delhi funded by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India where projects in the area of medical, agriculture, industry and defense are involved.

GC Nandi, Prof Chairperson, CIR addressed the attendees by mentioning the purpose of the workshop mentioning the need for humans to interact with robots and intelligent systems have drawn more interest lately. He introduced the CIR lab (erstwhile called the Robotics and Machine a robot delivers, the more

which was initiated in the year 2001 - along with the specialization courses and degrees undertaken by the

Prof US Tiwary showed his excitement over the collaboration between IIT-Delhi and IIITA. He also mentioned the history of how the Institute (IIITA) started along with the visions and goals the founders had. He also challenged the faculties present to have a growth attitude. Prof Pavan Chakraborty,

Head of the Department of IT welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Department alongside mentioning the relevant Department initiatives and robotics projects. Prof. Vijaishri Tewari, Registrar IIIITA expressed her views and congratulated the CIR team for organizing the workshop. She challenged the participants by giving a perception of the consumers mentioning that the more precise on the product. Dr. Rahul Kala, Asst. Prof. IIITA delivered the vote of thanks.

The first session of the day was taken by Prof GC Nandi where he introduced the concept of social and collaborative robotics to the participants. At first the participants saw real robots working in the classroom, where some of them were also given an opportunity to interact with the robots. He also mentioned several robotics projects at the centre and others worldwide, making the students enthusiastic about the same.

The workshop continued with Dr Ranjit Ray from CMERI, who demonstrated the working of the indigenously developed Autonomous Mobile Robot along with a specification of the hardware and software system. He continued to discuss the project of using robotics in the atomic energy sector.Prof Ashish Dutta from

trust the consumers will have
IIT Kanpur talked about the control of robots for contact tasks and discussed several such projects at IIT Kanpur. Dr Sambhunath Nandy, CMERI also delivered a talk on underwater robotics and the human robotics interaction aspects when dealing with such robots.

The organisers also held an interactive session with the robots at the lab, including the Baxter humanoid robot and NaO humanoid robot. The students could interact with the robots and were shown several application demonstrations. The students were also briefed about the technology that gives the intelligence to the robots to do all such tasks.

The second day of the workshop will also feature lectures by Prof Ashish Dutta, IIT Kanpur; Prof Vrijendra Singh, IIIT Allahabad; Dr Rahul Kala, IIIT Allahabad. There is also a hands-on session on Robot Operating

Protest against Ropeway Project | Mafia Atique's henchman arrested

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The leaders of various political parties and social activists on Saturday staged a dharna at Bharat Mata Mandir here in protest against the Ropeway Project and said that the terminal station proposed in Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith (MGKV) for the project. The Ropeway project should be rolled back, they demanded. The Bharat Mata Mandir is located on the campus of MGKV.

The leaders of various political parties and social activists gathered at Bharat Mata Mandir on the campus of MGKV and staged a dharna in its premises. The MGKV is a historical educational institution which has inherited the memories of freedom struggle as it was established with the inspiration of Mahatma Gandhi and its students made remarkable contribution for the freedom of the nation while fighting against British Rule, the agitators said, adding that this university is a heritage of the nation. But the government has a plan to destroy this heritage through the Ropeway Project, they blamed.

The Ropeway Project would directly affect the buildings of some important faculties and Bharat Mata Mandir as there is proposal of developing a terminal station and tower for



Dharna by leaders of various political parties in protest against the Ropeway Project

the project, they said and added that there is no need of ropeway in the city. The Ropeway Project was drafted out to benefit some companies, they blamed, adding that the project would be a threat to the original nature and glory of the city.

against the interest of the city, should be stopped immediately, they demanded and decided to intensify the agitation against the project. They also decided to apprise the people of the city of the adverse aspect of the project through foot The project, which is marches and other programs.

Among those who joined the dharna included Dr Anil Kumar Upadhyay & Sanjeev Singh of Congress Party, socialists Vijay Narayan & Kunwar Suresh Singh, Heera Lal Yadav & Nand Lal Patel of CPM, Arvind Singh of SP and Dr Surendra Pratap Singh.

Covid vaccination camp held

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Under the auspices of St John's Marhauli Alumni Association, a COVID-19 vaccination camp was held at a banquet hall in Sigra here on Saturday which was inaugurated by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Sandeep Chaudhary.

The precaution dose of COVID-19 vaccine was administered to the beneficiaries aged between 18 and 59 years. The dose of the vaccine was also administered to the children by a team of vaccinators. The CMO Dr Chaudhary appealed to the people for taking the precaution dose because the corona cases are still being detected.

The president of association Mohit Mehra Fr Thomas, D Mnish Tripathi, Dr Alok speed up the campaign, the

Bhardwaj and others were present on the occasion.

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HOLD MEGA CAMP: Aiming at speeding up the special campaign launched to administer the free precaution dose of COVID-19 vaccine to the beneficiaries aged between 18 and 59 years, the Health department will hold a mega camp on Sunday at the government Covid centres of the

The government has announced the free precaution dose of thd Covid vaccines to the beneficiaries of the age group from 18 to 59 years under the Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsay and in this order, the Health department has launched a special campaign which will continue till September 30. With an aim to

department will hold a mega camp on Sunday at all the Covid centres of the district.

The mega camp would be held at as many as 65 Covid centres of the district including the government hospitals, wellness centres, community & primary health centres, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Sandeep Chaudhary informed asking the staff of the department to inform about the camp to the people through social media and other mediums so that the maximum beneficiaries could take it's

The District Immunization Officer (DIO) Dr Nikunj Kumar Verma said that the precaution dose is necessary to prevent the infection from corona virus and appealed to the beneficiaries to get administered the precaution dose if six months have passed in taking the second dose of vaccine.

The phone call & monitoring committee, front line workers, Adha & Anganwadi workers will personally follow up for the mega camp through Integrated Covid Command Control Centre, Dr Verma informed, adding that the beneficiaries could take the dose of vaccine through the facility of walk-in appointment i.e. offline. He appealed to the people to follow the guidelines of appropriate behaviour and distance of two feet to prevent the infection.

A micro plan has been prepared for the proposed mega camp and the team of vaccinators and data entry operators has been constituted for its success, the vaccination incharge Dr AK Pandey informed.

BJP to hold training camp

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UP Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Backward Class Welfare and President of Other Backward Class cell of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Narendra Kashyap on Saturday informed that the BJP would hold a three-day training camp in the city from August 7 to 9 for the workers of cell to apprise them of the policies of the party and welfare schemes being run by the government at centre and in the state.

While talking to the presspersons at Circuit House, here Kashvap informed that a three-day training camp would be held at a hotel in Cantonment area here which

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disorders.



UP Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Backward Class Welfare and State President of Backward Cell of the BJP Narendra Kashyap talking to the presspersons

IIT (BHU) designs loom ergonomically

would be inaugurated on Sunday by the national president of cell and Rajya Sabha Member Lakshman while the first session of the camp would be addressed by the national vice-president of the cell Hansraj Ahir. The UP Minister Anil Rajbhar will address the second session of the camp.

Many ministers of the state overnment and senior party leaders including Swatantra Dev Singh would address the various sessions of the camp and a total of 10 sessions would be held besides the inaugural and closing sessions, he informed adding that the Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya would address the closing session of the camp on August 9.

and welfare schemes being run by the government at Centre and in the state, he informed, adding that the aim behind to hold the camp is to prepare the workers for the parliamentary election in 2024 so that the party could register a historical win in the state.

During the camp the work-

ers of the cell would be

apprised of the party policies

The party organises such a camp from time to time to enhance the intellectual skill of the workers so that they could execute the duties given to them with full capacity, he said and added that the BJP is the only party which does what it says and works keeping the interest of the nation in

is designed ergonomically and is not fixed on one side. It has the option to open and close, so the women weavers can easily enter inside the loom. In this design, the bamboo stick foot pedals are replaced with solid wood pedals. Because of this, the stress on

Amresh Kushwaha, the chairman of the Angika cooperative society at Ramnagar, said, 'After sitting on a wooden plank for 1 to 2 hours, weavers used to move from work because of body pain but getting out of the loom is difficult for the weavers. We received positive feedback after using this ergonomically designed loom with seat backrest and wooden foot pedals. Weavers were also very happy and said that they

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Talib alias SP City, a crimi-I nal of mafia-turned-politician Atique Ahmed gang, was arrested by the police of Puramufti police station. He was nabbed near Begum Bazar. Four crude bombs were recovered from him. The police had been looking for him for a long time. Talib, who came out of jail, was again sent to jail.

The police of Puramufti police station got information that some miscreant is going to carry out a big crime near Begum Bazar. On which the police team laid siege at the mentioned place. Within no time a miscreant was apprehended. When he was brought to the police station and interrogated, it was found that he was a henchman of the Mafia Atique gang. He was identified as Talib alias SP City

resident of Lal Bihara Pooramufti.

SI Shiv Pratap Singh said that four crude bombs have been recovered from Talib. He has 16 cases registered against him in different police stations including murder, attempt to murder. He is also the history sheeter of the police station. He is counted among the active operatives in the gang of Mafia

He has been sentenced to jail many times. He had just been released from jail on bail some time back. As soon as he came out, he indulged in criminal activities.

It is noteworthy that the police have cracked down on the gang of Mafia Atique, who has been in Ahmedabad jail for three years. Most of the criminals have been arrested and sent to jail, along with all the properties have also been con-

fiscated.

HC DENIES BAIL TO EX-BLOCK PRAMUKH: The Allahabad High Court has rejected the bail application of former block pramukh of Chaka Dilip Mishra, accused in the city's famous doctor AK Bansal murder case. This order has been given by Justice Saral Srivastava after hearing senior advocate BP Srivastava and Additional Government Advocates Vikas Sahai and Manoj Dwivedi on the application of Dilip Mishra.

It is to be known that Dr. Bansal was shot dead on January 12, 2017 at 7 pm while visiting a patient in his chamber of Jeevan Jyoti Hospital.

When it came to know about shooters in connection with the murder after four years last year, the STF made an arrest. Quoting the shooters,

the police claimed that mafia Alok Sinha had hatched a conspiracy to kill Dr Bansal in Naini Central Jail after he was arrested after writing a case. Dilip Mishra was also lodged in jail then. He had arranged for the shooters.

During the investigation, the fact also came to light that in Dr. Bansal's case, Dilip Mishra had provided bailiffs from his village for the bail of Alok Sinha, out of which one person has died and the other has clarified in his statement that he had taken bail at the behest of the accused.

Simultaneously, in view of the criminal history of the petitioner, the bail application was rejected. The court said that the trial has not started in the case yet and the testimony has not even been done, in such a situation bail cannot be grant-

Teen dies under mysterious circumstances

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE PRAYAGRAJ

n a shocking incident, a 15-Lyear-old , who had gone to play cricket at Rajarshi Mandapam near Chandralok Chouraha, died suspiciously late on Friday evening. When the family started searching for him after the kid did not return home till late night, his body was found in Rajarshi Mandapam on Saturday morning. When the Kotwali police interrogated his friends, it was found that he had gone to the roof of the mandapam to get the ball and he died due to slip-

ping.

Harshit Verma, son of Rajneesh Verma, resident of Batasha Mandi, Kotwali, was a high school student. On Friday evening, he went to play cricket with his friends at Rajarshi Mandapam near Chandralok Chouraĥa. After that he did not return home. When he did not return till 11 o'clock late in the night, the distraught family and relatives launched a manhunt for him. During this, some people told them that he

his friends. Everyone reached the spot and started searching for him here. Harshit's bloodsoaked body was lying inside the hall. Seeing this, the family members started crying. On receiving the news, Kotwali Inspector Amar Singh Raghuvanshi reached the spot and conducted the preliminary Investigation. After this his friends were questioned.

Inspector Amar Singh Raghuvanshi said that Harshit's friends told that the ball had gone on to the roof while playing cricket. Harshit went to pick it up. There was no roof in the middle of the third floor. It was covered just with a plastic cover after Harshit's leg fell on the cover, he fell down and died. He was scared seeing Harshit's body and went home without informing anyone. Inspector further said that the matter is being investigated. The exact cause of death will be known after the post-mortem.

IERT STUDENT COM-MITS SUCIDE: An IERT student living in a rented room in

Govindpur committed suicide by consuming poison, but the reason for this has not been known yet. His body was found in the room two days later. Police searched the room, but no suicide note was found. Both his mobiles have been seized by the police for investigation. The reasons why he took this extreme step, his family members could not tell anything about it.

Saurabh Kumar Gupta, 20-year-old son of Ashok Kumar Gupta, resident of Bhasaiya village in Kasaiya of Kushinagar district, was a fourth-semester student in IERT. He lived on rent in the house of Lalji Yadav in Govindpur for two years. He had his maths paper on August 3, but he did not go to college. When he was not seen since Wednesday morning, the landlord called him late on Thursday night. But he did not respond from the other end. The door was also locked from inside. When he informed his friend, he reached the spot. The friend told that Saurabh did not

phone was also not responding.

When the landlord and friend peeped inside the room through the window, Saurabh was found lying on the bed. There was a foul smell emanating from the room. They were shocked to see this. Shivkuti police arrived in no

As soon as the policemen entered the room after opening the room, they saw that Saurabh had died. The vial of poison was lying there. When his relatives got information, they reached here during the day Saturday. Father Ashok told that Saurabh was the only son. He could not say anything about the reasons why he committed suicide.

SO Manish Tripathi said that no suicide note had been found from the room. Both Saurabh's mobiles have been taken into custody for investigation. It is suspected that Saurabh had committed suicide by consuming poisonous substance late on Wednesday night

e-rickshaw driver stabs youth to death

sational incident, an e-rickshaw driver stabbed a youth to death with an iron rod In Ihalwa area of Prayagraj city on Friday night. The youth had a dispute rent. People rushed to nab the accused, but he escaped.

The Dhoomanganj police examined the CCTV footage installed in and around the spot and found the murderer in it.

Now he is being traced. 28-year-old Kundru, a resident of Phool Mandi in Naini, was a flower painter. He had come to Jhalwa for some work on Friday night. Here he had a dispute with the e-rickshaw driver regarding the fare. As the conversation escalated, the erickshaw driver started beating him. In defense, Kundru also beat him up. Meanwhile, the erickshaw driver took out the rod from the vehicle and stabbed him in the neck. Due to which Kundru fell on the

road bleeding profusely. Seeing this the e-rickshaw driver fled. The people around also chased him, but he was not caught.

On receiving the news, the

police of Dhumanganj police took him to the hospital, where the doctors declared Kundru brought dead. When the police questioned the people around, the whole incident was told but no one could tell anything about the e-rickshaw driver. The police came to know that the e-rickshaw driver was asking for Rs 100 while Kundru was adamant to give only for Rs 50. That is, he was killed in a fight of only 50 rupees. On receiving the news, the relatives of the deceased Kundru also reached Swarooprani Nehru Hospital.

The family members said that Kundru was married only about a year ago. Dhumanganj police station in-charge Rajesh Maurya said that the CCTV footage installed around the spot is being scammed. Soon the accused e-rickshaw driver will be arrested.

reach the college even to give

celebrating the 75th Year of Independence of India, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava Saptah, with spirits and exuberance. This celebration is a tribute to freedom fighters. On August 6 2022 GHS celebrated the day by holding cultural festivities.

The programme started with prayers, and invoking God for his blessings. The welcome address was by Mrs Sonal Mishra. The opening dance, Namo Namo was beautifully performed by class X students. They danced with great enthusiastic spirit. Anushreya Yadav of class 10th E rendered a solo song which induced patriotism. A feeling of love for Country spread. Änother beautiful Solo song was given by Mrs. Helen

Verma. The students of Class 11th & 12th presented a dance performance, 'Tiranga Ka Bhaav' in which tri color was CULTURAL FESTIVI- formed by the students, who TIES UNDERWAY AT GHS: were wearing Saffron, White and Green breathtaking performance when the girls danced on the songs 'Ae Watan Watan Mere Abad Rahe Tu', 'Jai Ho' and 'Vande Matram' their minds were without fear and heads held high. Another such performance was given by the students of class 9th. It was a group song which filled the entire atmosphere with patriotic feeling. Independence Day special was Kavi Sammelan in which the students of 9th to 12th participated. It brought a feeling of pride and honour for the Country. Patriotism followed from every corner as most of the students recited poems in honour of martyred soldiers. A Kavi Sammelan

was also organized.

Mirzapur DM reviews projects

CORRESPONDENT MIRZAPUR

DM Praveen Kumar Laxkar has warned the working agencies to complete the works with quality and within the stipulated time otherwise face the music. Such warning was issued by him while reviewing the the projects of more than Rs 50 lakĥ under the priority points of the chief minister at Collectorate on Friday. During the review he made

it clear to the working agencies to mend their ways otherwise not only the departmental action will be taken but FIRs could be lodged against the responsible officials for laxity. The DM directed the official concerned to withhold one day salary of EE Sirsi Dam Division for not attending the meeting without any prior notice. He asked to the working agencies to complete the works against the disbursed budget otherwise the organisation could be blacklisted. The officials of Jal Nigam were directed to complete the projects of problematic villages like Lahuriyadah on priority and regularly inform about the

At the issue of irrigation the DM was apprised that in most of the dams the water for irrigation was available only for 10 days which was very alarming situation for the district. He directed the officials to keep the entire canal system as ready and get repaired if any was required but ensure that after rain the system must be as operational. DSO Umesh Chand was directed to complete the allotment process of ration shops without inordinate delay if any was vacant. The meeting was also attended PD DRDA Anay Mishra, EE PWD CD-2 Devpal, EE PWD provincial division Suneela Datta, statistics officers Kailash Nath and Shashi Kant, DPRO Arvind Kumar and the other officials concerned.

STUDENTS DEPRIVED OF FACILITIES: Students union of KBPG College have alleged that despite collecting Rs 900 per student for the facilities the college had kept deprived to the students the facilities since years. Interacting with the media the president Praveen Dubey enumerated the facilities like reading room, bicycle stand, generator, sports

etc. but most of them were not available to the students and said that if the facilities were not made available he will hold agitation. Through a letter he had sought the detail of expenditure from the college administration on the different heads during last three years. He had demanded from the principal to restore the facilities otherwise face the agitation for which the college will be responsible for it. During the media meet the president was accompanied by all the officebearers of the college students union. At the issue Principal Dr Ashok Kumar Singh said that he had joined the college some months ago and was trying his best to bring all the system on

AUTOLIFTERS GANG BUSTED: Adalhat police have busted a gang of autolifters by nabbing a autolifter carrying a reward of Rs 25000 on Thursday night. As per the reports, the SP Santosh Kumar Mishra had already directed all the police stations to take action against the vehicle thieves. Under that direction SHO Adalhaat Vijay Kumar Chaurasiya was busy in routine to the police team.

vehicle checking that near Puraini turn when he got information that some were on the way to a spot where the deal of stolen motorcycles was to take place. After some times 4 suspects were spotted riding on 2 motorcycles. From the spot the police caught 3 persons and one any how managed to flee. The three were identified as Mohit Chaurasiya the resident of Jalpa Devi Mandir, Chhoti Piyari under police station Chowk, Durgesh Seth the resident of Labour Colony Dhoopchandi under Jaitpura police station and Badal Rawat resident of Kabirchaura under Chetganj police station all the residents of district

Interacting with the media the SP told that he formed three teams to nab the miscreant who had managed to flee from the scene and the police launched an intensive search. The SP revealed that total 12 motorcycles were recovered along with a countrymade pistol and cartridge

For the good work of the police team, the SP has awarded the cash reward of Rs 25000



According to a survey conducted in Varanasi, the majority of weavers suffer an ergonomically designed loom from pain in the lower back, thigh, foot, ankle, and neck and it is because of the working posture of the weavers in



A female handloom weaver working on developed for handloom weavers by the Mechanical Engineering department of

the current design of looms. The currently used traditional looms healed shafts and jacquard are lifted by pressing bamboo sticks which work as a foot pedal and they are connected with the help of the ropes, which moves behind the weaver's seat, he added. While weaving, these ropes sometimes create problems for the weaver's movement by touching the weaver's back. This also creates a restriction in the seat design as well. In the new design of the loom, the mechanical transmission of power from the foot pedal to the jacquard is done with the help of rollers and the proper placement of ropes, he said M Krishna Prasanna Naik,

a research scholar, who is working on the growth of the Banaras handloom industry, said that it is difficult for the women weavers to move out of the loom, as the loom's seat is fixed to the frame. In the newly designed loom, the seat

the feet will be distributed uniformly. It reduces the movement of the foot pedals and so weavers can perform operations smoothly, he

will work on this newly designed loom?

Centre issues advisory to Delhi, 6 States as Covid cases soar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

A mid a rise in coronavirus infections in some parts of the country and the festival season round the corner, a worried Central Government has issued an advisory to Delhi and six States asking them to ensure adequate testing, promote Covid-appropriate behaviour and increase the pace of vaccination to contain the surge.

In a letter to Delhi, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Telangana, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan sounded alert about the upcoming festivals and mass ital has been reporting high

congregations in different parts of the country, saying that they may potentially facilitate transmission of infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

It is critical to ensure adequate testing is undertaken in all the districts of the state while maintaining the recommended share of RT-PCR and antigen tests. The state must also closely monitor districts reporting higher cases, positivity rates and clusters to prevent further spread of infection and effective case management, he stressed in the letter dated August 5.

In his letter to Delhi,

average daily new cases (811 cases) for the past month with a high of 2.202 new cases reported on August 5.

Delhi has contributed 8.2 per cent of India's weekly new cases in the week ending August 5 and has also recorded 1.86 times increase in average daily new cases from 802 in the week ending July 29 to 1,492 in in the week ending August 5.

An increase in the weekly positivity rate was also reported in Delhi — from 5.90 per cent in the week ending July 29 to 9.86 per cent in the week ending August 5.

Bhushan said Kerala reported 2,347 average cases

per day in the past month and Maharashtra 2,135 cases. He also cited district-wise spread of infection. On Friday, Karnataka had reported 2,042 new Covid-19 cases and the positivity rate for the day was 6.32 per cent.

The Health Secretary requested states to ensure effective compliance of the revised surveillance strategy for COVID-19 which has been shared by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

"In view of some changes in symptoms and clinical manifestation of the disease, it is crucial to monitor and report district-wise influenza-like illness (ILI) and SARI cases in all

health facilities as per the guidelines, on a regular basis for detecting early warning signals of the spread of infection. This will enable us to take pre-emptive action if required, in any areas of concern," he said. Stressing genome sequencing of prescribed samples of international passengers as well as collection of samples from sentinel sites and local cluster of new COVID-19 cases is equally important, Bhushan said such samples must be sent promptly by the states and union territories to the designated lab of INSACOG net-

work for genome sequencing. "Renewed attention needs to be paid for ensuring of

Covid-appropriate behaviour in crowded places like markets, inter-state bus stands, schools, colleges, railway stations, etc,'

"States should aim to increase the pace of vaccination for all eligible population and accelerate the administration of free precaution doses for 18plus eligible population at all Government Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs) under the 'COVID Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav' till September 30," he stated.

States were advised to diligently follow the five-fold strategy of test-track-treat vaccination and adherence to Covidappropriate behaviour within



the community.

India saw a single-day rise of 19,406 Covid-19 infections, taking the total tally of Covid-19 cases to 4,41,26,994. As per the latest data, the active cases declined to 1,34,793 today. The death toll climbed to 5,26,649 with 49 new fatalities.

PM among first to congratulate Dhankar after his thumping win

PNS NEW DELHI

As Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as new Vice-President of India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accompanied with BJP presi-dent JP Nadda and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, arrived at his residence and congratulated him.

Prime Minister was among the first to reach 11, Akbar Road, (residence of Pralhad Joshi) to greet the vice-president-elect for his stupendous victory.

In the visuals, a smiling Modi was seen offering a bouquet to Dhankhar and congratulating him.

Congratulations to Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji on being elected India's Vice President with resounding support across party lines. I am confident he will be an outstanding Vice President. Our nation will gain tremendously from his intellect and wisdom,"

"I thank all those MPs who have voted for Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji. At a time when India marks Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, we are proud to be having a Kisan Putra Vice President who has excellent legal knowledge and intellectual prowess," the PM said further.

Union home minister Amit Shah in his congratulation message said he was confident that Dhankhar would prove himself to be the ideal protector of the Constitution"

"The Upper House will definitely benefit from his [Dhankar's] experience and close understanding of ground issues," said the home minister. Shah expressed his gratitude to all those parties who extended their support to the NDA Vice-Presidential can-

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh felicitated the new Vice-President saying:
"Congratulations to Shri



Jagdeep Dhankhar on winning the Vice Presidential elections. His long public life, wide experience and deep understanding of people's issues will certainly benefit the nation. "I am confident that he will make an exceptional VP & Rajya Sabha Chairman," he said. Shah, Rajnath and Speaker Om Birla met Dhankar and congratulated

"I am so happy. I congratulate him. It was a decisive and impressive victory. He is

an eminent lawyer and a farmer, this is a rare combination: Parliamentary Affairs

Minister Pralhad Joshi, at

whose official residence

Dhankar is staying, said. Union Minister Piyush Goyal said Dhankar will be a wonderful Rajya Sabha chairman, an outstanding Vice President. "The nation is blessed to have the son of a farmer and an eminent jurist as VP of India. We're fortunate we will have a chance to work with him," he added.

Rahul slams Govt over glitches in CUET

PNS NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Saturday targeted the Government over glitches in the conduct of the common university entrance test (CUET), and alleged the "dictatorship of four people is leaving no stone unturned to ruin the country".

His attack came after technical glitches marred the CUET for admission to undergraduate courses in central universities, "New education policy of 'Amritkal': Before the exam discussion on the exam'. 'No paper, no discussion' during the exam. Future in darkness after the exam. What is happening with the students of #CUET is the story of every youth of the country today," he said in a tweet in Hindi.

"The dictatorship of four people is leaving no stone unturned to ruin the country," Rahul Gandhi said. He, however, did not name anyone.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also took to Twitter to say that 'technical' snags have led to over 50,000 students being unable to take the CUET exam.

"Is this government so aloof and insensitive to our students that it can't see the repercussions of such a serious policy paralysis on its part? Is this what the youth of our country deserves?" she tweeted.

Technical glitches on the second day of the CUET-Undergraduate on Friday forced the National Testing Agency (NTA) to postpone the exam at 50 centres across the country. Some students also claimed to have received communication from the NTA late in the night, telling them that their exam scheduled for Saturday had been postponed due to "administrative and logistical reasons".

On Thursday, the exam was cancelled at a few centres across 17 states in the first shift, while the second shift exam was cancelled at all 489 centres. Several students com-

plained that they waited for two hours only to be informed that the exams had been called off. | voting of Vice President elec-

BJP diverting issues affecting people using name of Ram: Cong

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

¬he Congress on Saturday I hit back at Home Minister Amit Shah for linking the party's protests to the Ram temple foundation day alleging that the BJP was trying to divert the attention of com-

mon people by resorting to their only weapon 'Ram'. Reacting to Shah's com-ments, Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the party was protesting against 'astronomical price hike and unprecedented rate of unemployment which can't be tolerated by them (BJP).

"In the name of 'Ram', this Government has been worshipping 'Raavan'. People are afflicted under their rule. The Congress has exposed this government as anti-people and pro-corporate," Chowdhury when sought his reactions on the sidelines of

Navy ships to visit all continents to

tions in the Parliament.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh alleged that it was a desperate attempt by the government to "divert, distract, polarise and give a malicious twist" to its democratic demonstrations against price rise.

"It's only a sick mind which can produce such bogus arguments. Clearly the protests have hit home," he

Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi said fighting against the burden of inflation falling on the poor and the middle class across the country is the path shown by Lord

"The one who inflicts pain on the weak by increasing prices, attacks Lord Ram. The one who misrepresents those agitating against inflation, insults Loknayak Ram and the people of India," Priyanka said in a tweet mes-

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DHANKAR ELECTED VP WITH WHOPPING 3/4TH VOTES

While the 71-year-old Dhankhar is a Jat leader from Rajasthan with a socialist background, 80-year-old Alva is a Congress veteran and has served as Governor of Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. As congratulatory messages poured in, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the first a meet and congratulate Dhankar His Cabinet colleagues and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla met Dhankar thereafter.

President Droupadi Murmu took to Twitter to congratulate him, "Congratulations to Dhankhar on being elected the Vice President of India. The nation will benefit from your long and rich experience of public life. My best wishes for a productive and successful tenure."

"I thank all those MPs who have voted for Dhankhar. At a time when India marks Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, we are proud to be having a Kisan Putra Vice President who has excellent legal knowledge and intellectual prowess," the PM

KCR CITES 'CENTRE'S BIAS', TO SKIP PM-CHAIRED NITI MEET

The Niti Aayog countered saying, "A number of measures are already in place to work closely with States. Last year, over 30 meetings were held with CMs. Delegation also met with Telangana CM in Hyderabad last year. Recently, despite requests for a meeting, the CM did not

It further said, "Over the last 4 years, the GoI allocated Rs 3982 core under Jal Jeevan Mission for State of Telangana. But the State chose to draw only Rs 200 cr. In addition, Rs 1195 cr was released to Telangana under PMKSY-AIBP-CADWM during 2014-2015 to 2021-2022."

The Governing Council is a forum where highest political leadership deliberate on development-related issues and agree on appropriate solutions for national development, it further

KCR further said such developments are discouraging States like Telangana. "The blatant discrimination against some States even in the legitimate functions assigned to them in the Constitution leaves much to be desired," KCR

Alleging that the Centre ignored an important recommendation put forward by the group of Chief Ministers constituted by the NITI Aayog, KCR expressed his anguish stating that the Centre has turned a blind eye towards the State-specif-

"In the beginning, NITI Aayog had constituted a group of Chief Ministers to give recommendations on developmental issues. A major recommendation of the group was that in respect of the Central sector schemes, States should be given flexibility to modify the schemes based on their needs and conditions to ensure maximum benefit to the people.

"With much pain and anguish, let me point out that such an important recommendation has been kept aside and on the contrary, I find the Centre micro-managing the schemes, giving a complete go by to State-specific needs which are best left to individual States," KCR's letter stat-

The turf war for votes in Telangana is the political reason for KCR boycotting the NITI Aayog meet as he wants to counter the BJP from expanding its base in his State with his eye firmly on the December 2023 Assembly polls in the

As for Nitish, he had skipped the new President Droupadi Murmu's swearing-in and the PM's farewell dinner for outgoing President Ramnath Kovind too. On July 17, Nitish had skipped a meeting of Chief Ministers called by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on matters concerning the national flag.

The Bihar CM, it is learnt, has cited his COVID-19 recovery behind his latest decision and offered to send the Deputy CM for the event but was told that the meeting was strictly for Chief Ministers only.

Nitish would, however, be holding his "Janata darbar" in Patna on Monday when he hears complaints and grievances of common peo-

BJP-JDU ties are not running smoothly with both having divergent views on some key issues, including that of holding caste census. While JDU is quite keen to have the caste census to reap the OBC support, the Central Government on the other hand is averse to holding it as it may open a Pandora's box of castes and sub-castes and may create a situation like that of the Mandal Commission.

DHANBAD JUDGE'S HIT & RUN CONVICTS GET LIFE

Lakhan and Rahul were in judicial custody since the incident and CBI had conducted brain making, Narco and other such tests for more than

two times of both the accused to gather clues. Late Judge Anand was killed on July 28, 2021 in a road accident when he was on morning walk near Randhir Verma square under Dhanbad Sadar police station around 5 am. The CCTV footage released by police then was showing an auto rickshaw knocking down judge Anand on the corner of the empty road. Auto driver Lakhan was arrested with the vehicle in a village of Giridih district within 24 hours of incident by the police with his accomplice along with the

The State Government had set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the incident but when Jharkhand High Court and the Supreme Court took cognizance of the incident, the State Government handed over the case to the CBI on August 4, 2021.

RCP SINGH QUITS JD(U) AFTER PARTY SEEKS REPLY ON GRAFT CHARGES

The letter hailed Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, saying he has been working on a 'zero tolerance policy for corruption."

"As directed, the party expects you to

immediately submit a reply about your clear opinion point by point on the points of complaint," the letter concluded. "The allegations are a conspiracy by those who envied my getting inducted into the Union Cabinet. I would like to tell them that those living in glass houses must not hurl stones at others. I also hereby give up my primary membership of the party," said Singh.

PM's global initiative LIFE to be India's theme at its COP27 pavilion in Egypt

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

IFE - Lifestyle for the LEnvironment, a global initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be the theme of the India pavilion at the upcoming COP27 at Sharm-El-Sheikh in Egypt, the Union Environment Ministry said on Saturday.

Modi had proposed the one-word mass movement "LIFE" at the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties to Framework Convention on Climate Change at Glasgow last November.

Subsequently, he launched 'Lifestyle for the Environment – LIFÉ Movement' on June 5. The vision of 'LIFE' is to live a lifestyle that is in tune with our planet and does not harm it. The people who live such a lifestyle can be called "Pro-Planet People", the ministry

India has been setting up its pavilions at COPs since 2015 to showcase its achievements in climate actions. Several think tanks, civil society organisations, industry bodies and private sector organise side events at the



India pavilion.

The Union Cabinet has already approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) incorporating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Panchamrit' strategy announced at the Glasgow conference aiming to strengthen global efforts to tackle climate change.

India aims to reduce emissions intensity of its GDP by 45 per cent by 2030, from 2005 level, and achieve about 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from nonfossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030. India also aims to reduce total projected carbon emissions by 1 billion tonnes and carbon intensity of the economy to less than 45% by 2030. Further, under the commitment India aims to achieve net zero carbon emission by 2070.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE The Indian Navy ships are

tinents as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav to celebrate 75 years of India's independence. The ships will hoist the national flag onboard on August 15 in these ports spread across six continents and six different time zones.

Giving details here on Saturday about this unique event, officials said the flag will be hoisted in the presence of the Indian diaspora and distinguished local dignitaries.

Other activities being planned include official calls by the Indian Navy crew on senior leadership of the host country, participation by the naval contingent at the Flag Hoisting Ceremony in the respective Embassies and band performance at a prominent public place. Also, the ship will be open to visitors, school children and Indian diaspora with a deck reception and various cultural events to be organised by the Indian Embassies.

At London, the crew of INS Tarangini will pay homage to the Indian soldiers, who gave the supreme sacrifice during the two World Wars, at the Commonwealth Memorial



gates. Similarly, a ceremonial vreath laying by the Indian ship is scheduled at the Kranji War Memorial and the Indian National Marker(INA)Marker at Singapore.

At Mombasa (Kenya), the naval crew will participate in the inauguration of a commemorative pillar in the Battlefield area of Taita Taveta region where Indian soldiers fought and sacrificed their lives whilst serving under East Africa campaign of World War One.

The commemorative events will also include battlefield tours, a mobile exhibition and a Light and Sound show at Fort Jesus highlighting the contribution of the Indian soldiers in World War one as well as India's struggle for independence.

The visits to foreign ports include Muscat and Singapore(Asia), Mombasa, Kenya(Africa), Perth(Australia), San Diego(USA), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil(South America) and

London(Europe).

The 75th year of India's Independence, marked by Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, is an occasion to reinvigorate and reemphasise India's maritime moorings, officials said.

Towards this, a large number of activities were undertaken by the Indian Navy over the last one year both within the country and abroad.

Commemorative ship visits to 75 Indian ports in the year 2021-22, President's Fleet Review* aligned with the 75th year of independence, 'Lokayan 2022 (sail ship expedition)', display of monumental national flag at Mumbai, community outreach programs across all coastal districts of India, 'freedom run' in various cities, sailing regattas and mountaineering and cycling expeditions. The Navy also felicitated gallantry award winners and war veterans (born in or before

IAF chief flies 3 desi aircraft in Bangalore

IANS NEW DELHI

▼ndian Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari on Saturday flew three indigenous aircraft- Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40)- which are being inducted into IAF as part of its drive towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The IAF chief was demonstrated the capabilities of the LCH and HTT-40 as well as updates on the Tejas. He also interacted with the designers and test crew to understand the current status and future plans. He later delivered the Air



Memorial Lecture which was attended by serving & retired officers of IAF, HAL and other stakeholders from the aerospace industry. The IAF chief also spoke on 'Capability and Force Development Plans of IAF' towards making it a future ready combat force.

Naidu India's most travelled VP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Venkaiah Naidu has been the most travelled Vice President of India having visited almost all State Capitals and UTs including the North-Eastern States and the far and remote places of the country during his tenure. His tenure ends next week.

Besides his tenure as exofficio chairman of the Ràjya Sabha, Naidu's period was marked by low productivity of the Upper House to start with in 2017 and a recovery later.

According to officials of the Vice President Secretariat, out

presided over till the Budget session this year, the productivity of the first five sessions has been in the range of only 6.80 per cent to 58.80 per cent. It substantially improved in six of the next eight sessions clocking productivity in the range of 76 per cent to 105 per cent with five sessions working for about 100 per cent of the scheduled

Fifty eight issues were primarily responsible for the disruptions and forced adjournments of the House during this

Fifty seven per cent of the sittings of Rajya Sabha have witnessed disruptions and forced adjournments of the House for either part of the day or a full day. The issue of Special

Category Status for Andhra Pradesh was raised in 36 sittings across four sitting starting with the highest number of 24 times during the Budget session of 2018," said a official statement.

The next four issues included the passing of three farm laws and farmers' protests, the Pegasus spyware, constitution of Cauvery Water Management Board and the suspension of 12 Members in the winter session of 2021.

Vinesh pounces CWG gold, Dahiya wins yellow metal

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 consecutive Commonwealth Games gold

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

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** COMMONWEALT H GAMES GOLD MEDAL.

Vinesh was Nigeria's Mercy Bolafunoluwa Adekuoroye, 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 Maduravlage Don and she did it in style, winning 'by fall' to clinch her third

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

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

Tndian 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

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

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 envan Amos Serem took the b



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

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

PTI BIRMINGHAM

ll-rounder Sneh Rana A 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 offspinner 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 ŎDI World Cup final



If Smriti Mandhana's 32ball-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 in favour of England

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

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 31ball unbeaten stay at the crease.

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

Indian team wins silver in men's fours lawn bowls

PTI BIRMINGHAM

Tndia won its second medal in lawn bowls Lcompetition at the Commonwealth Games after the men's fours team settled for a silver after losing to Norther 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

FLORIDA: Rohit Sharma here on Saturday. It was a perfect weekend

gold on Tuesday.

for the NRIs in and around Florida, as India first scored 191 for 5 with useful knocks

innings folded for a lowly 132 in 19.1 overs. While Brandon King (13) and Kyle Mayers (14) started the chase on a bright note, hitting Bhuvneshwar Kumar for three boundaries in the opening over, things went

downhill from that point. Saturday happened to be the day when Bhuvneshwar's new-ball partner Avesh Khan

(2/17 in 4 overs) was ready to shed his tag of being profligate with a couple of fine spells.

One drop batter Devon Thomas (1) wanted a move-on and Avesh's fuller delivery

whipped the bail. While Axar Patel (2/48 in 4 overs) got a bit of pasting, he removed Mayers and Rovman

holing out in the deep.
Arshdeep Singh (3/12 in

advance to semifinals

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

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

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

that fifth set but I was a



TT: Sharath, Sathiyan

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 onegame 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 Tennnison 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 Oumehani Hosenally 11-5 11-5 11-3.

Sen, Sindhu, Srikanth sail into semifinals

PTI BIRMINGHAM

Young Lakshya Sen recorded another comfortable win but double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth had to work hard to enter the badminton semifinals of the Commonwealth Games here on Saturday.

World number 10 Sen beat Mauritius' Julien Georges Paul 21-12 21-11 after Sindhu and Srikanth struggled past Malaysia's Goh Wei Jin and England's Toby Penty in women's and men's singles quarterfinals to stay on course for an individual CWG medal.

A former world champion, Sindhu, who had won a bronze and silver in the last two editions, registered a comefrom-behind 19-21 21-14 21-18 win over Goh, ranked 60th, to enter her third successive semifinals at the CWG.

World championships silver medallist Srikanth, too, was far from convincing during

his 21-19 21-17 win over the left-handed Penty, ranked 54th in the world.

The 20-year-old Sen will next face Jia Heng Teh, while Srikanth will look to extract revenge on Malaysia's Ng Tze Yong, who had defeated him in the mixed team final. Sindhu, on the other hand,

will have to get past Singapore's

world number 18 Jia Min Yeo

to inch closer to a maiden gold. The Indian had beaten her at the 2019 French Open. In women's singles, young Aakarshi Kashyap's CWG debut ended with a 10-21 7-21 defeat to Scotland's Kristy Gilmour, a silver and bronze

editions respectively. Sindhu looked slightly shaky against Goh, whom she had defeated in two tight games in the mixed championship final.

medallist in 2014 and 2018

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



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 Kiaran Macdonald (men's fly) and Demie-Jade Resztan (women's minimum) in their respective finals on Sunday in pursuit of their maiden gold

India beat WI by 59 runs in 4th T20

maintained his unbeaten record as captain in bilateral T20Is after Índia made short work of West Indies by 59 runs to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series

from Rishabh Pant (44 off 31 balls) and skipper Rohit Sharma (33 off 16 balls), and a The delivery that got King stopped on him and the result cameo from Axar Patel (20 not out off 8 balls). On a ground was an easy return catch. where the highest successful run-chase by any team is 98, a target of 192 was simply out of question, and the West Indies didn't hit the middle of his bat,

easily taken by Deepak Hooda to complete one of his three catches. Nicholas Pooran (24 off 8 balls) looked in ominous touch with three monstrous sixes before Mayers sold him a dummy, retreating back on a non-existent single and he was stranded mid-pitch when Pant

Powell (24 off 16 balls), both

3.1 overs) then put the brakes and it became a walk in the park by the time the back-10

Triple jumper Selva P Thirumaran clinches silver

PTI ■ CALI (COLOMBIA)

 $\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{ndian}}$ 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

Iavdon Hibbert who broke the Championship Record with his 17.27m effort. Thirumaran's silver-

winning jump came in his

second attempt.

PTI BIRMINGHAM

Tndia 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



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

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.

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■ What was the thought behind creating the song Mutiyare Ni?

Singing is my passion. I have always said that singing is my first interest and Mutiyaare Ni is a very beautiful pop song that, unsurprisingly, has gotten immense positive feedback from my admirers. According to me, every upcoming song possesses an intention to entertain the audience with a fresh interpretation and requires a new effort.

■ Please tell us about your experience of shooting Mutiyare Ni with Olya Kryvenda?

She was effortless in her performance, and that, in my opinion, was her best attribute. It was an awesome experience to work with a wonderful artist. She has my best wishes for a successful future.

■ What are your thoughts about the current independent music scene in the country and how has it evolved?

With each passing year, a fresh singing technique is created, shared and enjoyed by

the audience. Surprisingly, people of all ages enjoy it. The desire to create something new is the one quality that is leading today's talent away from hopelessness and toward enlightenment.

Your current Bollywood track Nach Punjaban is still ruling the charts. How do you feel about it?

Being a part of the track was an amazing experience for me and I'm extremely appreciative of the audience's support for it. The tune features all the unique Punjabi components that make the song so special, and I'm very happy about that.

What is your take on social media and its impact on the popularity of music?

Punjabis are great admirers of music and it has only enlightened with time. Yes, social media plays a big part in boosting the art of music.

■ You are an actor, singer, film director and producer. How do you juggle between the roles?

In this scenario, I would only state that you will always be able to succeed effortlessly, if you love what you do and friends and family.

are surrounded by supportive ■What's next in the music and movie space.

Finally, how has your experi-

ence been with Believe India? Currently, my upcoming movie Yaar Mera Titliyan Warga, which will release on September 2, is something I'm looking forward to.

Talking about my upcoming projects, there will be a rollercoaster ride of entertainment back to back.

Singing is my USP, and this song holds a great place in my singing career. Mutiyare Ni is a song that has another level of authentic vibe that definitely makes your legs shake with every beat.

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.

A Pawfect Day



DCC (Dogs Cats & Companions) Animal Hospital, a multi-specialty stateof-the-art pet care chains, has now opened its doors to pet parents at Uday Park, South Extension, New Delhi

A massive milestone for DCC, the inauguration took place on July 28, 2022, with a day-long series of fun-filled activities. President of the Veterinary Council of India (VCI), Dr Umesh Sharma, was one of the key guests at the

Dignitaries from the Japanese Embassy in Delhi and the Director General of Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO), Takashi Suzuki, were also in

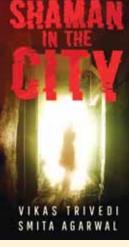
A caricature artist and a mind games expert (behaviourist) were also present at the venue, keeping several socialites and

Presentations by senior doctors and Head of Veterinary 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.

Book Shaman in the City is the thriller you were looking for

Shaman in the City is a psychological thriller about hauntingly obsessive visions and unsolved past of some innocent lives lost that strangely connects to the

The duo has previously published three books together—The Hidden Spark, 42 Days of Love & 14/2 the Attack of Pulwama. Their books have been on the bestseller charts on Amazon. The new book Shaman in the City was released earlier this year and continues to



receive praises from all across the world

"I really enjoyed writing this book as it was somewhere connected to our own belief system as healers and believers in the powers of the universe. I can say we both loved the experience, especially when we were brain-storming the plot,"

Agarwal says: "I and Vikas love to weave stories that give hopes to people and make them believe in strange powers that we as humans possess and also the fact that our stories make readers hooked till the end."

The book is available on Amazon, Flipkart and bookstores in India.

Masterstroke

Dyson unveiled its best-performing and most efficient Airwrap yet - the Dyson AirwrapTM multi-styler today for the Indian market. Relentlessly dissatisfied, Dyson engineers challenged their own design to miniaturise and multiply the Coanda effect, pioneering a fully customisable styling tool to deliver a range of styles for all Indian hair types, without extreme heat.

Enhanced styling versatility: Led by Dyson's continued dedication to better understand hair damage and hair types, the new multistyler now caters to more hair types and styles

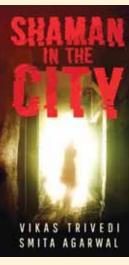
Engineering in a simulated world: Iterating virtually through advanced computational fluid dynamics, machine learning and intelligent digital design software allowed for fewer physical prototypes and more sustainable development practices in Dyson's R&D process.



pet parents entertained.

especially the furry friends. Services, Dr Vinod Sharma were

Co-written by Vikas Trivedi and Smita Agarwal,



How the role of leadership is changing

 $T^{\text{he past couple of years have impacted the global economy in}} \\ \text{unprecedented ways. The pandemic, a raging war, an uncertain}$ political climate, and inflation at large have brought more volatility and uncertainty into the business world.

CEOs and senior leaders cope with unprecedented demands, being forced to make decisions about uncharted territory, leading in times of crisis. Leaders are no longer simply accountable for financial performance or creating shareholder value but report to a rising number of stakeholders. Their role has also become more publicfacing with the rise of social media and PR.

This is a tall order to navigate and it means reimagining senior leadership roles in the wake of these expectations. Senior leaders have to gain a global perspective, redefine their critical thinking abilities, embrace digital transformation trends, and wear multiple hats successfully to battle disruption and innovate at the pace of

—John Kallelil, Founder & CEO, XED

Creating a safe space

O² Cure, a renowned air purification solution provider under Zeco Aircon Limited, extended its support to ITC Hotels Group in providing a safe environment for its clients amidst and post-pandemic, by making its properties immune to airborne cross-infection such as flu, microbes, and viruses transmitted from one person to another. As per the association, Zeco Aircon has equipped more than 20 ITC Hotel properties in India with over 650 PHI-Cells (Photohydroionization Technology) to decontaminate 150 million ft2 of air.

This technology is capable of eliminating airborne pathogens. While airborne microbes spread using air as a medium, PHI-Cell technology uses the same medium for decontamination. It is one of the few technologies tested by global virology labs to neutralise the deadly virus in the air and on surfaces. ITC Hotels has put many efforts into providing a safe and healthy environment for its clients.

SMILE WITH CONFIDENCE

Let's not limit our oral health to just oral hygiene day. Cleanliness of your mouth tells a lot about your overall health. DR RIYA GUPTA answers some of the frequently asked questions, which every individual should be aware of

■Why is oral hygiene important? Our body is made up of many complex systems. Each system works in harmony with the other system. In the same way, our oral health is the gateway for overall health.

Researches have proven that if a tooth decay is left untreated, harmful micro-organisms from the tooth can travel to the heart and brain (through the bloodstream) and can lead to infective endocarditis and stroke respectively. It has also been noted that if a pregnant woman has poor oral hygiene, it can lead to malnourished infants. Many systemic diseases, for example diabetes in their early stage shows their reflection in our mouth.

■What are some of the tooth friendly foods?

The foods we eat and our daily dietary pattern play an integral part in overall health and wellness of both the hard and soft tissues of our oral

Healthy diet rich in fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, milk, unsaturated fats benefit overall health.

For a good dental health, fiberrich crunchy food should be chosen to boiled vegetables like carrots, cabbage and spinach. These crunchy foods will help in secretion of saliva which will prevent food particles from sticking to tooth surface.

Milk is the best natural source of calcium. This helps in good growth of teeth and jaws. Milk is not only important for children growth but also for denture wearers to maintain optimum density of jaw bones.

Vitamin C helps in maintaining a proper gum health. Eating one piece of citrus fruit (like oranges, grapefruits or a kiwi) will prevent bleeding gums.

Citrus fruits should always be taken in moderation because acidic content in citrus fruit can lead to erosion of outer surface of tooth.

In this COVID Pandemic when it is of paramount importance to wear masks but wearing masks for long



can lead to tooth decay. This can be prevented by drinking water at regular intervals.

■What are the oral hygiene practices that reduces the risk of oral health problems?

A good oral health care routine keeps dental problems at bay. A good oral health care routine includes: -

Brushing twice a day with a fluoridated toothpaste and a soft toothbrush. This routine is also important for denture wearers they should also clean their dentures twice a day. Tongue should be cleaned with a

tongue scraper twice a day After brushing, use floss or an

interdental brush to prevent interproximal tooth decay. Always change your toothbrush

It is of immense importance to gargle with warm saline water twice day this not only prevents COVID infection but promotes a good gum Rinse your mouth with plain

water, after eating to prevent food particles from sticking to teeth. Avoid chewing tobacco and drinking alcohol as it can lead to oral

Do not use your teeth as tools for

cutting tapes and tearing packets Do not share your oral hygiene kit between each other's as it can lead to

transfer of harmful micro- organisms. 6 months or as advised by your den-

Regular dental check - ups after

tist helps in maintaining a healthy yet beautiful smile.

harming our teeth? Sweets and refined sugars are very tempting and are sometimes unavoid-

It is advised to eat sweets before

Always rinse mouth with plain water after eating.

Try consuming sweets and refined sugars only once a day because a single exposure of mouth to a large amount of sugary food is less cariogenic than multiple exposure of sugars throughout the day

Avoid brushing teeth immediately after eating sweets this can lead to tooth erosion (wait for at least 15 to 30 minutes till then chew on fibrous fruits like apples)

Avoid sweets containing artificial color as it can stain your teeth

Oral Hygiene care for breast feeding mothers? 1st August to 7th August is also observed as "Breastfeeding Week ". It becomes important to say that breast-feeding has direct link with develop-

ment of jaws in infants. Mother's breast milk is highly nutritious containing antibody and anticariogenic property which reduces the risk of dental decay in children.

Researches have even proven infants who are breastfed exclusively for 6 months have less chances for misalignment as compared to those who are bottle fed or partial breast fed. Advise for breast feeding mothers

Every effort should be taken to breast feed the babies exclusively for 6 months

During breast feeding, mothers should not neglect their oral hygiene. They should not forget to brush their teeth, tongue cleaning, flossing twice a day and prescribed dental visit.

A mother with poor oral hygiene can transfer harmful micro-organisms to infants via kissing.

After breastfeeding, it is very

ential to clean the o child with a gauze piece or a cotton cloth. This will not only maintain a good oral hygiene but a routine will e created for cleaning gum pads.

Parents should also ensure that their children sleep with their lips closed and they do not develop habits like digit or thumb sucking

Increase in stress among breast feeding mothers might make them grind their teeth which can lead to tooth decay, tooth ache and sometimes jaw pain.

If someone is facing this issue it is of immense importance to visit dentist and your dentist might suggest you a night guard.

Every smile makes a person a day younger.

Dr Riya Gupta, Dental Surgeon

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Priyanka Agarwal astounds people with her content



The closer we look around, the more we find stories about how men have gone ahead in taking over varied industries and sectors around the world. However, people have now started holding more discussions around the successes of women because they have stunned the world with their innate skills, knowledge, and talents, which they have been doing for years and have proved why they deserve to gain equal or perhaps more recognition in all that they

essential to throw more light on their journeys because they have the power to ignite the fire within others to follow their dreams and fulfil the same. Priyanka Agarwal is one among those who showed people what it takes to become one's best version. She is this vivacious personality, a lover of travel, animals, and photography who has

meeting people online. Acing the game in social media is Agarwal, the wild animals she feels passionate about.

her captures of wild animals to showcase to the world what "real beauty" is. This has what earned her a colossal number of fans and followers, who today excitedly wait for her to drop new content and mesmerise them with her photography skills. "I love being in and around nature and the forests. It represents true beauty for me in the most vulnerable form. It makes me feel grateful for the nature and wildlife we have, and clicking their pictures only fills my soul with much happiness and joy," says the wildlife enthusiast.

Agarwal (Instagram: @priagarwal) loves the life she has created for herself, where she travels to different places and enjoys every moment to the fullest.

An optimistic mind can spread goodness in others: Ishu Kalra



over the years. These choose to do in their careers and lives. It is

created her unique niche in social media.

Social media has gone beyond being only a social platform for who does the same with her content on travel and her photography of

Agarwal posts incredible content around her travel stories and

Acloser look around will let people know how a few

industries across the world have grown and developed massively developments could be possible because of the incessant efforts and relentless passion of a few astute minds, especially from the younger brigade. However, an evident change has also been noticed overall across different parts of the world, where many



such youngsters have gone beyond making a mark in their careers and have taken multiple steps in philanthropy to serve their countries better and be there for their community and people. We saw how Ishu Kalra did the same as a growing social worker whose humanitarian

works have earned him incredible respect and recognition. Kalra is truly changing the landscape of social work in Punjab, India, through his one-of-a-kind non-profit Humanity NGO, which he spearheads with the genuine purpose of being there for his people and serving them the best in times of need. He recalls how during the pandemic, where lives were disrupted, he and his organisation came forward to do their bit, distributing masks and sanitizers and providing medicines and rations to them.

Not just that, Kalra is also the one who has come forward to fight for the rights of women and support women empowerment. His NGO has been doing impeccable work serving all those in need, and their work has also been supported by celebrities like Sania Mirza and

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.

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"Your regrets aren't what you did, but what you didn't do. So take every opportunity"



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 INDIANT TELECON SAGA

he 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 scamhit 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**



a telecom business

than ₹4,500 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

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 allot-

ted 2G Spectrum and 122 licenses to many com-

panies, most of them from real estate sectors, at

out 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 mil-

lion, and the Minister, ignoring Prime Minister

Manmohan Singh's direction, gave away licens-

es 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

and lawyer Prashant Bhushan approached the

Supreme Court demanding the cancellation of all

122 tainted licenses granted by Raja and conduct-

ing fresh auction. The CBI in its FIR in 2009 on

the 2G Scam pegged the loss to the public exche-

quer 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

By that time BJP leader Subramanian Swamy

Raja gave telecom licenses and spectrum with-

a throwaway price of just ₹9, 200 crores.

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 $\ref{77}$, 814 crores whereas the recent 5G auction provided the highest figure $\ref{1,50}$, 173 crores, totaling around $\ref{5.9}$ lakh crores to the public exchequer by auction.



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.

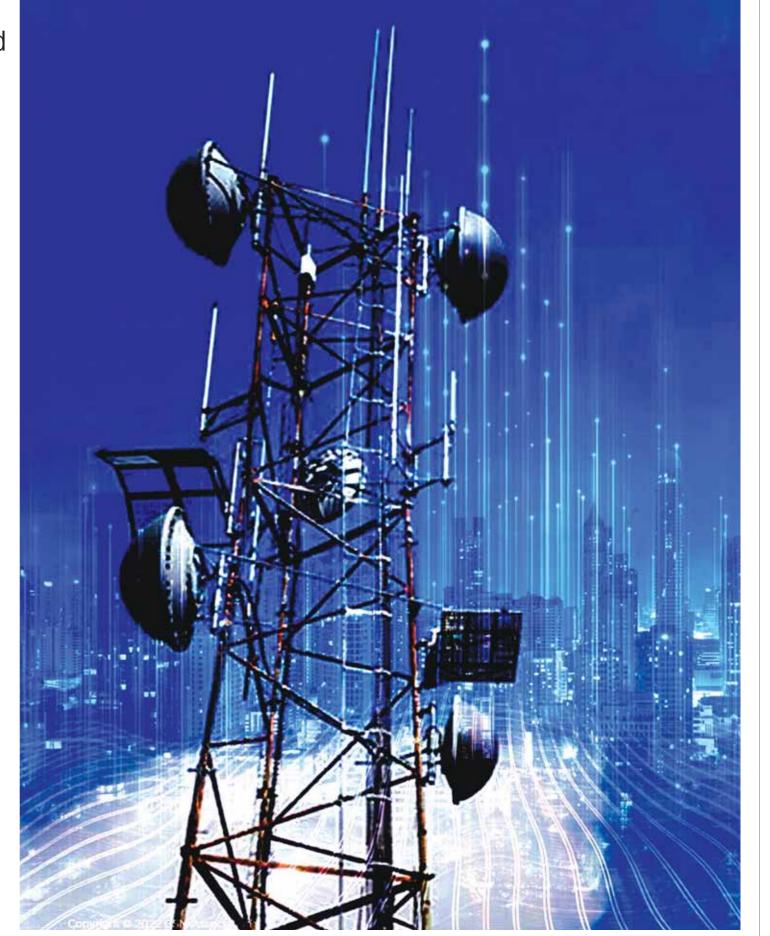
Incidentally, all the private operators only roll out their technology in Metros Cities and urban areas based on commercial viability. Since only BSNL can reach out to the entire country, hence 5G and all technologies must be made available to the public sector telecom firm for the benefit of the entire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

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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.



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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 bureau-crat, 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, over12 per-cent of Indian youth reported feeling depressed often, and 8 per cent reported feeling lone-

ly 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 & 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



"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 as likely to report living alone as a cause of their loneli-



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

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,

alone, without children. While

loneliness can have an impact

across ages and be relevant irre-

spective of whether you stay

alone or in a full house, it is most

common among those above 60



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 fused, 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 Vasan, 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. Vasan 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 Ioneliness

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. · Selfcare: 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

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 6-7hour, 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

Nations Gear up to Tackle Loneliness



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

 $V_{
m the}$ 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 vear took similar step after it felt that loneliness is 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

is a column to fill in the information about citizens' level of life satisfaction. This information is acquired using measuring citizens' happiness and well-being that also provides guidelines to design evidence-based policies. Happiness classes have brought a pathbreaking change

established the Ministry of

Happiness to measure the

happiness of its citizens. In the

nonulation census form, there

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-arelization, and is totally an 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

ings 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 condi-

"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."



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 Dattatreva 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 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 sevenfloor building that totals three lakh sq. ft. with exclusive Grade A to D GMP labs. There will be a focus on identifying newer diagnostic ΑI, markers. 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.

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 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 highquality 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 healthcarbon 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.

 $Y^{
m esterday, one more kid}$ 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.



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. Cancer indeed is a great leveller. Although gaps do exist between high and low-

Cancer indeed is a great leveller. Although gaps do exist between high and low-income countries and between affluent and poor families, most of those are superficial or cosmetic. The biological probability of responding to treatment remains uniform



A doctor-patient interaction is held on the last Friday of each month to boost the courage of the families at the Noida Hospital

income countries and between affluent and poor families, most of those are superficial or cosmetic. The biological probability of responding to

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

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" disease 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 warrier in each situation, richer in experience, calmer as a person and more restrained in your 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.



Indian foreign policy comes of age

G-7 underscoring the country's growing geostrategic role in the world...As the world enters this dangerous new era, India could be the deciding factor, so no matter where you are in the world, the choices made in New Delhi mattered."

- DW News (German news channel)

 $P_{\text{was known for its idealistic}}^{\text{ost-Independence India}}$ foreign policy: The famous "non-alignment". Did it best serve the Indian interest at the time? Did India receive the support of the international community on Kashmir, and China or Pakistan wars? Under Indira Gandhi, India's diplomacy turned realistic; if the Indian help in the Independence of Bangladesh was a smashing success, alienating the US was the cost.

Afterwards, hitherto foreign policy can be defined more by its passivity, accomplishments rather erratic; marked by the lack of a long driven, well-planned, sharply strategised, clear eyed, crisply defined policy. The advantages India accrued had more to do with its geo-strategic and economic position and lesser with astute diplomatic haggle. Outcome: India could never punch above its weight in the geopolitical arena, and thus spoke from a position of weak-ness, feigned helplessness towards its two hostile neighbours, and consoled itself as a

Post the surgical strikes in Pakistan, Galwan clashes and standing up to the Western pressure over trade with Russia, every single world capital knows that India is no longer just a "soft power". With missions like Vande Bharat and Operation Ganga, India has proved its capability and commitment to safeguarding every

"India has been invited to one of its citizens abroad. From dealing with Taliban to handling Sri Lankan economic collapse, India's diplomacy has proved that it is nimble-footed and ready for any challenge. India is a major strategic player in the fast-changing, unpredictable and turbulent geopolitical landscape of our times, courted and respected by all. Even in its difficult neighbourhood, India has been able to bring about a sense of stability in its relations with smaller neighbours, which are being seduced by Beijing to no end; emerging as a reliable and most dominant player.

It took the Modi Government's advent at the helm to replace the "non-alignment" with "multi-alignment" or "strategic autonomy", what that has broadly translated into is a wider alignment with Washington, and adoption of its China containment Indopacific policy, without surrendering autonomy over other issues, like relationship with Russia; and creating strategic issue-based convergences with different nations, including China. Today, the Indian foreign policy is one of the sharpest, clearly, boldly and assertively driven by its own national interest, capable of withstanding big power pres-

Modi-Jaishankar foreign policy construct

"In this world of all against all, India's goal should be to move closer towards the strategic sweet spot," said S Jaishankar in his book "The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World".

The present foreign policy couldn't exist without either of its two main pillars: Prime Minister Modi and Foreign Minister S Jaishankar — the dexterous ball jugglers, the risk-takers, the realists —



whose personal qualities. coherent ideological moorings and shared ambitious vision of India's place in the world, have been essential for the effective construct and execution of the present policy. The main objectives of the foreign policy today are: Changing India's image in the world, creation of partnerships on equal terms with generosity towards smaller nations, proactively shaping the global agenda and big issues, actively exploring and leveraging foreign relationships for domestic development, creating people-centric foreign policy and use of Indian culture and thoughts in influencing international initiatives and

discourses. The priorities to be achieved through foreign policy are national security, economic development and national progress. Geographically, India's focus

areas are: India's neighbourhood and extended neighbourhood (South East Asia, West Asia, Central Asia and Indian Ocean region), big powers (US, Europe, Japan, Russia), developing larger footprints, more relationships and more visibility (when it comes to strategically located nations). Deft balancing of nations and alliances hostile to each

other is one of the greatest accomplishments of the Indian diplomacy. Engaging influentially in QUAD, BRICS and G-7 summits and developing understanding of Indian position on Ukraine by all of India's partners; India today is a singular nation that buys S-400 missiles and oil from Moscow while maintaining historically closest ties with the Washington and other QUAD partners. Even to the envy of US, India has cultivated intimate relations with the Gulf nations (especially UAE) and Israel while preserving good terms with Tehran.

The proactiveness of Indian foreign policy is visible in conducting first-ever summits of: International Solar Alliance, Summit with Central Asian nations, Summit with Pacific Island nations and India-Nordic Summit. India is shouldering global responsibilities by supplying vaccines and medicines to the world amid pandemic, providing humanitarian help to Ukraine and supplying wheat to needy nations.

The quintessential Modi style of diplomacy is to have a great personal rapport with the leaders of other nations, which paid off dividends when he rang up Putin and Zelensky, rescuing Indian students stuck in Ukraine's crossfire.

Successfully standing up to Western moral supremacy is

another significant development in the Indian diplomacy: For the first time the Indian foreign policy establishment has alluded, that no nation is entitled to sit as a judge over others when it comes to human

Partnerships and alliances

rights. Samantha Power,

administrator USAID, on her

recent visit to India, spoke of

the divisive forces in "US and

The Ukraine war is a reminder of the lesson that success in a conflict depends not just on economic and military power of a nation but also the number of its friends. Between India and China, that could be a deciding factor. While China is out losing friends and credibility, India's actively building and strengthening alliances and deepening bilateral engagements. Apart from joining QUAD, I2U2 and Indo

Pacific Economic Framework India is also reinvigorating BIMSTEC.

The alliances are not just for hedging security concerns for future, but are actively pursued to serve national interest at present, like setting up of "integrated food parks" and renewable energy projects in India by I2U2 partners, supply chain resilience initiative with Japan and Australia, signing critical defence technology transfer pact with US, receiving US investment and technology in crucial areas, selling missiles to Vietnam and Philippines, signing FTAs with UAE and Australia, Japanese partnership in infrastructure, technology, innovation and startups and undertaking projects in collaboration in third countries in South Asia and Africa, exponential increase in Indian-Israel defence cooperation and collaboration in developing next generation technologies, France's active collaboration in "Atmanirbhar Bharat" in defence projects.

Investment by UAE in J&K, India's plans of holding the G-20 summit in 2023 there, passing the torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad through Srinagar, is how India is utilising foreign engagements for furthering its security and territorial sovereignty goals. In the words of Jaishankar,

"India is reclaiming its space in the world today as a civilization", "as a power that can bridge divides". Utilising this effective foreign policy for economic progress, would require systemic transformation of economic ecosystem. Does India possess the capability and discipline to become a global power and not just a regional one, resolve global disputes and create global narratives? Only time will tell.

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PERSPECTIVE

US economy growing but still slowing

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nether the US economy **VV** is heading for a recession got more difficult to answer on Friday, when a report showed employers hired hundreds of thousands more workers last month than expected. American employers added an astonishing 5,28,000 jobs last month despite flashing warning signs of an economic downturn, easing fears of a recession and handing President Joe Biden some good news heading into the midterm elections. Economists had expected only 2,50,000 new jobs in America last month, in a drop-off from June's revised 3,98,000. Instead, July proved to be the best month since February. Unemployment dropped another notch, from 3.6 per cent to 3.5 per cent, matching the more than 50year low reached just before the pandemic took hold.

The stunning strength made clear that a linchpin of the economy remains solid. That's even though inflation is running at its worst pace in 40 years, the economy's output shrunk through the first half of the year and rising interest rates are dragging on housing and other industries. All the confounding numbers only make the long-term outlook for the economy more muddied.

On one hand, two straight quarters of economic contraction is a long-held, though informal, definition of a recession. It would mark a quick turnaround barely two years after the official end of the pandemic recession. Yet can a recession really occur when so many people still have jobs and are making more money?

It's the latest head-scratcher regarding an economy that has confounded Federal Reserve policymakers and many economists since growth screeched to a halt in March 2020 as Covid-19 struck and 20 million Americans were suddenly thrown out of work.

While most economists and Fed Chair Jerome Powell — have said they don't think the US economy is currently in a recession, with Friday's data cementing the case for many, expectations are still high for an economic downturn to begin later this year or next.

Friday's strong jobs report may actually increase the chances of a recession because it could embolden the Federal Reserve to stay aggressive in hiking interest rates in order to beat back inflation. Higher rates slow the economy by making purchases of homes, cars and things bought on credit cards more expensive, and the Fed is jacking up rates at the fastest pace since the early 1980s.

Perhaps even more important than whether a recession occurs is whether workers' paychecks catch up with inflation. So far, gains in average wages have not, and the pain is disproportionately hitting lower-income and Black and Hispanic households. As a result, Americans have increasingly soured on the economy.

That may be what moves more people in November's midterm elections than whether or not a recession has officially begun.

So how, exactly, do we know when an economy is in recession? Here are some answers to such questions:

Who decides when a recession has started?

Recessions are officially declared by the obscure-sounding National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a group of economists whose Business Cycle Dating Committee defines a recession as "a significant decline in economic activity that is spread across the economy and lasts more than a few months."

The committee considers trends in hiring as a key measure in determining recessions.



A sign advertises for help The Goldenrod, a popular restaurant and candy shop on June 1, 2022, in York Beach, Maine

It also assesses many other data points, including gauges of income, employment, inflation-adjusted spending, retail sales and factory output. It puts heavy weight on jobs and a gauge of inflation-adjusted income that excludes Government support payments such as Social Security. Yet the NBER typically

doesn't declare a recession until well after one has begun, sometimes for up to a year. Economists consider a halfpoint rise in the unemployment rate, averaged over several months, as the most historically reliable sign of a downturn. On Friday, the latest jobs report showed the unemployment rate matched its lowest level in more than 50

Do two straight quarters of economic contraction equal a recession?

That's a common rule of thumb, but it isn't an official definition. Still, in the past, it has been a useful measure. Michael Strain, an economist at the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute, notes that in each of the past 10 times that the economy shrank for two consecutive quarters, a recession has resulted.

Still, even Strain isn't sure we're in recession now. Like many economists, he notes that the underlying drivers of the economy - consumer spending, business investment, home purchases — all grew in the first quarter.

Overall gross domestic product — the broadest measure of the nation's output declined at a 1.6 per cent annual rate from January through March because of one-off factors, including a sharp jump in imports and a post-holiday season drop in businesses' inventories. Many economists expect that when US GDP is revised later this year, the first quarter may even turn out to be

"The basic story is that the economy is growing but still slowing, and that slowdown really accelerated in the second quarter," Strain said.

Don't a lot of Americans

think a recession is coming? Yes, because many people now feel more financially bur-

dened. With wage gains trailing inflation for most people, higher prices for such essentials as gas, food, and rent have eroded Americans' spending Walmart recently reported

that higher gas and food costs have forced its shoppers to reduce their purchases of discretionary spending such as new clothing, a clear sign that consumer spending, a key driver of the economy, is weakening. The nation's largest retailer, Walmart reduced its profit outlook and said it will have to discount more items like furniture and electronics.

And the Fed's rate hikes have caused average mortgage rates to nearly double to 4.99 per cent, causing a sharp fall in ome sales and construction.

Higher rates will also likeweigh on businesses' willingness to invest in new buildings, machinery and other equipment. If companies reduce spending and investment, they'll also start to slow

hiring. Rising caution among companies about spending freely could lead eventually to layoffs. If the economy were to lose jobs and the public were to grow more fearful, consumers

The Fed's rapid rate hikes have raised the likelihood of recession in the next two years to nearly 50 per cent, Goldman Sachs economists have said. And Bank of America economists now forecast a "mild" recession later this year, while Deutsche Bank expects a recession early next year.

would further reduce spending.

What are some signs of an impending recession?

The clearest signal that a recession is under way, economists say, would be a steady rise in job losses and a surge in unemployment. In the past, an increase in the unemployment rate of three-tenths of a percentage point, on average over the previous three months, has meant that a recession will soon follow.

Many economists monitor the number of people who seek unemployment benefits each week, which indicates whether layoffs are worsening. Weekly applications for jobless aid, averaged over the past four weeks, have been rising recently and have topped 250,000. While that is a potentially concerning sign, it is still a low level historically.

Any other signals to watch

Many economists also monitor changes in the interest payments, or yields, on different bonds for a recession signal known as an "inverted vield curve." This occurs when the yield on the 10-year Treasury falls below the yield on a short-term Treasury, such as the 3-month T-bill. That is unusual. Normally, longerterm bonds pay investors a richer yield in exchange for tying up their money for a

longer period.

Inverted yield curves generally mean that investors foresee a recession that will compel the Fed to slash rates. Inverted curves often predate recessions. Still, it can take 18 to 24 months for a downturn to arrive after the yield curve inverts.

For weeks, the yield on the wo-year Treasury has exceeded the 10-year yield, suggesting that markets expect a recession soon. Many analysts say, though, that comparing the 3month yield to the 10-year has a better recession-forecasting track record. Those rates are not inverted now, though the gap has narrowed.

Will the fed keep raising rates even as economy slows?

The economy's flashing signals — slowing growth with strong hiring — have put the Fed in a tough spot. Chair Jerome Powell is aiming for a 'soft landing," in which the economy weakens enough to slow hiring and wage growth without causing a recession and brings inflation back to the Fed's 2 per cent target.

But Powell has acknowledged that such an outcome has grown more difficult to achieve. Russia's invasion of Ukraine and China's Covid-19 lockdowns have driven up prices for energy food, and many manufactured parts in the ÚS.

Powell has also indicated that if necessary, the Fed will keep raising rates even amid a weak economy if that's what's needed to tame inflation.

"Is there a risk that we would go too far?" Powell asked last month. "Certainly there's a risk, but I wouldn't agree that's the biggest risk to the economy. The biggest mistake to make...would be to fail to restore price stability."

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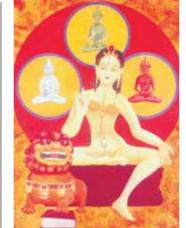




ARIES March 21-April 19

Your energy and vitality will be high this week. Though this is a positive sign and you'll be quite active, make sure to take out time for adequate rest as well. You can take care of yourself and when faced with health challenges, with a positive mindset you will not only face them but will be able to overcome them. At your workplace, you may find yourself engaging in conflict or disagreeing with others. This might be due to your behaviour. Trying to accomplish your personal goals with disregard to their consequences on others, you might think to be a winner but still, end up being a loser. On the personal front, maybe you or your partner is working very hard in your jobs, but this might be interfering with your relationship. The workload is not letting you take out time for each other.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Beige Lucky day Sunday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week is not so lucky in health matters. There may be some seasonal ailments that you may suffer. Drink plenty of water and consume green salads. You are advised to avoid tea and coffee, or any kind of addiction this week. Stay away from black colour and try to include light pastel colours in your daily routine. On the work front, your wish could be accomplished this week. Those who are searching for a job; will get a call from the company they have been aspiring for. Your family and friends' support will boost your morale high. In the matter of love, you need to be a little soft and considerate in relations else you might spoil them. Avoid conflicts and confrontations which are likely to occur this

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week moderation and balance are the keys to good health. Ensure that you are eating well, sleeping well and exercising the right amount. You need to take all this into account to stay in shape. Look where you are out of balance and try to remedy it. Work-wise, this week you will be enthusiastic about your work. Your confidence levels will be high and you are ready to take on new projects. However, you also tend to be impulsive. Don't rush into things and take into account what consequences of your actions can be in the future. On the personal front, you will rejoice in friendship and harmonious relationships. You are open to helping others which in turn means others are helping you. Some of you will be celebrating some special occasion with close family members.

Lucky number 15 Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Thursday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week you will not have such a great time when it comes to health. Anxiety, stress, and worry will affect your life now. Health challenges are likely to come your way. Make sure you are treating yourself well. A balanced diet, exercise and fluid intake will help you. More than this, meditation and breathing exercises are particularly useful to you. Workwise, you will have a pleasant time. Things are going well, and you are happy with your work. You may be bonding with co-workers. The work environment is also constructive. Money inflow is good. On the personal front, if you are in a committed relationship, then the bonds with your lover are stronger than before. You are tolerant of others, easily forgiving their imperfections. In doing so, you create a safe and trusting environment.

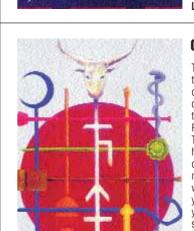
Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Mauve Lucky day Monday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You feel creative, enthusiastic, and full of energy this week. Health remains good and you take charge of your near and dear ones too. Your theory of 'Prevention is better than cure' will work well and you bear the fruits of your determination. On the work front, your creativity is reflected in your work. With unbounded energy and stamina, you could work day and night and finish the unfinished and pending tasks. You are a workaholic and attain the favour of your seniors. You may leave your colleagues and rivals surprised and overwhelmed. In the matter of heart, you are lucky as this week your search for the right partner will come to an end. There will be true bonding between you and your partner. The support for each other will be strengthening and increase your work efficiency.

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week is a great time for rest. Take rest from difficult times such as health worries and stress. It is good that you develop your mental strength. Indulge in meditation in a calm atmosphere and do some spiritual thinking. This is a time to count your blessings and take things easy. Professionally, your life is full of hope and good things. Things are going extremely well. If you are currently not happy, then, new opportunities will come knocking at your door. A deeper understanding of yourself and others with mental stability will help you ease any difficulty at the workplace. You may not be in a very comfortable position in your relationship at this point. It may be that either you or your beloved is having a tough time. You need to give your

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour White Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week there will be an abundance of opportunities to entertain yourself and spend quality time. This will be reflected in your health. The charm and attraction in your persona will be magnetic and others feel positive vibes in your company. Family plays a major role in your success whether it is personal or professional. On the career front, something good is likely to happen. The dilemma you had been facing the last few days will get over now and you can look forward bright future. Your colleague or friend is quite supportive of you. If you are in the line for a promotion it may come to you soon. On the personal front, love and romance are in the air. Those seeking love will meet the partner of their

Lucky number 18 Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

On the health front, you need to be alert this week. This is a time when you may encounter some health challenges. Don't try to avoid them rather deal with them well. Managing your stress level is important to stay in good health. Get enough rest and heal both physically and emotionally. On the career front, a good time is on the cards. You will experience happiness and satisfaction concerning work. Your near and dear ones will be happy to see your progress. Promotion and success in a project will be yours. Those awaiting interview results will get good news and will get their desired job. On the personal front, you may have to face some issues in love relationships. At such a time, don't get tense and give yourself and your partner some space to deal with the problem

Lucky number 14 Lucky colour Light Green Lucky day Thursday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week your health will be good. If you are having physical problems then pay attention to your diet, exercise and take some time to rest and eat healthily. You might feel disengaged or demotivated in general and tends to cut yourself out from the world. This may not be the right thing to do. On the career front, things are likely to go well. If you are facing some challenges, then follow a compassionate approach toward work. You may experience a sense of calm and emotional connectedness with others. Trust your intuition to bring balance. This is a make-or-break period in your relationship. Evaluate everything and be true to yourself and your needs. Become very clear about what you want from life and your relationships and take steps to make it happen.

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Magenta **Lucky day** Friday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week you will enjoy the warmth of relations and a healthy lifestyle. You feel physically, emotionally and spiritually a sound and a happy person. Things are in their right place making you tension free. Those who are heart and BP patients could be recovering very fast with proper medical attention and willpower. Career-wise, the week promises monetary gains Those in business could earn good money. The income may come from more than one source. Business expansion plans are successfully started. You may meet an influential person who could prove highly beneficial in terms of your career. On the personal front, you are a positive and caring person. You work for the benefit of others, and this will work very well in terms of your relations too. Love demands your attention which probably you won't be able to pay much.

Lucky number 17 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Saturday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week you may overwork yourself into exhaustion. Stress may take a serious toll on your body. There are things you need to do to rebuild yourself. First, calm down and take adequate sleep and rest. You need to prioritise your activities so that you can balance your work and health. On the career front, you may have a difficult time. Your feelings or ego might get quite bruised with something that happens to your work. You need to follow a different approach now and should take some assistance in this regard. Those looking for employment should probably look in a different way or a different field On the relationship front, you need to be open to the other person for a relationship to work. Don't avoid any issues in your relations because it will only make things worse.

Lucky number 6 Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you may be down with health problems or some illness but don't lose heart. You need to take a spiritual leap and heal yourself with meditation and positive thinking. Undoubtedly, this will do wonders for you. Take care of yourself and allow yourself to get in touch with your inner strength to heal faster. Stay positive in terms of work. You will have to make this line your ally in difficult times. You may worry and be full of anxiety about something concerning your work. Understand that this is not going to help, rather leave your anxiety and focus on what you can control. On the relationship front, be resilient in your relationship with others. There will be challenges but if you give space to yourself and your partner, any differences can

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Saturday

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arrying forward discussion on Lord Shiva's entourage, the ✓ divine beings are personification of the cosmic forces, vital to creation, sustenance, and recycling of existential order. Human beings armed with intelligence and awareness level, higher than other creatures, the onus lies on them to service the existential order to ensure qualitative existence, individually and collectively. Devilish existences imply ignorant people with relatively lower intelligence level and primarily driven by animalistic instincts. They, therefore, are not expected to be conscious about their collective obligations. It also implies all negative orientation of mind that may prove detrimental to harmonious and peaceful coexistence

The presence of invisible existences such as ghosts, make out a purposeful reference. They supposedly symbolise the invisible existences in the intervening period between two successive form-existences. They, therefore, symbolise continuum between successive lives. In a way it can be said that Lord Siva's entourage presents a picture of all seen and unseen existences forming

this living world.

Lord Siva, despite evolutionary barrier of incommunicability amongst the varied creatures forming His entourage, through His selfless force of love, remains in accord with all of them at one go. Overlooking their individualistic vagaries, He does not differentiate. It is not that He would not be aware of their individualistic limitations, as His eyes, half open and half closed would signify. It implies that knowingly ignoring their limitations, He remains in accord with them.

Why? Is Lord Siva under any compulsion to do that? Absolutely not. He purposely does that. For, He knows that all creatures, by themselves, are imperfect, and incapable of meeting existential needs all by oneself. But all put together, complement and supplement each other to together make out a self-sufficient world. If each one of them is bound by individual limitations, they are simultaneously also armed with such virtues, as would be necessary to nourish and sustain the collective existence.

Take the case of a trivial looking termite, which otherwise is known to

Shiva symbolises unity in diversity its end before the crop comes up, but



spoil wood, paper, and if left unattended can spoil the crops also. But then, they dig hole deep inside the soil structure to facilitate entry of oxygen and activate creative potential of the earth mass. In the process, the termite eats

earth mass. To digest it, its body releases necessary enzymes. Consuming a small part needed for its survival, it excretes the rest, and that being rich in enzyme, further add to the fertility of the soil. The termite, however, meets

not before serving the cause of larger existence. Similarly, bacteria in a drain or a sewer pit treat the night soil, but for which, life will become inhabitable in course of time. There is nothing in existence, without a specific assignment in support of the collective existence. We, thus, have a shared destiny.

Lord Siva, therefore, in order to get the best out of one and all and facilitate smooth run of the worldly order, purposely ignores their individual limitations. But it doesn't come about easy. He absolves all and sundry of the three types of sins- Daihika (Body bound), Bhautika (Material), and Daivika (Cosmic), they attract, as fallout of cause-effect chain they are bound to. He absorbs them all as would His poison fed blue neck imply. He does that in the larger interest of the existential order, but for which the very existence may become questionable.

Serving as provider, He nourishes the whole living order with all His resources in hand - the cosmic energy drawn through lunar crescent, water stream of river Ganges. Remember, we plunder the earth in a bid to secure our

survival. But the earth on its part bears with it kindly, and still supports us with all provisions - the food it produces or water bodies it holds in its womb, vital to our existence. We, knowingly or inadvertently, vitiate even the atmosphere, which could disturb ecological balance, evidently detrimental to our healthy existence. Nature, however, on its part has been kind enough to make provisions for absorbing them all, but for which our very existence would be at stake.

Lord Siva enjoys the confidence of all. For, He selflessly serves them all without any sense of differentiation, with the sole noble objective to ensure a smooth run of the existential order. His selflessness is exemplified by being bare bodied, despite being the source and effective cause of creation, symbolically though.

To sum up, Lord Shiva's model offers us lesson in inter-personal-relationship, vital to smooth run of life individually and collectively.

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