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Dhankar elected VP with  
whopping 3/4th votesOpp pick Alva  
gets just 182 votes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

The Vice President election was an opportunity for the Opposition to leave the past votes expected to be cast in his favour. Alva minced no words in making known her anguish. "Unfortunately, some Opp par-

Notably, the 39-MP-strong

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

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## UP to introduce caravan tourism

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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.

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 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 encompasses historical, natural and cultural heritage.

There will be accommodation for two people in the caravan. It will have sofa-cum-bed, 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 connectivity, 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 registration 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 development fee.

## 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 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

was given to him for putting his 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

work, the minister claimed that his case "wasn't listed for the final verdict". He said his lawyer has moved an application seeking for him exemption from personal appearance. The minister said he will honour the court verdict whatever it 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 earlier this year.

I-T raids on TN film persons  
find ₹200 cr hidden income₹20 cr cash, jewellery  
worth ₹3 cr recovered  
from 40 premises

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

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

The board is the administrative authority for the IT



Department which functions under it.

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

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

been unearthed, it said.

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

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

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

Taiwan activates missile  
systems against Chinese  
'simulated attacks'

AP ■ BEIJING

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

to Taipei that infuriated Beijing.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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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 of a Dhanbad court judge last year, in Dhanbad, on Saturday

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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.

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## Rich haul for India at CWG

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

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

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

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



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

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ductive day for India in the athletics competition.

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

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

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

The India men's hockey 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

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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 Gupta, secretary of UP Sugar Mills Association (UPSMA), representing over 100 sugar mills in the private sector.

He added: "The exports 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 sugar-cane 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

address the problem of surplus 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 said.

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.

Uttar Pradesh is leaving no 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

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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



organic food.

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 stray cows.

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

## New postings to 10 IAS officers

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The Uttar Pradesh government, in late hours 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 rank have also been shifted.

## Padma awardees to grace main, Independence Day celebrations

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To make the 75th celebrations of India's 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 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 for this.

The spokesman said MGNREGA workers would 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

"THIS YEAR'S INDEPENDENCE DAY IS SPECIAL BECAUSE INDIA IS 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"

State Road Transport Corporation are going on in full swing.

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 will be invited.

This will include folk artists, 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 state.

In addition, people representing 16 trades, including Banking Correspondent (BC) Sakshi, factory workers, farm-

ers, Anganwadi workers among 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 event.

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 drape a total of 4.76 crore 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 drive.



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A sale deed dated 14/12/2009 executed by Rajesh Kumar Yadav S/o Triveni Yadav in favour of Smt. Ranjana Dubey W/o Ramesh Chandra Dubey R/o Vill. Jangla Post. Asnao Bazar Tehsil Aurali Dist. Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi regarding the sale of S.M. Plot No. 1597 area 2100 Sqft Mauza Amar Khaira Chak Pargana Dehat Amanat Tehsil & Dist. Varanasi duly registered with Sub Registrar Office Varanasi in Book No. 1 Vol.No. 3207 Pages 263/296 as Doc. No. 7893 dated 14/12/2009 has been lost away. If any person, Institution have any information/objection regarding this sale deed, please inform within 15 days. Harish Chandra Rai Advocate, Chamber No. 110 Banaras Bar Building, Civil Court. Varanasi. Mob. No. 9451525826.

## CM Yogi congratulates Dhankhar on victory in vice prez election

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Saturday, congratulated Jagdeep Dhankhar on his landslide victory in the vice presidential election and said that his victory would strengthen the faith of people in the Indian democracy.

In his tweet, Chief Minister Yogi said, "Heartfelt congratulations to Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar ji, NDA's candidate for the post of Honourable Vice President of India. Your journey from a farmer's family to becoming the Hon'ble Vice President strengthens people's faith in democracy."

In another tweet, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "Your vast experiences will benefit the whole country and the dignity of Rajya Sabha will be strengthened."

National Democratic Alliance candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar won by a huge margin of votes, getting 528 votes against the opposition candidate Margaret Alva who got only 182 votes.

There were 15 invalid votes in this election.

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

PTI ■ SULTANPUR

A local court here has sentenced three brothers to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment each for raping a minor and compelling her to commit suicide, an advocate said on Saturday.

The court on Friday also imposed Rs 31,000 fine on each of the accused.

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 doctors.

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

### FIR LODGED AGAINST UNKNOWN PERSONS FOR MISTREATING WOMAN

**SIDDHARTHANAGAR:** 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 at Shohrat Garh police 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 Tajpur 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 weapon."

## AIPEF warns against tabling of Electricity (Amendment) Bill

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The All India Power 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

the stakeholders.

The National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers (NCCOEEE) and AIPEF have already served a notice on the power ministry and warned that if the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022 is tabled in Parliament, all power employees and engineers across the country would cease work and hold demonstrations throughout the day to register their protest.

AIPEF chairman Shailendra Dubey said the Union power minister

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 different stakeholders.

Dubey said the Central 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 government had not put the draft bill on the website, and had failed to hold consultations with the stakeholders. He said

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

The AIPEF said that in line 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 Central 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.



# Mega vax drive for booster dose today

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A mega 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 vaccinated. “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

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

# Hubby, in-laws booked for abetment after suicide by woman, two sons

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In an incident in which a woman, along with her two sons, committed suicide by jumping before a train in Nishatganj 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 Gupta, mother-in-law Shakuntala Gupta and others identified as Shailendra, Devi Gupta and Varun Gupta besides an unidentified man.

The spokesman said the case 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 during the Covid

lockdown in 2020.

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.

# Salesman ends life over domestic dispute

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A 35-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

on the top floor of the house. Around 6 am on Saturday, his father Ramesh Chand Srivastava went to his room to wake him up but found the door bolted from inside. He repeatedly rapped the door but did not get any response from inside.

Ramesh sought help from neighbours who broke open the door, only to find Piyush hanging from the ceiling with

a saree tied around his neck. On being informed, police reached the place and sent the body for autopsy.

In another incident, a 27-year-old jobless youth ended his life at his house in Saipur police station area.

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



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

Pioneer

# Complex surgery at SGPGI telecast live during conference

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The department of Cardiology, SGPGI, recently performed a complex coronary intervention in a 60-year-old 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 tomography).

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

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 discussants 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.

# Teacher duped of over ₹10L by former friend, others

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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 by them.

Surendar of Gauri Shanker Khara in Banthra said his former friend Umesh Kumar Yadav of Azamgarh met him 15 days back and sought help in getting back his gold ornaments mortgaged in a bank in Krishnanagar.

“I met Umesh through a common friend, Dinesh of Kakori, sometime ago. Umesh offered to give me those ornaments at lower rates,” Surendar

said. He said he deposited Rs 4.19 lakh in the said bank to take back Umesh's mortgaged gold ornaments.

“After depositing the money, the bank manager told me that the gold ornaments were mortgaged in two different 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 gold ornaments.

“I asked the bank manager let me get the ornaments checked by a goldsmith but he refused. After getting the gold

ornaments from the bank, I went to a jeweller's shop where I was told that the same were artificial and not made of gold,” he alleged.

Surendar said he contacted Umesh and told him about the forgery. “Umesh accused me of playing tricks after getting gold ornaments and refused to pay him a single penny. He threatened me with dire consequences if I asked my money back,” he alleged.

He said Umesh, in connivance with the bank manager and others, duped him. Police registered a case for criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust, forgery, etc against the accused.

# Former min's son injured as gun goes off

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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 critical.

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

underway.

Doctors attending to Akash said his condition was critical. “He suffered an injury 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.

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 related to the incident.

# Assistant professor thrashed at Shia PG College

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

An assistant professor of Faculty of Law, Shia PG College, was thrashed by a student for stopping the latter from copying during an examination on Saturday afternoon. He lodged a case at the Madehganj police station.

In his complaint, Dr

Dharmendra Kumar said he was on duty in room number 6 of Imam-e-Raza Block of the college where the exam of BA (II) students was underway. He alleged that Rahul Tiwari was copying from notebooks and he stopped the latter. “Around 20 minutes were left in the exam to get over. Rahul pushed me down when I tried to take

his copy, he abused me. He thrashed me before the students and also snatched my mobile phone when I tried to film his act. He smashed my mobile phone and fled the scene,” Kumar said.

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

# DM reviews preparations for I-Day celebrations

Lucknow (PNS): District Magistrate Suraj Pal Gangwar held a meeting on the arrangements for Independence Day celebrations at his camp office on Saturday. The DM said a micro-plan 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

some groups members of which 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 groups.

## FIRST PRIZE



Ahsan Siraj Khan, a class 9 student 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.

## CITY BRIEFS

### WORKSHOP

The Speciality of 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 cost-effective 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 2012.

### 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-

ning silver medal in the 10-km race walk. Chief PRO, NER, 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 majlis-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 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

# Kakori trial judgement's document safe with State Archives

SHARMILA KRISHNA ■ LUCKNOW

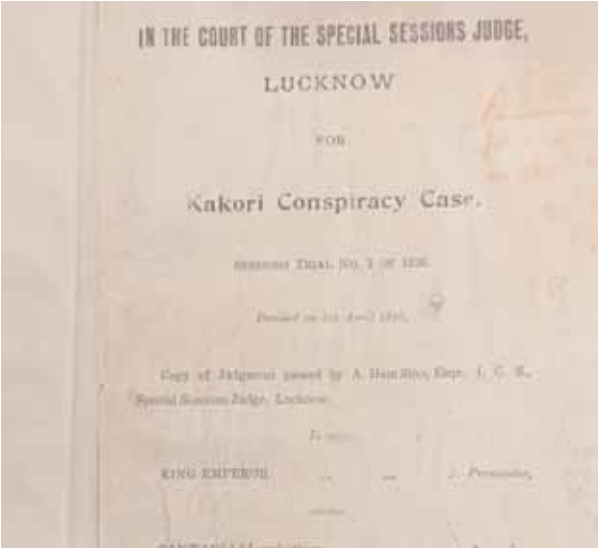
The State Archives has the original document of the Kakori trial judgement which is in four volumes. A senior official said the trial after the famous Kakori train action took place in a specially made rink theatre which is currently the GPO in Hazratganj.

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



from Alamnagar.”


The document further reads that the 8 down train was

due to arrive at Lucknow at 7:45 pm and actually arrived at 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 Khurshed Ali 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.


इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank			
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.			
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 redeem the secured assets.			
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Branch	Name of the Mortgagor/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice/Dt. of Possession Notice/Outstanding Amt.
Branch : Sipri Bazar, Jhansi			
1.	Vishal Raiikwar & Rameshwar Raiikwar	Rameshwar Raiikwar	Single Storey residential building having area 69.64 Sq.Mtr. Which is situated at mauza Rund Panch Mahal, Indira Nagar, Isai Tola, Near Sai Aata Chakkil, 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 Bhupeendra Singh, South: Property of Mahaveer Prasad Dubey
Demand Notice Date 20.05.2022		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			
Date : 07.08.2022		Place : Jhansi	
		The Authorized Officer, Indian Bank	

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



**:- विज्ञापन :-**

विज्ञा.क्र./रा.स्वा.मि./मा संसा./सेल-1/2022/5365
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 आगामि वर्षों की वार्षिक कार्ययोजना में स्वीकृत अनुसार नवीनीकृत किया जा सकेगा :-

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1	संविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक ( डीईआईसी )	22	30,000/- रुपये प्रतिमाह	किसी भी मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थान/विश्वविद्यालय से बैचलर ऑफ डेंटल सर्जरी ( बी.डी.एस.) उत्तीर्ण। म.प्र. राज्य डेन्टल काउंसिलिंग में स्थायी जोडित वैध पंजीकरण प्रमाण पत्र होना अनिवार्य।	21-40 वर्ष अधिकतम आयु सीमा में ( अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग, निशका जन/महिलाओं (अनारक्षित /आरक्षित) अधिकतम आयु सीमा में 5 वर्ष की छूट ) (01.01.2022 को स्थिति में)

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

**2. पद हेतु आरक्षण निम्नानुसार होगा :-**

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- दिव्यांगजन का आरक्षण क्षैतिज (Horizontal) के आधार पर 06 प्रतिशत का प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। निःशक्तजनों के लिए कुल रिक्तियों में से 06 प्रतिशत पद निःशक्तजन के लिए आरक्षित है, जिस श्रेणी का निःशक्तजन इन पदों के लिए चर्चयित होगा उसे उसी श्रेणी हेतु मान्य किया जावेगा। यह पद प्रत्येक श्रेणी की बिना वर्ग/ओपन नियुक्तियों में सम्मिलित है।
- 3. कोविड-19 के अंतर्गत अस्थायी एवं आकस्मिक रूप से कार्य करने वाले दंतशल्य चिकित्सक जिनसे न्यूनतम अवधि 89 दिवस कार्य किया हो उसे संविदा दंतशल्य चिकित्सक ( डीईआईसी ) की भर्ती प्रक्रिया में 10 प्रतिशत अधिभार अंक (Weightage) प्राप्त करने की पात्रता होगी।
- 4. निर्धारित प्रारूप में नहीं किये गए अथवा अपूर्ण आवेदन स्वयंमं व निरस्त माने जायेंगे।
- 5. अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात् प्राप्त होने वाले आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।
- 6. मिशन संचालक, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. किसी भी आवेदन को बिना कारण बताये स्वीकृत निरस्त करने अथवा प्रक्रिया को निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा।

**मिशन संचालक**  
**राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन**  
**मध्यप्रदेश**

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कोरोना में सावधानी हटी, समझो दुर्घटना घटी।

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He said a total of 139 applications were received and added

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

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 month's 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 Kurnool 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 week's 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 complainant also.



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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 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.

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



Gross NPA of the Bank had reduced to Rs 9739.65 crore

CET-I Ratio at 11.29 per cent  
as on June 30, 2022.

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

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Addressing the gathering the Principal, Anju Chaudhary said the objective of the Tiranga Mahotsav was to make the whole country colourful 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 back thousands of years. She said it was the duty



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 get inspired if they see parents being patriotic.

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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 judge's verdict 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 minister 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 or 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

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.

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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 participants

Prof GC Nandi, 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

Prof Pawan Chakraborty, Head of the Department of ITIIT, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Department, alongside mentioning the relevant Department initiatives in robotics projects. Prof. Vijaishri Tewari, Registrar, IITIT 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 a robot delivers, the more

The workshop continued with Dr Ranjit Ray from CMERI, who demonstrated the working of the indigenous 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

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 Systems.



# Protest against Ropeway Project

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

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.

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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. The project, which is

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 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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Under the auspices of St John's Marhaulti Alumni Association, a COVID-19 vaccination camp was held at a banquet hall in Sagra 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

Bhardwaj and others were present on the occasion.

**HEALTH DEPT TO 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 district.

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 Mahotsav and in this order, the Health department has launched a special campaign which will continue till September 30. With an aim to speed up the campaign, the

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 advantage.

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.

# Mafia Atique's henchman arrested

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Talib alias SP City, a criminal 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 Atique.

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 confiscated.

**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 granted.

# Teen dies under mysterious circumstances

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

In a shocking incident, a 15-year-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 slipping.

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 Chouraha. 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 man-hunt for him. During this, some people told them that he

had gone to play cricket with his friends. Everyone reached the spot and started searching for him here. Harshit's blood-soaked 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 COMITS SUICIDE:** 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 reach the college even to give

the mathematics paper. The 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 time.

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 itself.

# e-rickshaw driver stabs youth to death

**PRAYAGRAJ (PNS):** In a sensational incident, an e-rickshaw driver stabbed a youth to death with an iron rod in Jhalwa area of Prayagraj city on Friday night. The youth had a dispute with the driver for 50 rupees of 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 e-rickshaw driver started beating him. In defense, Kundru also beat him up. Meanwhile, the e-rickshaw 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 station reached the spot and 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 Swaroopnani 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.

**CULTURAL FESTIVITIES UNDERWAY AT GHS:** Girls' High School & College is 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. Another 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 formed by the students, who were wearing Saffron, White and Green dress. It was a 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 projects of more than Rs 50 lakh 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 progress.

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 office-bearers 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 track.

**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 Adalhat Vijay Kumar Chaurasiya was busy in routine

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 Dhoochandi under Jaipura police station and Badal Rawat resident of Kabirchaura under Chetganj police station all the residents of district Varanasi.

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 to the police team.

# BJP to hold training camp

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

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 Kashyap informed that a three-day training camp would be held at a hotel in



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

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Cantonment area here which

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 government 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.

During the camp the workers of the cell would be apprised of the party policies 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.

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 mind.

# IIT (BHU) designs loom ergonomically

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

A team of the Mechanical Engineering department (Industrial Management), IIT(BHU) has come up with an ergonomically designed loom for handloom weavers on the occasion of National Handloom Day which falls on August 7. This ergonomically designed loom will provide more comfort to the weavers, making them less prone to work-related musculoskeletal disorders.

Dr Prabhas Bhardwaj, professor of mechanical engineering, said that the handloom weavers have to work a minimum of 8-12 hours every day by sitting at one place and due to this, they are facing musculoskeletal pain symptoms.

According to a survey conducted in Varanasi, the majority of weavers suffer 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 an ergonomically designed loom developed for handloom weavers by the Mechanical Engineering department of IIT (BHU).

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

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■**  
NEW DELHI

Amid 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

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, Bhushan said the national capital has been reporting high

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 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 network 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," he said.

"States should aim to increase the pace of vaccination for all eligible population and accelerate the administration of free precaution doses for 18-plus 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 Covid-appropriate 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 Dhankar was elected as new Vice-President of India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accompanied with BJP president 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 Dhankar and congratulating him.

"Congratulations to Shri Jagdeep Dhankar 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,"

Modi tweeted later.

"I thank all those MPs who have voted for Shri Jagdeep Dhankar 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 congratulatory message said he was confident that Dhankar 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 candidate.

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



Jagdeep Dhankar 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 him.

"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.

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#### DHANKAR ELECTED VP WITH WHOPPING 3/4TH VOTES

While the 71-year-old Dhankar 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 to 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 Dhankar 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 Dhankar. 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 tweeted later.

#### KCR CITES 'CENTRE'S BIAS', TO SKIP PM-CHAIR 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 respond".

It further said, "Over the last 4 years, the Gol allocated Rs 3982 crore 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 said.

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 wrote.

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-specific needs.

"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 stated

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 State.

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 people.

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 TERM

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 auto.

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 QUILTS 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

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LIFE – Lifestyle for the Environment, 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-world mass movement "LIFE" at the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change at Glasgow last November.

Subsequently, he launched 'Lifestyle for the Environment – LIFE 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 said.

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 non-fossil 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.

## IAF chief flies 3 desi aircraft in Bangalore

**IANs ■ NEW DELHI**

Indian 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



Chief Marshal LM Katre Memorial Lecture which was attended by serving & retired officers of IAR, 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.

## Navy ships to visit all continents to mark 75 years of India's Independence

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NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy ships are visiting ports in all the continents as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 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 wreath 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 re-emphasise 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 1947).

## Naidu India's most travelled VP

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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 ex-officio chairman of the Rajya 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

of the 13 full sessions Naidu 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 time.

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

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

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

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

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

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

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

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

Next up for the 27-year-old



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

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

successive gold.

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

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

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

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

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



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

IANIS ■ BIRMINGHAM

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

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

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

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

## Steeplechaser Sable, race walker Priyanka clinch silver medals in CWG

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

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

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

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

High jumper Tejswini Shankar and long jumper Murali Sreesankar had won a bronze and silver respectively in Birmingham.

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



a time of 8:16.83.

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

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

## President Murmu congratulates CWG medal winners Priyanka Goswami, Avinash Sable

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

## Indian team wins silver in men's fours lawn bowls

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TT: Sharath, Sathiyam advance to semifinals

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Top Indian paddlers Achanta Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyam 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 Isaac Quek 4-0 (11-6 11-7 11-4 11-7), Sathiyam was stretched in his 4-2 (11-5 11-7 11-5 8-11 10-12 11-9) win by England's Sam Walker.

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

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



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

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

In the women's doubles, both Indian

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

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

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

## 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 Pentty 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 comeback 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 Pentty, 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 medallist in 2014 and 2018 editions respectively.

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

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



## 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 medals.

## India beat WI by 59 runs in 4th T20

FLORIDA: Rohit Sharma maintained his unbeaten record as captain in bilateral T20s after India made short work of West Indies by 59 runs to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series here on Saturday.

It was a perfect weekend for the NRIs in and around Florida, as India first scored 191 for 5 with useful knocks from Rishabh Pant (44 off 31 balls) and skipper Rohit Sharma (33 off 16 balls), and a cameo from Axar Patel (20 not out off 8 balls). On a ground where the highest successful run-chase by any team is 98, a target of 192 was simply out of question, and the West Indies

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.

The delivery that got King stopped on him and the result was an easy return catch.

One drop batter Devon Thomas (1) wanted a move-on and Avesh's fuller delivery didn't hit the middle of his bat, and the resultant skier was 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 sides before Mayers sold him a dummy, retreating back on a non-existent single and he was stranded mid-pitch when Pant whipped the ball.

While Axar Patel (2/48 in 4 overs) got a bit of pasting, he removed Mayers and Rovman Powell (24 off 16 balls), both holing out in the deep.

Arsheed Singh (3/12 in 3.1 overs) then put the brakes and it became a walk in the park by the time the back-10 started.

## Triple jumper Selva P Thirumaran clinches silver

PTI ■ CALI (COLOMBIA)

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

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

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

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



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

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



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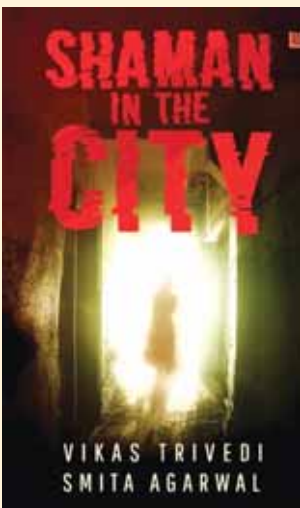
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# Masterstroke

A black and white photograph of a woman with shoulder-length dark hair, smiling and holding a large barrel curling iron to her hair. She is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved button-down shirt. The background is plain white.

# 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



Avoid sweets containing artificial color as it can stain your teeth

Dr Riya Gupta, Dental Surgeon

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## How the role of leadership is changing

—John Kallelil, Founder & CEO, XED

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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.







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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AUCTION OF SPECTRUM, COAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CLARIFICATION

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

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



# LONELINESS—A SILENT KILLER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## Tips to Manage that Feeling

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



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

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

## Nations Gear up to Tackle Loneliness



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

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

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

Since 2008, Bhutan has

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# That Incomparable Born Again Feeling After Dying A Million Deaths

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

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

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



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

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

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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 anything.

When we start treatment

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

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

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

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



# Indian foreign policy comes of age

*“India has been invited to 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)

Post-Independence India was known for its idealistic 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 weakness, feigned helplessness towards its two hostile neighbours, and consoled itself as a “soft power”.

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

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 Indo-Pacific 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 pressure tactics.

## 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 rights. Samantha Power, administrator USAID, on her recent visit to India, spoke of the divisive forces in “US and India”.

## Partnerships and alliances

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.

*(The author is a foreign policy expert and a lawyer)*

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## PERSPECTIVE

# US economy growing but still slowing

**US employers added an astonishing 5,28,000 jobs last month despite flashing warning signs of an economic downturn. 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 50-year low reached just before the pandemic took hold. All the confounding numbers only make the long-term outlook for the economy more muddled**

Whether the US economy 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 50-year 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 muddled.

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 AP

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 half-point 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 years.

## 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 positive.

“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 burdened. With wage gains trailing inflation for most people, higher prices for such essentials as gas, food, and rent have eroded Americans’ spending power.

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 home sales and construction.

Higher rates will also likely weigh 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 would further reduce spending.

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.

## 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 for?

Many economists also monitor changes in the interest payments, or yields, on different bonds for a recession signal known as an “inverted yield 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, longer-term 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 two-year Treasury has exceeded the 10-year yield, suggesting that markets expect a recession soon. Many analysts say, though, that comparing the 3-month 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 US.

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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**Lucky day** Saturday

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.

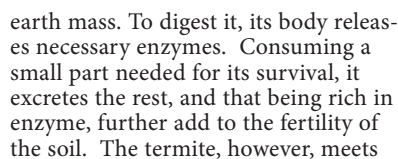
To sum up, Lord Shiva's model offers us lesson in inter-personal-relationship, vital to smooth run of life individually and collectively.

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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



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