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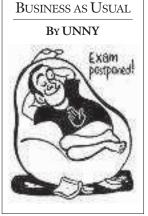
7-HOUR MEET; RAHUL QUESTIONS TIMING, ANTONY CALLS IT 'CRUEL' **Rallying behind Sonia and Rahul, CWC** slams both letter and its spirit

Resolution says Sonia to stay chief until AICC meets: takes note of letter by 'certain leaders'

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

AFTER the seven-hour-long stormy meeting of its Working Committee on Monday, the Congress acknowledged the letter sent to president Sonia Gandhi by 23 senior leaders calling for sweeping changes in the party but neither discussed its contents nor gave any specific commitments on the way forward.

Instead, most of those present at the meeting slammed the 23, questioned and criticised the intent and the timing of their letter even as they pledged loyalty to the Sonia-Rahul family and **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



has learnt.

Soon after the meeting, at least nine of the signatories, including Sharma, Kapil Sibal, Manish Tewari and Shashi Tharoor, met at Azad's residence.



At the CWC virtual meeting in New Delhi on Monday. ANI

Under fire, dissenters stand firm, later dial down to wait and watch

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

STANDING FIRM in the face of sharp attacks at the Congress Working Committee meeting Monday, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Mukul Wasnik and Jitin Prasada – the four CWC members who were among the 23 leaders to sign the unprecedented letter written to party president Sonia Gandhi – argued forcefully that the issues raised by them need discussion and redressal, The Indian Express



Tharoor arrives at Azad's residence after CWC. ANI

Sharma told The Indian Express that "the co-signatories were keen to know about the deliberations" and that "everybody is satisfied".

"It was a free and frank discussion (in the CWC). The document (letter) was not available for all CWC members. There were a lot of misreadings and

misinterpretations, which led to some uncharitable comments made against us. I demanded that it should be made available to everyone and released to the public so that people know what the issues are," Sharma said.

Referring to the CWC emeeting, he said: "Azad, Wasnik and I put forth our views. The Congress president's concluding statement was most gracious, giving a clear message of reconciliation, saying let whatever has happened be behind us and let's be united and move forward. She said even if I was hurt by a leak of some excerpts, these are my valued colleagues. We respect her and this has brought it to a very amicable closure." Another signatory said: "We need to wait

and watch how this pans out."

EXPLAINED All give,

ill-will. But the CWC and

the signatories made it clear that they were not against Sonia or **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

some take FOR THE 23 leaders, the key takeaway from the CWC is the acknowledge ment of their letter and Sonia's statement of no

party rallied behind the Gandhis. ensured that deadline for a change or a mechanism to address issues not put on record.

At the CWC meeting earlier,

An apology will be contempt of my conscience: Bhushan to SC **ANANTHAKRISHNANG** NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24 ADVOCATE PRASHANT Bhushan,

who has been convicted by the Supreme Court in a criminal contempt of court case over two tweets posted in June, and told to tender an unconditional apology by Monday, has declined to do so. He said the tweets "repre-

sented" a "bonafide belief that I continue to hold" and "an apoltoday



half by advocate Kamini Jaiswal,

ogy for expression of these beliefs, conditional or unconditional, would be insincere" and "contempt of my conscience". In a supplementary statement Monday before the Bhushan said "in these troubling times, the hopes of the people of India vest in this Court to ensure the rule of law and the Constitution" and "not an untrammeled rule of the execu-

Supreme Court, filed on his be-

The matter has been listed Tuesday "for effect of supplementary statement".

Bhushan was held guilty on CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Unlock 4.0: **Delhi Metro** may start, schools to stay shut



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Chief of Defence Staff

other round of military talks with China to try and break the stalemate over disengagement of troops in Pangong Tso and the Gogra Post area.

Last Saturday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a meeting with NSA Ajit Doval, General Rawat and the three

India has been demanding status quo ante – of troops on both sides returning to locations before the standoff. Failing to achieve a breakthrough, India has begun preparing for extended deployment on the LAC.

IN AN unusual request, the Delhi Police sought the digital electoral database of three districts in connection with its investigation into the Northeast Delhi riots earlier this year, but did not pursue the matter after the Election

Commission (EC) denied access and offered physical inspection of voters' list instead, The Indian

Express has learnt. According to a letter released by activist Saket Gokhale on Monday, the Delhi Police sought

the database in March to match the photographs of voters in Shahdara, North-East and East Delhi districts with the "photographs of culprits captured through CCTV and other video footage" available with the

EC: Said no

rolls data in

to police

over poll

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Chinese troops along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh not making much headway, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin

Military option on

table if LAC talks

fail: Gen Rawat

these will be used only if talks fail. This is the first time that a senior military officer has spoken publicly on the "transgressions by the Chinese" and the option of military force to deal with the border crisis in Ladakh. General Rawat told the ANI

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WITH DIPLOMATIC and military talks on resolving the military

standoff between Indian and

Rawat Monday said India has

"military options" available, but

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news agency that "the military options to deal with transgressions by the Chinese army in Ladakh are on, but it will be exercised only if the talks at the military and diplomatic levels fail". His statement comes even as the government prepares for an-



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THE METRO service in Delhi NCR, suspended since March 22 in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, is likely to resume in September in a limited manner.

An official of the Ministry of Home Affairs said Monday that a plan to operate the service at 50 per cent capacity, with strict enforcement of social distancing and hygiene norms, is being considered.

The announcement on the resumption of the Metro service in the NCR, the official said, may form part of Unlock-4 guidelines expected in the coming days.

State governments, the official said, are still not in favour of reopening schools and colleges, so the restrictions on educational institutions are likely to continue.

"The government is also not yet in favour of re-opening multiplexes because of the closed environment, and swimming pools," the official said.

Entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places are also not likely to reopen in the next phase of Unlock. The ban on CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

KARNATAKA LIFTS ALL TRAVEL CURBS

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A five-storey building, housing 45 families, collapsed in Mahad in Raigad districtof Maharashtra on Monday evening. Rescue efforts were on till late night. PTI REPORT, PAGE 13

Puri: Expect bulk of air HK experts traffic back by Diwali

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

MUCH OF the pre-Covid domestic air passenger traffic could be restored by Diwali, Minister of State for Civil Aviation (Independent Charge) Hardeep Singh Puri said on Monday.

The Centre will allow more flights from locations such as Mumbai and

:0-Kolkata, which have DEA had restricted operations so far, Puri said. CXCHANGE "The figure (of do-

mestic passengers) yesterday was 98,800, so we have already reached 33% of pre-Covid numbers. We are increasing domestic passengers at the rate of

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HARIKISHAN SHARMA

AMID THE Covid outbreak, the

share of women in total person-

days of work generated under

the National Rural Employment

Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) has

dipped to an eight-year low of

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5.000 a week. With Mumbai hopefully having Covid numbers under control, the graph stable

Migrants back, women's share

52.46 per cent during the first

five months of this financial year,

on the NREGS portal till August

24 shows that the share of

women is the lowest since 2013-

14 (52.82 per cent), from when

the numbers are currently avail-

from 2013-14 to a high of 56.16

percent in 2016(see chart) – the

latest number is a dip of 2.24

The data show a steady rise

able

An analysis of data available

in NREGS dips to 8-year low

according to official data.



and coming down, I'm hoping that after the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations, we will open up Mumbai more; Bengaluru, Kolkata will be a little

less sporadic. We will be looking to touch the 50% mark before too long," Puri said at an online Idea **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



NEW YORK, AUGUST 24 **RESEARCHERS IN Hong Kong** have reported the first confirmed case of reinfection with

the novel coronavirus. "An apparently young and healthy patient had a second case of Covid-19 infection which was diagnosed 4.5 months after the first episode," University of Hong Kong researchers said in a statement on Monday.

find case of

The report is of concern because it suggests that immunity **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

percentage points from last year.

active NREGS workers of which

6.58 crore, or 49 per cent, are

provided for the dip this year al-

though sources pointed to the

increased participation of men

following the largescale return

of migrant workers to their vil-

lages in the wake of economic

distress caused by the pandemic.

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women.

There are about 13.34 crore

No official reason has been



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Delhi riots

officers investigating the riots. The Delhi Police had ap-

proached the state Chief Electoral . Officer, and the Commissioner Of Police, S N Shrivastava, had also written directly to the poll panel in the first week of March.

Police sources said a similar request was also sent to the transport department, which shared photographs from driving licences with the investigators.

Sources said the EC. however. denied access to its digital voter database, in accordance with its current policy. "The Delhi Police wanted to check our database to verify their inputs and information. If an agency wants us to cooperate in an investigation, we cannot be seen to be obstructing it. But it was ensured that we didn't deviate from our established stand on sharing our database with the police. Only a physical inspection was permitted. Copies (of the electoral roll) were not allowed to be shared," said a source in the poll panel.

After the EC's clarification on the matter to the Delhi Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), the police did not pursue the matter further. According to sources, the Delhi Police department was interested in procuring a soft copy of the electoral roll as it wanted to use a software to match the faces digitally to its list of riot suspects.

Since the EC's letter only suggested that the police be allowed to view the list in the office, the process of digital matching through any software would not have been possible and, therefore, police did not follow it up, sources said. As a result, the list was not showed to them, sources said.

On Monday evening, the EC issued a press statement saying that it had not, in any way, deviated from its original guidelines of 2008 and clarificatory orders of 2020 on sharing of electoral roll and EPIC database with various government departments.

ment agencies is concerned, it is under their own extant Acts. Rules and guidelines, which in any case can be challenged in the Hon'ble Courts of law. In fact, the entire super structure of criminal justice system is erected on this. It is only when the Model Code of Conduct is enforced that Election Comm-

ission invariably takes note of any such event(s)/incident(s), which have the potential of disturbing and/ or disrupting the smooth conduct of electoral process and ECI does not interfere in the day to day functioning of the regulatory departments/enforcement

agencies," the statement said.

Dissenters Rahul Gandhi, and pointed out there was nothing against the two in the five-page letter, the contents of which were first reported by The Indian Express Sunday.

Sources said former party chief Rahul set the tone for others by questioning the timing of the letter, and arguing that it was sent when the party was battling to save its government in Rajasthan and his mother was in hospital.

Azad responded that the letter was held back for 10 days, until six days after Sonia's return from hospital. Azad said he repeatedly tried to get in touch with the party chief, and that the letter was sent only after it was conveyed by her office that her health was fine. Azad, sources said, told the meeting that the timing was merely to mark one year since Sonia was appointed interim

president on August 10 last year. Azad and Sharma dismissed allegations that they were against the Gandhis and pointed out that the letter makes it clear that the Nehru-Gandhi family would always be an "integral part" of the

collective leadership. They said almost half of the letter is "against the BJP/RSS" and that there are three paragraphs recounting contributions to the party from Nehru to Sonia and Rahul. But, they said, there are issues that need to be addressed. "Is it a crime to raise these issues?" Sharma is learnt to have asked.

don't malign us". They said the issues are vital for the revival of the party. The country, they said, are facing many challenges and only a united and re-energised Congress can confront the BJP/RSS.

With Ambika Soni demanding action against them, Sharma said if raising bona fide issues like collective decision-making or the constitution of a Parliamentary Board within the party is indiscipline or an act of treason, they are prepared to face action. "Take action now," he is learnt to have said.

Azad told The Indian Express that reports of Rahul accusing them of writing the letter at the behest of the BIP were wrong. "Let

me make it clear that Rahul Gandhi at no point of time said, either outside or in the CWC meeting, that the letter was written at the instance, or at the behest, or in collusion with the BJP," he said.

Bhushan to SC

August 14 by a bench of Justices Arun Mishra, BR Gavai and Krishna Murari over his tweets made on June 27 and 29. On August 20, the court heard arguments on the quantum of punishment to be awarded and said he had time until August 24 to submit an "unconditional apology, if he so desires".

But Bhushan, in his supplementary statement. has refused to reconsider his statement: "It is with deep regret that I read the order of this Hon'ble Court dated 20th of August. At the hearing, the court asked me to take 2-3 days to reconsider the statement I made in the court. However, the order subsequently states: "We have given time to the contemnor to submit unconditional apology, if he so desires."

"I have never stood on ceremony when it comes to offering an apology for any mistake or wrongdoing on my part. It has been a privilege for me to have

served this institution and bring

several important public interest

causes before it. I live with the re-

alization that I have received from

this institution much more than I

have had the opportunity to give

it. I cannot but have the highest re-

gard for the institution of the

Supreme Court. I believe that the

Supreme Court is the last bastion

of hope for the protection of fun-

damental rights, the watchdog in-

stitutions and indeed for consti-

tutional democracy itself. It has

rightly been called the most pow-

erful court in the democratic

world, and often an exemplar for

courts across the globe," he said.

bonafide belief that I continue to

hold. Public expression of these

beliefs was I believe, in line with

my higher obligations as a citizen

and a loyal officer of this court.

Therefore, an apology for expres-

sion of these beliefs, conditional

or unconditional, would be insin-

"An apology cannot be a mere

incantation and any apology has

to, as the court has itself put it, be

sincerely made. This is especially

so when I have made the state-

ments bonafide and pleaded

truths with full details, which

have not been dealt with by the

Court. If I retract a statement be-

fore this court that I otherwise be-

lieve to be true or offer an insin-

cere apology, that in my eyes

would amount to the contempt

of my conscience and of an insti-

tution that I hold in highest es-

missions to the court in the case,

Meanwhile, in written sub-

A summary of Dhavan's con-

tentions, filed in court by Jaiswal,

said "there should not be any at-

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into making an apology on the ba-

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ceptable".

cere," Bhushan said.

"My tweets represented this

Rallying behind Sonia & Rahul, CWC slams both letter and its spirit

"resolved to strengthen their hands."

Significantly, the resolution after the meeting said that the "two voices that have been at the forefront of exposing the government" are of Sonia and Rahul

It is learnt that the party has decided to set up a committee to assist Sonia to look into "all issues," including those raised by the 23 leaders. While Sonia will continue as interim party president for now, an AICC session is likely to be convened in the next four to six months to elect a new president. The CWC meeting. held via video conference, came against the backdrop of Sonia's tactical signal on Sunday that she was not keen to continue as the interim president. The meeting turned into a vote of confidence in Sonia's leadership, and a reiteration of the party's faith

in the Nehru-Gandhi family. As first reported by The Indian Express on Sunday, the unprecedented letter, signed by 23 party leaders, sought a "full time and effective leadership" which is both "visible" and "active" in the field; elections to the CWC; and the urgent establishment of an "institutional leadership mechanism" to "collectively" guide the party's revival.

At the meeting, the letter remained on paper. After Sonia conveyed at the outset that she was unwilling to continue, many asked Rahul Gandhi to take over. Sonia's letter asking the CWC to "begin deliberation" to start the process to find a fullmeeting were four of the 23 who signed the letter - Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Mukul Wasnik and Jitin Prasada. The meeting saw a well-choreographed attack against the signatories, said sources. Rahul

Among those present at the

is learnt to have taken the lead, as he questioned the timing of the letter, arguing that it was sent at a time when the party was fighting to save its government in Rajasthan and when his mother was in hospital. He also suggested that a structure needs to be put in place to assist the party president in handling the party's affairs and functioning till a new president is elected.

Importantly, Rahul is learnt to have said that Sonia's continuation as interim president can't be open-ended and a new president should be elected as early as possible. Both Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra are learnt to have said that the process to elect a new president should be carried out within six months.

Rahul also pointed out that Sonia had agreed to accept the post of interim president a year ago on the insistence of the party.

Taking the cue from Rahul, leaders like Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Ambika Soni lashed out at the 23 signatories. Soni is learnt to have demanded disciplinary action against them and told Azad that he became Jammu and Kashmir chief minister because Sonia had campaigned in Srinagar, ignoring se-

Party veteran and AICC treasurer Ahmed Patel is learnt to have targeted Sharma, saying he had misinterpreted the concept of collective leadership and asked whether he meant that Sonia should sit at home. Patel told Sharma that he was considered to be an expert in drafting letters and asked him whether he had read the letter before signing it. He also asked Rahul to take over as Congress president. Senior leader P Chidambaram neither referred to the letter nor said anything against those who had written it. He said there are certain issues which need to be addressed but did not elaborate. Rajya Sabha MP Rajeev Satav lashed out at Azad on the issue of collective leadership, asking whether he, as general secretary in-charge of Haryana, was not taking decisions without holding discussions with the state unit. Mahila Congress chief Sushmita Dev asked when Sonia had not taken everyone's opinion on important issues. AICC in-charge of Bihar, Shaktisinh Gohil, asked

the 23 signatories to introspect. Sonia, in her closing remarks, is learnt to have said that she doesn't hold any "ill-will" against those who wrote the letter. "Let's move ahead... what has happened has happened," a leader quoted her as saying.

"We are a large family. We have differences and different views on many occasions. but in the end we come together as one. The need of the hour is to fight for the cause of the people

how hurtful the remarks today, or in the past many years, of any colleague have been. She said she has always risen above them to keep the Congress family together and to fight for the cause of the people," Surjewala said. A resolution issued at the

end of the meeting did not mention setting-up of the committee but said "the CWC authorises the Congress president to effect organisational necessary changes that she may deem appropriate to take on the chalnges listed above.

It said the CWC "takes note of the letter of Congress president, Sonia Gandhi, addressed to the General Secretary (Organisation) as also a letter written earlier by certain Congress leaders to the Congress president." The CWC unanimously re-

quested Sonia to continue to lead the party "until such time as circumstances will permit an AICC session to be convened," it said. Venugopal said the AICC session will he held at the earliest but did not give any time

frame. The CWC said both Sonia and Rahul have inspired a generation of Indians, within and outside the party, to demand answers from this government.

The resolution said the CWC, reflecting the overwhelming view and desire of the rank and file of the Congress. unanimously resolved to strengthen the hands of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in every possible way. The CWC makes it clear that no one will be, or can be, permitted to undermine or weaken the party and its leadership at this juncture."Without naming the leaders, it said "the CWC notes that inner-party issues cannot be deliberated through the media or in public fora. The CWC urges and advises all concerned to raise such issues only in party fora in the interest of propriety and discipline."

the states that have seen an in-

Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh,

Manipur, Gujarat, Kerala,

Nagaland, Assam, Karnataka

Pradesh and Tripura. Kerala has

share of women's persondays

in the total during the current

year, followed by Puducherry

(87), Tamil Nadu (84.82), Goa

(75.75), Rajasthan (65.35) and

pation at 30.72 per cent, fol-

lowed by UP(33), Nagaland (36)

Arunachal Pradesh (40),

Pradesh (41).

I&K has the lowest partici-

Himachal Pradesh (60.31).

Maharashtra,

Odisha.

Air traffic

Exchange event of the The Indian Express. (A detailed transcript of the conversation will be published later.)

By Diwali (November 14), "we should be getting a bulk of our civil aviation traffic back in form", the Minister said.

Operations are currently limited to 100 flights per day at Mumbai airport. Flights to Kolkata from Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Nagpur, Ahmedabad have been restricted until August 31.

Overall, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has allowed airlines to operate only up to 45% of their pre-Covid capacities. This cap was 35% when flights resumed on May 25.

International flights, Puri said, will depend on the behaviour of the virus. "I cannot anticipate whether countries will allow people from India in, but we have gone ahead and made the best out of a very difficult situation, navigated through turbulence, and today we have air bubbles with the US, Canada, the UK, France, Germany. I have announced 13 more," he said.

"In our case, we started with a mandatory 14-day quarantine -7 days' institutional and 7 days' self guarantine. Now we have introduced an innovation, if you are carrying a certificate of an RT-PCR test done in the last 96 hours you can go through the green channel. We are opening up these things so that we move towards normalcy.'

Aviation is among the sectors worst impacted by the outbreak of the pandemic and the lockdowns all over the world. Consultancy firm CAPA India has projected losses of \$4-4.5 billion for India's airline industry in 2020-21 (April-March). However, Puri said that airlines could be saved by resuming operations as quickly as possible. and that government was "navigating its way forward" on this. "Different airlines are in different financial positions. There are some which were under strain even prior to Covid. There are others that are a little more comfortable because they are tied to bigger business establishments," he said. "My own firmly held view is that the saving of airlines, etc. will come by as quickly as possible resuming operations. We have taken many meetings, we are crease in women's share are navigating our way forward." Puri spoke about the controversy over the privatisation of Thiruvananthapuram airport. Responding to a question on how Puducherry, Goa, Arunachal the Centre would proceed now that the state had refused to cothe highest (91.38 per cent) operate, the Minister said that if the Kerala government was against privatisation, it should not have participated in the bidding process. "First they turned around and said they are against privatisation. If they're against privatisation, they should not have participated in this. They are already running two privatised airports (Kochi Jharkhand (40.77) and Madhya and Kannur). Some people have suggested that there is angle of the person who has won the bid. That also does not seem to be but the state government and the right because that economic en-DMRC also believe time has come tity is running a port 20 kilometo resume (services)," he said. tres from there. So, my short an-"Now whether you resume in swer is that they have an a calibrated manner... even the experience in privatisation, they Ministry of Civil Aviation started wanted to participate, they participated, they lost the bid and with 33 per cent and now we will expand more. I personally think therefore, we have proceeded," Delhi Metro should resume very Puri said quickly: this is not a decision that In the tender process for the I take, but the input that I have privatisation of Thiruvananprovided to the decision-making thapuram airport, Adani Enterpeople is that let us get it started, prises outbid the Kerala state govand I am hopeful it will happen ernment entity KSIDC by 19.64%, very soon. I saw a statement by which resulted in the state bethe CM who is saying the same coming ineligible to match the winning bid – an option that it Delhi Chief Minister Arvind could have exercised if its bid was Kejriwal and his government

"It also needs to be stated that as far as criminal investigations by regulatory departments/enforce-

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-**निविदा सूचना** निम्नलिखत कार्य हेतु कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु -निविदायें/सामान्य निविदा दो भागों में (जी.एस.टी.) में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से वेबसाईट ऑनलाइन ई-निविदा पोर्टल 'http://etender.up.nic.in' पर आमॅत्रित की जाती है। निविदा मूल्य तथा धरोहर राशि तथा अन्य वेवरण/संशोधन आदि की विस्तृत जानकारी ई-निविद पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है। अन्य नेयम/शर्ते विभाग के निर्धारित नियम एवं शर्ते उ.प्र. गवर कारपोरेशन लि. के फार्म ए/बी के अनुसार होंगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। ई-निविदा खुलने का देनांक- 24.09.2020 1- ई-निविदा संख्या 73/ई.टी.सी.एम./2020-21 विद्यत पारेषण खण्ड सम्भल के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र सम्भल ए.आई.एस.-टाइप) पर वार्षिक अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित अन्य कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू.⁻18000/-नेविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रू. 1770/-हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल प्रथम मुरादाबाद। ''राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें' 1988/वि.पा.मं.मु./ई-निविदा/2020-21 पत्रांक दिनांक 24/08/2020

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Azad said it was being said by "some persons" outside the CWC that the letter was sent at the behest of the BJP. He said he would resign "here and now" if that charge was proved. Later, speaking to

The Indian Express, Azad said: "Some Congress persons wrote vesterday that we are doing this at the behest of BJP... I said those people who are outside the CWC who are making these allegations should prove it and I will resign if they prove it."

At the meeting, Sharma said they have been "lifelong Congressmen" and that there are very few in the party who can match their credentials. Sharma said he and Azad stood with Indira Gandhi in 1978 when the party split, and many leaders betrayed and abused her. He said they fought with Saniav Gandhi and went to jail. "Many of them

senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, were beaten... some of us still carry those representing Bhushan, said his injury marks," he's client's "comments were opinion made in good faith founded on learnt to have said. Wasnik said they true facts" and that similar opinhave been "put in the ion was also expressed by some dock" as though they others in the past.

were criminals, and asked: "Is writing a letter a crime?" Azad and Sharma

said "you may discuss with us and disagree with us" on the issues raised "but

time president was read out by AICC general secretary in-charge

of organisation, KC Venugopal. Sources said former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and senior leader A K Antony were the first to ask Sonia to continue in the top post till a full-time president is elected. Antony, considered close to Sonia Gandhi, attacked the dissenters saying the letter was "cruel" in nature.

The data also shows that

against the target of 280.72

crore persondays during the

current year, over 183 crore

persondays have already been

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tress in rural India. In all, 18

states and Union Territories

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share stood at 2.24 per cent,

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60.05 last year to 56.47 -- fol-

lowed by West Bengal (3.32),

Telangana (2.62) and Himachal

While the national average

marginal increase.

curity concerns. Sources said Chowdhurv interiected when Azad defended the letter, saying "you should not try to defend the indefensible". Speaking later, he asked the leaders who wrote the letter "what is the panacea vou have

at your disposal which may revive the party... you enjoyed proximity and accessibility to Sonia Gandhi and you thought it prudent to write the letter ... "

and the forces that are failing this country... Organisational issues are always addressed and the process of constitution and reconstitution is a continuous one," party communication department head Randeep Surjewala quoted her as saying.

"She said she does not hold ill will against any colleague, or any other thought of any other nature, for she treats them as part of the family, irrespective of

> within 10% of the winning bid. FULL REPORTS ON www.indianexpress.com

WOMEN FINANCIAL YEAR PERSONDAYS OUT OF TOTAL (%) 2020-21 52.46 2019-20 54.7 2018-19 54.59 2017-18 53.53 2016-17 56.16 2015-16 55.26 2014-15 54.88 2013-14 52.82 *Financial Year 2020-21; figures are up to August 24 sharpest fall of 3.58 -- from Pradesh (2.44). Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Jammu and

Women's share in rural jobs scheme dips to 8-yr low

INDICATES RISING PARTICIPATION OF MEN

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"Our results prove that his second infection is caused by a new second time.

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Doctors have reported several cases of presumed reinfection in the US and elsewhere, but none of those cases have been confirmed with rigorous testing. Recovered people are known to shed viral fragments for weeks, which can cause tests to show a positive re-

sult in the absence of live virus. But the Hong Kong researchers sequenced the virus from both rounds of infection and found significant differences in the two sets of virus, suggesting that the patient was infected a

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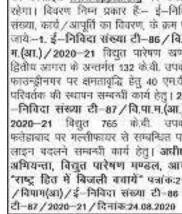
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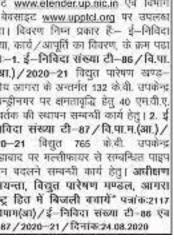
that have seen a decline. Among

gations too is likely to continue. On the resumption of the Metro, Union Minister Hardeep Puri, speaking at the Idea Exchange programme of The Indian Express Monday, said: "The hard facts are DMRC MD Mangu Singh and Metro have been ready to operate the services for about two months

"Delhi Metro is a very professional organisation. They were ready two months ago. And the thing," Puri said. DMRC MD tells me that services can resume at a two-day notice. I think everybody has agreed now. have been pushing for resump-Not just the central government, tion of the service.







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Re-infection to the coronavirus may last only a few months in some people. And it has implications for vaccines being developed for the virus. The 33-year-old man had only mild symptoms the first time, and

no symptoms this time around. The reinfection was discovered when he returned from a trip to Spain, the researchers said, and the virus they sequenced closely matched the strain circulating in Europe in July and August.



Eight Tablighis discharged, court says no evidence to show presence at Markaz

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

A DELHI court has discharged eight members of the Tablighi Jamaat who were facing trial at Saket district court, stating that there was "no prima facie evidence" against them. As reported by The Indian Express, while a majority of foreign Tablighi Jamaat members had taken plea deals and left for their countries, 44 had decided to face trial in Delhi.

The Jamaat was in news in March after the Nizamuddin Markaz emerged as a hotspot. As many as 955 foreigners were chargesheeted by Delhi Police for allegedly violating Visa conditions, indulging in missionary activities and not following the government's Covid guidelines.

The court also discharged the rest of the 36 under section 14 of the Foreigners Act and IPC sections 270 and 271. They still face charges under the Epidemic Act,

Disaster Management Act and other IPC sections. Chief

Metropolitan Magistrate Gurmohina Kaur, while discharging the eight, observed. "The entire chargesheet and documents attached thereto neither show his presence or participation at the Markaz during the relevant period. There is also no document on record to suggest that he was one of the participants involved in Tabligh's work as are the allegations. Neither the copy of the register seized and placed on record, nor the list of SDM providing details of persons who were sent from the Markaz either to hospitals or quarantine centers, or the list of persons who were part of the Markaz and were

tested for Covid, specifically mentions the name of the present accused, so as to even show his prima facie involvement or presence, as alleged in the chargesheet, at the Markaz. Even for this court to proceed further, there has to be some prima facie



Many foreigners attended the Jamaat gathering at the Nizamuddin Markaz. Archive

evidence against the accused, which is not so ... '

On the discharge applications of the remaining 36, it said, "It is pertinent to mention that there is no disclosure statement of any of the accused on record: rather there is a questionnaire filled up by the accused wherein he has stated that he is a follower." The court also went through

of growth as compared to the last

Over the past two weeks, the

"The most encouraging thing

week of July," the official said.

on this fact and the register relied upon by the prosecution only corroborates the fact of their presence or attendance at the Tablighi Jamaat, but it nowhere shows that the accused had violated the conditions mentioned in... the Visa Manual.' The Delhi Police had opposed the discharge application of the accused persons by submitting the statements of assistant subthat there was "sufficient prima inspectors Mahboob Ali and

evidence" facie in the Rakesh Kumar and stated: "... if chargesheet and documents to these statements are read as a proceed against them. Police had whole, they do not specifically alsubmitted an MHA circular to lege the role of the accused in state that the accused arrived in India on a tourist Visa but were professing and propagating the principles and doctrines of the "were involved in Tablighi work" in violation of the Visa Manual. Tablighi Jamaat, and are merely The Tablighis were repre-

ent accused had in any manner

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leged. The chargesheet is silent

"In fact, there is not an iota of sented by lawyers Rebecca John

evidence to suggest that the presand Ashima Mandla Nurbek Dosmukanbet Uulu,

> 45-year-old welder from Kyrgyzstan, was among the eight discharged by court. He had arrived in India on December 8. 2019 and spent around 25 days in Patna before moving to Delhi.

"I had left the markaz building much before the outbreak of Covid and was in another mosque in Delhi. I was taken to a quarantine centre at Dwarka from that mosque and had to spend the months of April and May there. At the centre, I underwent 4 Covid tests and was negative every single time." Uulu said.

Uulu, the sole breadwinner in his family, said his wife and four children await him back home. "I feel happy that the truth has been established. I did not break any law at all. Even after so much false news and propaganda, at least there are judges who seek the truth," he said.

Nikita Khaitan, submitted to (With inputs from Sourav Roy Barman) Justice Bakhru that the petition

After 3 weeks, uptick **OPD** slots to be linked to app in future: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Keiriwal launched a mobile app and web-based online OPD registration and appointment system for the Dada Dev maternity hospital through video-conferencing Monday. The CM said the features of the mobile app will be integrated with the Delhi government's Hospital Management Information System (HMIS), which is expected to be launched within a year.

"Women patients will no longer need to wait in long queues; they can now register and get doctors' appointments through this app. There should be no crowding in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, and social distancing needs to be Fresh row as MCD maintained," said the CM, adding that bed capacity at hospital was being increased from 106 to 281. "If two-three women are being treated on a single bed, it is not right, especially in Delhi, which is the national capital. This issue will be solved with the expansion of the hospital that will be done in the coming days," he said. The hospital conducts close to 10.000 deliveries in a year. In January 2018, Kejriwal had announced that the government will develop a modern system of international standards to integrate all city government hospitals, polyclinics, and mohalla clinics. He said this would do away with long queues and crowds at government hospitals and enhance patient experience. "Implementation of HMIS will not only digitise all government health facilities but will also create huge facilities for patients. The new system will also take care of facilities for patients like appointments/availability with doctors etc through a centralised call center, online appointments, medicines, telemedicine and redesigning of different infrastructural facilities like OPD, pharmacy etc," said a senior official from the state health department.

NE riots case: HC notice to police on 'leaking' info to media outlets

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

THE DELHI High Court has issued notice on a plea by Jamia Millia Islamia student Asif Iqbal Tanha, arrested in a Northeast Delhi riots case, which sought court orders for an enquiry into alleged misconduct on part of the Delhi Police for "leaking' sensitive investigation information to several media outlets.

cluding Delhi Police and two me-

dia outlets, said: "A confession

made can't find its way out. But

lawyers Siddharth Aggarwal,

Sowjhanya Shankaran, Abhinav

Sekhri, Siddharth Satija and

has been filed "against publica-

tion and broadcast by various

news outlets of highly

sensitive/confidential informa-

tion in connection with ongoing

criminal investigations, where

the news outlets have made var-

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Tanha has also asked the

it has found its way out." Tanha, represented by

the 'sole aim of such disclosures appears to be to severely prejudice the fair trial rights' Iustice Vibhu Bakhru, issuing ongoing criminal investigations. notice to the respondents, in-Tanha's lawyers also drew

Jamia student Asif Iqbal

Tanha, arrested in a

Northeast Delhi riots

case, submitted that

the court's attention to a recent order passed by Justice Bakhru, which restrained Delhi Police from issuing any communication related to Pinira Tod activist Devangana Kalita, who is also arrested in a riots case, until the charges, if any, are framed and trial commences.

They argued that "these illegal acts of the respondent investigating agency are nothing but a mischievous attempt to circumvent the clear and unequivocal directions of a single judge bench of this court".

Tanha's lawyers also submitted that it has been the "consistent stand of the investigating agency in this case that accused persons, including the petitioner, are not entitled to copies of remand applications and reports filed by the public prosecutor or investigating agency on the ground that they contain sensitive information in relation to the ongoing investigation... However, the same agency has had no qualms in permitting details of such investigation from being aired on media... despite irreparable and irrevocable damage it would cause to the fair

trial rights of the petitioner". Advocate Rajat Nair accepted the notice on behalf of the police and told the court that he would seek further instructions on the allegations of the disclosure statement being allegedly leaked

The next date of hearing is on

Covid positivity rate shows slight increase, govt on alert

MALLICA JOSHI NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

WITH HOTELS and weekly markets reopening, and possibly the Delhi Metro next month, Delhi government officials are concerned about the positivity rate showing an increase over the past week. According to senior officials, after remaining stagnant at the 6% mark for over a month, the percentage of people testing positive for Covid out of the total tests conducted has shown signs of an increase.

'We were at 6% for many weeks but as more and more of the city reopens, the positivity rate has started to see an increase and is now around the 7%-8% mark. We are monitoring the situation closely. In Delhi, getting a test done is quite easy now and we are encouraging it," said an

official. Delhi has 1.62.527 cases so far, of which 11,626 are active. This number had dropped below 10,000 earlier this month. The Covid toll on Monday stood at 4,313 – a case fatality ratio of 2.6%. On Monday, 1,061 new

CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL				
TOTAL CASES			Total	Vacant
		HOSPITAL BEDS	14,119	10,510
1.11	1,62,527	VENTILATORS	1,231	780
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Aug 23	1,450	1,250	16	18,731
Aug 24	1,061	1,200	13	11,910
Total	11,626*	1,46,588	4,313	14,43,004
			*Tota	al active cases

cases were recorded and around 12,000 people were tested, which is less than the daily aver-

age of around 18,000. There is no shortage of beds - with or without oxygen and ventilators - in hospitals at present. Of the 14,119 Covid beds, 10,510 are vacant.

has been that the number of "We are not concerned regarding the number of beds at deaths has not increased even though cases have. Delhi's overpresent but we saw in the past that the number of cases shot up all fatality ratio has actually gone down slightly. We believe it is within days of the first phase of because of better patient maneasing of lockdown. The governSAKSHIDAYAL GURGAON, AUGUST 24

general statements."

GURGAON HAS witnessed an uptick in coronavirus cases over the last week, with new cases crossing the 100-mark for the first time in 22 days on Friday, as the Harvana government ordered closure of malls, shops and offices during weekends in the hopes of slowing down the virus spread.

While the district recorded 120 cases on Friday, the figure continued to hover above 100 in the next two days, with 102 people testing positive on Saturday and 113 on Sunday. It dropped to 77 on Monday.

compounded daily growth rate A look at the daily health bulover 7 days has risen slightly from 0.69% to 0.81%. At the peak letins reveals that 708 cases were of Delhi's Covid crisis, the growth recorded between August 17 and 23, as compared to 537 cases between August 10 and 16. This, even as the number of tests reduced during the period - falling from 14,232 between August 10 and 16. to 12.470 between August 17 and 23.

"Testing was slightly lower



Gurgaon recorded 77 fresh cases on Monday. Archive

that. There was also waterlogging in many parts of the city on two days because of which people were not venturing out for tests... We are conducting around 2,000 tests on average daily," said Dr

Virender Yadav, Chief Medical Officer(CMO). Acknowledging the uptick, of-ficials said the positivity rate recorded last week was 5.32 percent, up from 3.89 percent in the previous week. "There has again been a surge because people have stopped following precautions...,"

said the CMO. Another official from the health department said that an

the petitioner. He submitted to the court that the timing of this "leak" to the media and "publication of this false information purportedly from the police files, at a time when bail application of the petitioner is pending consideration before the trial court, creates a reasonable apprehension that the process of justice is being at-

> court to direct Zee News, OpIndia, YouTube and Facebook, who are respondents in this case with DCP Special Cell, to take down the sensitive/confidential information allegedly leaked to to the media. them by police, and issue guidelines on media reporting of the September 11.

ment is prepared and has not relaxed, and the trend seems to suggest that there has been a slight increase in cases and rate

agement techniques now, availability of oxygen on almost all beds and quick hospitalisation," the official said.

rate was over 5%.

last week because of two reasons - the Sero Survey was being conducted in Gurgaon and part of our manpower had to be deployed for

MCG councillor, who recently attended a gathering in a gurdwara in New Colony, tested positive along with his family.

clears tall building at North Campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

THE NORTH MCD has cleared the plan to construct the city's tallest building, a 39-storey group housing society, near Vishwavidyalaya Metro station in the vicinity of Delhi University's North Campus. North MCD standing committee head Chhail Bihari said the layout plan has been passed by the corporation, and the building, set to be 145.30 metres tall, can be con-

had held protests and raised is-

sues over privacy concerns due to

Bipin Tiwari said: "The layout has

been cleared by the standing

committee, and it is not the final

authority. The MCD's earlier lay-

out is under challenge at the

National Green Tribunal, and the

Supreme Court had upheld this.

Pending all these things... they

can't bring out a new layout till

the earlier issue is settled. The

MCD is also required to consult

DU before taking decisions on this

matter. We have written to the

North MCD commissioner, with

copies to the Chief Minister and

Bihari, however, said con-

struction can start only after the

NGT grants permission. Last year,

the green panel had directed that

construction be stopped and

called for an environmental im-

pact assessment. The NGT had

noted that environmental clear-

ance(EC) was granted to the proj-

ect in 2012, which had lapsed and

a fresh application was submit-

ted for its amendment.

New Delhi

the L-G, raising our concerns."

DU Deputy Dean (works)

several hostels in the vicinity.

station. Archive structed on two hectares of land. But the move has not gone privacy concerns due to many down well with the varsity, which ostels in the vicinity.

Another member of the standing committee Vicky Gupta said as per master plan rules, the floor area cannot be more than 75% for buildings in the area but the project has an FAR of 200%. He said rules can only be changed by the Urban Development ministry through a notification.

North MCD mayor Jai Prakash, however, said the work was executed as per rules.

The project area was part of 3.05 hectares of land the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation had acauired from the Defence Ministry in 2001. The Metro station was built on one hectare and the rest was given to a private firm, which is planning to build residential flats. The construction had drawn the ire of DU students and staff, who said the building violates the Master Plan of Delhi 2021. They moved the Supreme Court last year after the Delhi High Court dismissed its petition challenging the transfer of public land to a private builder and the construction of the high-rise. DU students had also demanded that the land be

hostels for 4.000 students. At present, the tallest building in Delhi is the 28-storey MCD Civic Centre, which is 102 metres high.

given to the varsity for building

BRIEFLY -

Minorities panel gets new chief

New Delhi: Former Congress councillor from Babarpur, Zakir Khan, was appointed the new chairperson of the Delhi Minorities Commission by the Lt-Governor on Monday. Kawaljit Singh and Nancy Barlow will be the two members of the commission, the Delhi government said. The tenure of the previous chairperson Zafarul Islam Khan ended in July.

Driver in ASI hit-and-run arrested

New Delhi: Five days after a 51-year-old ASI was allegedly hit by a car, the accused driver was arrested from Noida, police said Monday. According to police, the accused allegedly hit the ASI, who is in a coma, with his car twice. He allegedly told police that he got angry when the ASI tried to stop him.

'Convinced Centre to open banquet halls'

New Delhi: Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Monday said that his government convinced the Centre to reopen banquet halls with "great difficulty". ENS



chological assessment, psycho-

FAST LANE

People throng the Karol Bagh weekly market, Monday. The weekly markets have reopened in Delhi after five months, with authorities allowing their operation on a trial basis till August 30. *Tashi Tobgyal*

To counsel victims of violence, abuse in childcare homes, Delhi govt says will seek professional help

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

children in the capital. THE DELHI government plans to engage a number of psychiatrists, clinical psychologists and counsellors to address the needs of those in child care homes who are struggling to overcome effects of various forms of vioprofessionals. lence and abuse.

The initiative by the Women and Child Development Department comes nearly 10 months after a Tata Institute of

Social Services audit found grave mental stress, psychological and instances of abuse at around 14 behavioural disorders" will be shelter homes for women and made available

There are 20 such homes and Rule 35 of the Juvenile Justice institutions under the Delhi gov-(Care and Protection of ernment. While some shelter Children) Model Rules, 2016, homes are for victims of abuse, mandates mental health servneglect and trafficking among ices, including individual therothers, the remaining are for apy, at all such homes by trained children in conflict with law.

The department has invited According to the plan, under expressions of interest from exthe mental health services, "psyternal agencies, hospitals, nursing homes and trusts, seeking to social profiling, counselling, preengage at least three psychiavention and treatment of trists, nine clinical psychologists

and 18 counsellors for psychological as well as medicinal interventions in required cases.

The scope of their work has been broken up into 15 categories, ranging from screening of all inmates within two days of their admissions to "preventive therapeutic intervention for residents with suicidal tendencies and those of violent conduct and abnormal sexual behaviour".

The professionals will be tasked with identifying and treating mental disorders or illnesses, counsel and impart life skills to those who have suffered violence and abuse, and prepare them for independent survival, among others.

'The agency shall maintain a separate file in respect of each resident containing the complete psychological profile, background, documentation of mental health status, medication (if any), counseling sessions, milestones achieved in the psychological health of the resident, which shall be the property of the WCD," the department has said in its EOL

AAP leaders also objected to the proposal. North MCD standing committee member and AAP leader Ajay Kumar said there are



near Vishwavidyalaya Metro

WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM THE INDIAN EXPRESS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

THECITY

Man slits employer's

tioned him and also conducted

raids near Prakash's house. A few

days later, the body was found in a well. It was pulled out and

Police said there were in-

iuries on the victim's neck and

head. A case of murder was reg-

istered at Baba Haridas Nagar

Tasleem again, they found that

he had fled with Prakash's mo-

teams to his hometown Shamli in

UP. Raids were also conducted in

Panipat and other areas in

Haryana, but he wasn't found. On

that he was in Delhi's Jharoda. We

sent a team there and the accused

initially fled to Panipat and re-

turned thinking that the case

claimed that he was being paid

Rs 15,000 per month, but

Prakash decided to cut down the

salary by Rs 3,000 because of the

According to police, Tasleem

Police said the accused had

was arrested." said an officer.

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When police tried to contact

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police station.

torcycle and mobile.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

A 21-YEAR-OLD man allegedly killed his employer in Dwarka after a fight over a salary cut because of the Covid pandemic, police said Monday.

According to police, the accused. Tasleem, was upset over the salary cut and had argued with his employer, Om Prakash (45), earlier this month. Later, he allegedly attacked Prakash at his home with a wooden stick and slit his throat, before dumping the body in an unused well.

Prakash, who owned a dairy centre in Baba Haridas Colony in Jharoda Kalan, had hired Tasleem at his shop in June this year - but reduced his salary after the lockdown and the pandemic affected his business severely, police said.

Police said that a missing persons report was filed on August

12 by the victim's nephew. (Dwarka) Anto DCP Alphonse said, "Prakash lived alone and was last seen with Tasleem on August 10. We ques-

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

lockdown

General public is hereby informed that this person namely Jatinder Kapoor S/o Phami Lal R/o H.No. 2/C, Street No. 8, Near Railway Line, Bihari Colony, Shahdara, Delhi Age: 44 years, Height: 6'2", Face : Long, Build : Thin,

Complexion : Fair, Identification : Jatinder Kapoor Unsound Mind, wearing blue colour T-shirt, black colour pant and green colour chapple in feet, has been missing since 06.03.2020 from his house. In this regard a DD No. 54-A dated 07.06.2020 P.S. Farsh Bazar, Delhi has been lodged.

Any person having information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following:-

E-mail:	cic@cbi.gov.in
Website	: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 243	68639,
Tel.: 243	68638/24368641

SHO - P.S. Farsh Bazar. New Delhi, Tel. No. 011-21210833

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one male namely Kalu S/o Unknown R/o Unknown. Age about 45-50 years, Height about 5'7", Face long, Complexion shallow, Built thin, Black & White hair and moustaches, I.D. Mark: A mole on left eye, wearing White check shirt and Black colour Pant was found dead under R.K. Ashram, Metro Station, Panchkuian Road,

New Delhi on 20.08.2020. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at LHMC Hospital mortuary for identification. In this regard a DD No. 34-A dated 20.08.2020 has been lodged at PS Mandir Marg, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this decreased person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below. SHO

US STARTS PLASMA THERAPY, CM SAYS LEARNING FROM DELHI throat over salary cut **In sero survey 3.0, Delhi govt** to collect 17,000 samples

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

THE STATE health department is gearing up for the third serological survey, scheduled between September 1 and 5, as part of the "We searched for him and sent Delhi government's strategy to assess the spread of Covid in the city. According to sources, the sample size of the survey is going to be higher than the one held in Sunday, our sources informed us the second round during August, with around 17,000 people expected to be surveyed this time. "The sample size is being cal-

culated following a prescribed formula. In the second survey, over 15,000 people were tested, while over 21,000 people were evaluated in the first survey conducted by the National Centre for Disease Control. Everything apart from this will remain the same; the districts will follow protocol laid down by the state government earlier. Training of officers will start from Tuesday,"

said a senior official from the state health department. The second sero survey

showed that about 29% of those surveyed had the presence of novel coronavirus-specific antibodies, suggesting they had been exposed to the virus. The results were announced by Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain last week.

The survey was conducted in all 11 districts. The highest prevalence of the disease was found in



People outside a dispensary India would do tomorrow. survey. Abhinav Saha

10 out of 11 districts had more

sults of these surveys should be thoroughly examined to understand various aspects of the disease. Dr Lalit Kant, former head, epidemiology, and communicable diseases division, ICMR, said "Compared to the previous survey, the prevalence rate has increased by 5-6 percentage points. Now about a third of Delhi's population appears to have antibodies. Extrapolating this prevalence to Delhi's population of about 2 crore, more or less 60 lakh would have been exposed to the virus. If we assume that 15-20% of these were severe cases and needed hospital care, we come to a figure of 9-12 lakh. Our health system has so far detected over 1.6 lakh positive individuals. Somewhere

between 7-10 lakh cases more should have been picked up. This is a very simplistic way of looking at a very complex issue, but it still makes a point – perhaps we need to test many times more than what we are doing to detect, contain and interrupt transmission. The other issue worth pondering is where are those undetected and untreated positive persons."

Meanwhile, after US President Donald Trump announced that the Food and Drug Administration had authorised convalescent plasma therapy for emergency use, the Delhi government said the US was learning from Delhi.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted: "They used to sav, back in the day - what America does today, India would do tomorrow. Delhi has changed it. Now - what Delhi did yesterday, America does today. Congratulations Delhiites for achieving this for our country."

The government, in a statement said. Delhi was the first in the country to apply for permission from the Centre to start plasma therapy trials in its hospitals in April. It later opened plasma banks as well, for those who recovered from Covid to donate antibodies that could be administered to patients. Till August 11,921 recovered patients donated plasma at the ILBS plasma bank. This included healthcare workers and police officials.

Govt to compensate farmers after fields submerged in water



At Rawta Village in Southwest Delhi: (below) The Indian Express report dated August 24. Abhinav Saha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

FARMERS IN Southwest Delhi villages close to the Haryana border, whose fields have been submerged in water overflowing from Najafgarh drain since earlier this month, will be compensated by the Delhi government. Southwest Delhi district magistrate Rahul Singh told The Indian Express Monday, "We are assessing the extent of damage and preparing an assessment."

The Indian Express had reported on Monday that around 1,000 acres of fields in Outer Delhi's Rawta and adjoining villages, in which farmers were about to harvest their dhan crops, have been flooded with a mix of wastewater and rainwater from the Najafgarh drain.

After Wednesday's heavy rain in Gurgaon, the city had pumped out excess water into



the drain, which caused water to enter homes in Rawta Water levels had not receded as of Monday morning, residents said, when government officials arrived to survey the damage.

Deepak Yadav, a resident of nearby Ihulihuli village, said, "Officials spoke about providing compensation but did not tell us how this problem of flooding, which affects us every year, will be solved. They also did not say what would be done about waterlogging in (Rawta) village."

He said villages nearby have also suffered damage and the government should devise a system through which the person working on the field, and not the one who leased it, is compensated.

Chief secy Tender Ref. No./ assault case: Tender No 2020_HRY_ **Trial court** 140360 1 to hear arguments

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

THE DELHI High Court Monday permitted a trial court to hear arguments on framing of charges in the then chief secretary assault case in which Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Šisodia were made accused.

The high court allowed an application by then chief secretary Anshu Prakash and modified its March 14, 2019 order by which the trial court was directed not to hear arguments on the charges. As far as the March 14, 2019 order is concerned, the same is modified to the extent that the trial court can proceed and hear the matter at the stage of arguments on charges, Justice Vibhu Bakhru said. Prakash has also sought a direction for an early hearing of the petition filed before the high court by Kejriwal and Sisodia challenging the trial court's order that prosecution in the case be conducted by a Delhi Police officer not below the rank of Additional Commissioner. The two AAP leaders had also challenged the trial court's October 22, 2018 order permitting two other advocates to conduct the prosecution on behalf of the officer of Delhi Police, instead of a regular public prosecutor attached to the court concerned. The high court, however, noted that the petition is listed for hearing on November 2 and it was not feasible to hear it at an earlier date. On October 25, 2018, Keiriwal. Sisodia and nine other AAP MLAs were granted bail by the trial court in the assault case. The alleged incident had triggered a bitter tussle between the Delhi government and its bureaucrats.

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely Ram Laxmi Upadhay W/o Virender Kumar Upadhay R/o H. No. B-88, Gali No. 04, Jagatpuri, Delhi Aged-32 Years has been reported missing since 19.03.2020 from her house vide DD No. 044/A Dated 19.03.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Jagatpuri, Delhi. Her physical description is as

under:-Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'2", Built: Thin, Face: Long, ID: Mentally Depressed, Wearing: Blue coloured kurti, blue coloured salwar and white coloured slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Jagatpuri, Delhi at E-mail cic@cbi.gov.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in

FAX No.: 011-24368639 DP/119/SHD/2020 011-22420363

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Sd/-SHO, Jagatpuri, Delhi Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Tel.: 011-22420362

CORRIGENDUM-IL NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER E-NITNO.: 05/EBWB, PPH Dated: 08.06.2020

Name of Office: Superintending Engineer, Pong Pawer House Circle, BBMB

Back in the day, they

used to say — what

America does today,

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this for our country"

CMARVIND KEJRIWAL

AFTER US PRESIDENT TRUMP

APPROVED PLASMA THERAPY

bodies than men (28.73%).

Now, what Delhi did

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than 20% prevalence.

yesterday, America does today. Congratulations According to experts, the rethe Southeast district, where 32.2% of participants had antibodies. This was also the district that showed the biggest jump from last time, when it had recorded

22.2% prevalence. More women (32.2%) were found to have anti-During the previous survey. eight districts were found to have more than 20% prevalence of Covid, with Central, Northeast, North and Shahdara with almost 27% prevalence. However, in the August survey,

LIST OF TENDERS UPLOADED ON WEBSITE Name of Name of Work/ **Opening Date** Amount/EMD Website of the odal Officer/Contact No. Deptt./Board/ Notice/Tender **Closing Date** (Approx.) Details/E-mail Department Corp./Auth (Time) in Rupees Pandit Repairing and Rs http://plcsup-va.ac.in Sh. Devender Lakhm ,40,000/- for Rathee/ 94666 Comprehensive 20.08.2020 (at 16.00 hrs.) Contractor: 28298/ maintenance of Rs. 14.800/devender and Eureka Forbes 17.09.2020 rathee918@ for L&C Aquaguard Society= upto 15.00 hr gmail.com storage Coller Rs. 7.400/ with inbuilt RO Purifier PLCSUPVA Rohtał



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Ph. 011-23364100, 23366730 SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a boy namely Sajid S/o Sabir R/o H.No. 601, Gali No. 22, Mohd. Ali Ka Makan, Old Mustafabad, Delhi has been kidnapped from his house since 28.05.2015. In this regard a FIR No. 458/15 u/s 363 IPC dated 28.05.2015 has been lodged at PS, Gokal Puri, Delhi. In this case cash reward Rs. 20000/- has been announced The description of kidnapped boy is as

PS Mandir Marg, New Delhi

Name : Sajid, Father's Name : Sabir, Age : 5 years, Height : 3'6" Face : Oval, Complexion : Fair, Built : Medium, Wearing Chocolate Colour Baniyan, Green Colour Capri and Hawai

undersigned at following phone numbers. SHO P.S., Gokal Puri, Delhi Fax : 011-24368639 Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph.: 011-22810486

Extn No. : 2101 DP/90/NE/2020

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD O (Power Wing) CORRIGENDUM-II NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER 5-NIT No.: 05/EBWB, PPH Dated: 08.06.2020 Name of Office: Superintending Engineer, Pong Pawer House Circle, BBMB PW), Talwara Name of work: Procurement of Fire Hydrasts, Flexine Hose Pipes & Galvanized Multipurpose Nozzles for Pong Power House, Talwara Documents Download Start date & time 10.06 2020 from 16.00 Hrs. Documents Download End date & time 07.09.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs. Last Date & Time of Online Bid Submission 21.09.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs.

Date & Time of Online Bid Opening 22.09.2020 at 11.00 AM. For detailed N/T & Earnest Money to be deposited please visit BBMB website www.bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in,

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CORRIGENDUM-VII Notice Inviting e-Tender NIT No.: 01/BBMB, PPH Dated 01.01.2020

Name of office: Superintending Engineer, Pong Power House Circle, BBMB (PW), Talwara

Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply, Delivery for destination site. Erection site testing & Commissioning of SCADA compatible one No. L.T. Panels & Retrofitting of one No. MCCB Breaker in Existing LT Panel and Dismantling of One No. Existing Panel and Laying of control cable & Power cable (To be provided by BBMB) at Pong Power House, Talwara.

	Documents Download Start date & Time	11.06.2020 from 16:00 Hrs.	
	Documents Download End date & Time	07.09.2020 up to 16:00 Hrs.	
	Last Date & Time of Online Bid Submission	21.09.2020 up to 17:00 Hrs.	
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website https://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in.

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Name of work: Procurement of Slip Ring & Commutator Carbon Brushes for Pong Units 1 to 5

Documents Download Start date & time 10.06.2020 from 16.00 Hrs. Documents Download End date & time 07.09.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs. Last Date & Time of Online Bid Submission 21.09.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs. Date & Time of Online Bid Opening 22.09.2020 at 11.00 AM. For detailed NIT & Earnest Money to be deposited please visit BBMB website www.bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in. FEEDING STREET, For Your Better Tomorrow Save Energy Today

कार्यालय अधिष्ठाता, स्व. बलीराम कश्यप स्मृति शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, डिमरापाल, जगदलपुर (छ.ग.) E-mail-gmcjadalpur@gmail.com

क्रमांक/4811/शाचिम/निविदा/2020-21 जगदलपुर, दिनांक 19/08/2020

निविदा सूचना

स्य, बस्तितम क्लयम प्रमुति जागकीय विकिस्ता महाविद्यालय एवं लंबद्व विवित्रयालय विभागमल, जगदलपुर जिला मात्तर वे उपयोग हेतु वॅमिकल्म/सिएजेंद्स/वैधित नायगोस्टिक किट/भारत्येपर/ जनवरन/इंस्ट्र्सेंट प्रय क्रिये जारे हेतु. निर्मातली तथा कार्ल मधियुत विवेन्द्रओं में निभिय आगंत्रित की प्राप्ती है। निविदा प्रयत्र अधिवादा, स्व बलीटन करण्य स्पृति गामकीय विक्रिया नगरविद्यालय, जिमवपाल, जगदलपुर के कार्यालय में आदेवन प्रमतन कर संपर्व 2000/~ (दी तरतर संपर्व गांत) का जलिवाता. इस बलीरान कर्यप रमुठि सालसेव फिलिल्टा महाविद्यालय, विनरामाल, जगवलपुर के नाम से देव विमात तापट अच्या नगर जमा यस दिमांक 24/06/2020 में दिनॉय 18/03/2020 तक कार्यलयीन दिवस में प्राम किये जा शकते हैं, जो तापती मोग्य गती हैं। नितिदा कें संबंध में दिखत जानवारी छलीसगढ़ शासन के देवसहरू <u>http://bastar.gov.in</u> पर भी प्रांश किया या सकता है इव गिविया प्रांप संसम लोग भी किया या सकता है किन्दु बाउन लोब निविधा प्रयत्र के साथ कवये 2000/- (वी इजार रूपये गात) का दिनांड हापट अधेषतता. स्व. बलीतम काचम स्मृति शासकीय विवित्सा महाविद्यालय, जिम्सपाल, लगरलपुर के नाम से देश प्रेक्यलिफिकेंडन बिंद के साथ संलग्ध करना अभियायें है।

- 1. गिविदा विकने की शुरुआग - 24/08/2020
- निर्मात विकी की बतिन लिखि - 18/09/2020 शांश 5 मेले लगा।
- निविदा जमा करने की अतिम लिबि 24/09/2020 दोन्हर 1 बजे गया।
- निर्माण खोलने की लिगि - 24/09/2020 समय योपहर 3 सते।
- निविद्य जना करने का खान - अभिष्यता कार्यालय, स्व वलीतम करवा स्मृधि बासकीय विजिलाग महाविधालय, किनरामाल, जगवलपुर, ग्रिला–बासार (घ.म.)
- निविध खोल्ने का स्थान - अधिष्टाता वर्त्त्योलय, स्व. बतीराण करण्य स्पृष्टि शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, जिनस्पाल, जगदलपुर, जिला-पत्तान (छ.ग.)

हस्ता/-अधिष्ठाता, स्व.बी.आर. कश्यप स्मृति, शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय डिमरापाल, जगदलपुर

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHENNAI - 600 00

Tender Notice No. 01/2020-2021 Dated: 24.08.2020

For and on behalf of Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority sealed Tenders are invited from Registered / Reputed Consultancy Firms by the Member Secretary under two cover system for Providing Consultancy Services for "preparation of Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Three Wholesale Markets with Modern Amenities at Kattankolathur / Potheri Village, Kuthambakkam Village and Mathur Village". For all details can be seen in www.tenders.tn.gov.in

Last date & time for downloading the application forms27.09.2020 upto 15.00 Hrs.Last date & time for submission of bids on28.09.2020 upto 15.00 Hrs.Date & time for opening of bids28.09.2020 upto 15.30 Hrs.	DIPR/3164/Tender/2020	MEMBER SECRETARY, CMDA, Chennai - 600 008.
	Date & time for opening of bids	28.09.2020 upto 15.30 Hrs.
	Last date & time for submission of bids on	28.09.2020 upto 15.00 Hrs.
		27.09.2020 upto 15.00 Hrs.

GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR DEPARTMENT OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT (PURCHASE-2ND) SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF **MEDICAL SCIENCES SOURA, (SGR)** eNIT NO: SIMS 18 (P-II) OF 2020 DATED: 21.08.2020

SUB: ABBREVIATED NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF FOGGING SOLUTION AND SURFACE DISINFECTANT ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS AT SKIMS SOURA

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor UT of J&K through Director SKIMS, e-Tenders are invited under Two Bid System (Technical Bid and Financial Bid) from the Original Manufacturers their authorized Distributors/Dealers for supply of Fogging Solution & Surface Disinfectant at SKIMS Soura Srinagar on rate Contract Basis for a period of Two Years.

The detailed tender document containing specifications, tentative quantity of Fogging Solution and Surface Disinfectant along with the terms and conditions, is available on www.jktenders.gov.in and complete bidding process will be online on said e-Tender portal as per following schedule:

Sr. No.	Description	Schedule
01. Tender fee in the shape of Demand Draft favouring Director Finance SKIMS. 02 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of CDR/FDR (pledged to Director Finance) or a Bank Guarantee pledged to Director & EOSG SKIMS		Rs. 1000/-
		Rs. 20,000/-
04 Last date & time for submission of online tender From 0		From 22.08.2020 to 14.09.2020 upto 4.00 P.M.
		From 01.09.2020 to 14.09.2020 upto 4.00 P.M.
05	Date & time for opening of technical bids	16.09.2020 at 2.00 P.M.

Any clarification will be entertained from 22.08.2020 to 31.08.2020 on all working days during office hours.

The tender notice is also available on SKIMS website www.skims.ac.in (for reference only).

Complete bidding process will be online at www.jktenders.gov.in. (Technical and Price bids shall have to be submitted in Electronic format on the said tender portal and in no case be submitted in physical form, unless demanded by SKIMS.

Director SKIMS reserves the right to accept/reject or cancel any tender or all tenders in full or part without assigning any reason thereof.

The tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed NIT

No: SIMS 325 12/2020-1507-15-5190-93 Dated: 21.08.2020 SIMS-5192

Sd/-Asstt. Materials Management Officer (Purchase-II)

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Online percentage rate basis e tenders in two bid system for renovation work of water testing laboratory under NABL accreditation of lab at Distric Varanasi are hereby invited U.P Jal Nigam from the reputed contractors and having requisite work experience. Interested contractors may view & download tender document from 27.08.2020 and upload their tender duly filled, online on eprocurement website http:elender.up.nic.in latest by 04.09.2020 up to 13.00 Hrs. Uploaded tender will be opened on 04.09.2020 at 15.00 Hrs.





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Dear Friends,

Relations between India and Switzerland are referred to as a long standing dynamic partnership. Recent years have witnessed engagements at the highest level. The Hon'ble President of India undertook a State Visit to Switzerland last September. Agreements were signed in the priority fields of Climate Change, Science & Innovation, and Culture. India is committed to further strengthen and deepen the warm and friendly ties with Switzerland.

Switzerland is the 11th largest trading partner of India and the 12th largest investor into India. The Embassy of India, Berne is running the Momentum In India: Swiss SMEs Programme for further strengthening India-Switzerland commercial relations.

A Culture of Innovation and Entrepreneurship is common to India and Switzerland. Joint research projects are being undertaken under the India-Switzerland Agreement for Scientific & Technological Cooperation. Many Indian students are pursuing higher education in prominent Swiss Universities.

Swiss nationals regularly visit India, including for Ayurveda procedures. Switzerland regulates the profession of Ayurveda. The celebrations of Ayurveda Day as well as International Day of Yoga by the Embassy across Switzerland receive enthusiastic response.

The beauty and serenity of Switzerland has drawn prominent Indian personalities, including Mahatma Gandhi (1931), Swami Vivekananda (1896), and Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. A bust of Mahatma Gandhi was inaugurated at a beautiful location in Villeneuve in September 2019.

Switzerland is home to a vibrant and professional Indian diaspora which is highly respected. A number of Indian companies are present in Switzerland. Bollywood knows Switzerland very well and is the gateway to the picturesque Bernese Oberland.

Let me end with underlining the one word which comprehensively describes India-Switzerland relations – Harmony. We understand each other, appreciate each other's priorities and are able to bring our strengths together. My best wishes to the readers on the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of the signing of the India-Switzerland Treaty of Friendship.

Celebrating 72 Years of Indo-Swiss Partnership!

Reflecting the shared value of pluralism and a commitment to the democratic ways of life, the Indo-Swiss friendship is based on mutual respect and deep admiration for each other's culture and diversity

NE OFTEN wonders what binds India and Switzerland in such a close-knit bond? What makes India one of Switzerland's main partners in Asia? Why is Switzerland a household name in India? How come Yoga and Ayurveda are household names in Switzerland? Why do more than half a million Indian tourists visit Alps every year?

Well, to find answers to these questions, one needs to flip through the pages of history to find that both India and Switzerland instantly became each other's priority post Indian Independence, realising that both shared vibrant democratic traditions, values of pluralism and common interests. Switzerland's swift recognition of India's independence in 1947 paved the way for a strong bilateral relationship. Then, in August 1948, came the day when India and Switzerland signed the historic "Treaty of Friendship", proposed by then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, to lay the foundation for strong bilateral ties and economic prosperity.

In the past seven decades, India and Switzerland have regularly engaged in highpowered state visits to consistently engage in all spheres of bilateral cooperation, including political, trade and commerce, science and technology, education and research, cultural exchanges as well as people-to-people connect. This long-standing, dynamic partnership has gained a significant momentum in the past 4-5 years, subsequent to the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Geneva in June 2016. This high-level visit was followed by the State Visit of the Swiss President Doris Leuthard to India in August–September 2017.

In September 2019, President Ram Nath Kovind paid a State Visit to Switzerland accompanied by a high-level official and business delegation. President Kovind and Swiss President Ueli Maurer also made remarks at the India-Switzerland Business Round Table co-hosted by India and Switzerland on September 13, 2019, in Berne.



President Ram Nath Kovind unveiling a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Villeneuve, Switzerland on 14th September, 2019

BILATERAL TIES HAVE GAINED MOMENTUM SUBSEQUENT TO VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI TO GENEVA IN JUNE 2016

Besides these state visits, bilateral institutional arrangements such as The Indo–Swiss Joint Economic Commission (1959), Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) (January 1996), The Indo–Swiss Joint Committee on S&T (2011), and other dialogue mechanisms like India–Switzerland Financial Dialogue have also facilitated cooperation between the two nations.

The Treaty of Friendship set the tone for future economic engagements, as Article 3 to 6 of this Treaty secured the "most favoured foreign nation treatment" to Switzerland. This treaty became the foundation stone for their operations in India. Recent reform initiatives by India have

created enhanced potential for Swiss businesses. Sectors such as clean technology, life sciences, precision engineering, medtech, financial services and fintech, construction materials and equipment, consumer goods, railways and defence offer plenty of opportunities for Swiss companies.

As per reports, "Overseas Direct Investment from India to Switzerland for the duration from April 2017 to November 2019 was \$1495.6 million (4.09% of total Overseas Direct Investment) placing it at 4th position." Switzerland continues to attract investment from Indian companies looking for a gateway to Europe, thanks to its geo-strategic location in the centre of Europe, political and economic stability, modern infrastructure, strong industry and technology clusters and a moderate tax structure.

As for cultural connect between India and Switzerland, "there have been regular Indo–Swiss cultural exchanges in domains as diverse as art, architecture, food, entertainment, literature, and music, among others, and they have particularly seen a boom in the globalisation era." Established in 2007 in New Delhi, The Swiss Arts Council promotes cultural exchanges between the two nations. As per reports, "India too, has left its mark on Swiss culture through Bollywood, Indian cuisine, and more recently Yoga and Ayurveda. It will be difficult to find a village in Switzerland without Yoga practitioners."

On the Tourism front, Switzerland remains a most sought-after destination for Indians to relive those reel-life Bollywood moments. To boost Tourism, Switzerland appointed Ranveer Singh as its brand ambassador in 2017. Overall, it can be said that India–Switzerland bond has evolved with time and now focusses on shared immediate and long-term interests. With changing times and current disruptions owing to COVID-19, it is expected that the two countries will collaborate even more closely to keep evolving and benefiting each other, today and tomorrow.

Switzerland has Innovative Solutions to offer in the Renewable Energy Sector

With energy efficiency and climate control as the main pillars of collaboration, Switzerland is looking to tap into India's Renewable Energy sector to provide clean energy solutions and help make the country energy efficient in the future

LLUDING TO the problem of climate change, the former President of Switzerland, Doris Leuthard, during her address at the India Habitat Centre on September 1, 2017, said, "By the end of this century, we would need 2.8 planets to survive if we are not able to change people's mindset, industrial processes and our behaviour." Such is the concern of the world today regarding the necessity of climate control and renewable energy resources.

Being a hyperconnected country, India serves a population of more than 1.3 billion people. Switzerland realises India's need for a super-transportation system that is powered by clean renewable energy. The idea is to reduce energy consumption through energy-efficient mobility.

Over the seven decades of mutual understanding and cooperation, India and Switzerland have opened up new avenues for collaboration. Advocating the cause of clean energy for many years now, Switzerland is suitably placed to collaborate with global markets to fulfil their demands for



SHARING THE SAME PRIORITIES, INDIA AND SWITZERLAND ARE WORKING TOWARDS IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND EXPANDING UTILITY OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

energy efficiency using clean energy sources. Being one of the most innovative nations, Switzerland is home to the world's leading research and educational institutions. Owing to the fact that both the nations share the same priorities, India and Switzerland are currently working towards improving energy efficiency and expanding the utility of renewable energy.

The Indian government, in 2015, made a decision to make a transition to loweremission electricity system by declaring an ambitious target of 175 GW from renewables by 2022, consisting of 100 GW of solar energy and 60 GW of wind energy, sending out a clear-cut message – wider and cheaper energy access but at minimal cost to the environment. This decision has paved the way "for creation of synergies between the two countries to collaborate for knowledge exchange and explore innovative technical solutions to fast-track the growing renewable energy segment."

As part of its Energy Strategy 2050, "Switzerland has decided to take steps to improve energy efficiency and boost the share of renewable energies in the energy mix. Currently, Switzerland is helping municipal authorities in India to reduce greenhouse gas emissions." The Swiss Energy Strategy 2050 shares India's ambition to increase energy efficiency and encourage the development of renewable sources such as wind, hydropower and solar energy. Growth demands power, and access to clean, reliable energy lies at the heart of India's economic development.

Watch industry hit, but likely to bounce back

many more treaties to strengthen and boost

economic ties, including Double Taxation

Treaty in November, 1994; Amendment pro-

tocol in 2010; and Promotion and Protection

As per EXIM Bank, India figures, "Switzer-

land was the 11th largest trading partner

for India with the total bilateral trade includ-

ing bullion, amounting to \$19263.38 million

in 2018-19. The imbalance mainly arises out of

export of bullion and precious metals to In-

dia." As per the Swiss Federal Department of

Finance figures, in 2018, "India was Switzer-

land's 8th largest trading partner with the

total bilateral trade including bullion,

In terms of industry-wise distribution of

Swiss investments in India, traditional sec-

tors of Swiss excellence, e.g., engineering and

industrial equipment, services (tourism, fi-

nancial, logistics, etc.), precision instruments,

chemicals and pharmaceuticals, continue to

maintain top positions. Most of the Swiss

multinational companies like Nestle, ABB, No-

vartis, Roche UBS and Credit Suisse etc. have

amounting to \$19696 million."

of Investment Treaty in July 1997.

S WITZERLAND'S watchmaking industry is the country's third largest export industry behind the pharmaceuticals and machine tools sectors. It accounts for around 1.5% of Swiss gross domestic product and is a major generator of jobs in these regions. The coronavirus pandemic has crippled the Swiss watchmaking industry which is expected to suffer the worst crisis of its history in 2020. However, experts are confident of the ability of the industry to recover, as in the past.

Due to a lockdown, there was a ghastly silence over Switzerland's watchmaking industries. The closure of production units, stores and the inability to travel have put the brakes on sales of "Swiss Made" watches in markets around the world and in turn Swiss Watch exports dropped 21.9% overall by value compared with the previous year. But pundits are betting on the industry making a strong comeback in 2021, with exports expected to rebound by around 15%.

The industry's two major shows: Watches & Wonders and Baselworld, where traditionally all the global watchmakers unite as a community to discover and experience new trends and innovations, both got cancelled. The pandemic has forced a few brands to postpone all 2020 watch launches until 2021 or put all product news on hold indefinitely. However, most brands have continued introducing watches through Instagram posts and emailed news releases. Similarly, a number of companies have opted for



CLOSURE OF UNITS DUE TO PANDEMIC SAW SWISS WATCH EXPORTS DROP 21.9% OVERALL BY VALUE COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS YEAR

YouTube or Zoom equivalents of a news conference.

Swiss watch brands were slow to move online, but this lockdown has turned many into purveyors of digital distraction. Most of the brands saw this as an alternate opportunity and took to online selling either directly or by allowing their authorised retail partners to sell via e-commerce channels. However, many analysts are predicting a rocky road for brick-and-mortar retailers, as consumers who get accustomed to shopping online may fear returning to busy stores.

Like other industries, many Swiss watchmakers have responded to the pandemic with gestures of support for health care workers and communities in need through donations or mounting of operations to bring together P.P.E. or support medical research.

The Swiss watch industry has repeatedly proven its resilience and its ability to bounce back and its principal strength resides in its capacity to export its products to the entire world.

Mt Titlis beckons Indians like no other spot



T 10,000 feet above sea level, this glacier mountain excursion in central Switzerland welcomes more Indians than any other mountain.

Ascend with the 8-seater Titlis Xpress before you change into the world's first revolving cable car, the Rotair.

You will be mesmerised by the highlights of this fun-filled excursion including a ride on the enthralling Ice-Flyer to the amazing Glacier Park where you can glide down snowy slopes with various sliding equipment. Don't miss the chance to walk on the spine-tingling Titlis Cliff Walk, Europe's highest suspension bridge. Finish the glacier experience with a walk in the surreal Glacier cave, a tunnel 20 metres below the surface.

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THE Treaty of Friendship between India and Switzerland has boosted ties between the two countries over the past 72 years, being based on respect for each other's strengths and the willingness to learn from each other. Congratulations to every person, business entity and Government institution that has contributed to this relationship growing over the years. My wishes for this bond growing stronger and more meaningful in the years to come.

DR SHRAVAN SUBRAMANYAM, MD, Roche Diagnostics India & President, Swiss Indo Chamber of Commerce (India)

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As regional hub, Switzerland offers great opportunities to Indian firms

NDIA Inc.'s effort to look outward with an increasing aspiration to integrate itself in the global value chain and expand its geographical reach is evident from the sustained high levels in Indian outbound investments over the last few vears, Traditionally, Indian companies expand with an intent to explore new markets, and access better technologies, which would enable them to increase their customer base and achieve a global reach. According to the data provided by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's outward Foreign Direct Investment (OFDI) in equity, loan and guaranteed issue stood at US\$ 14.89 billion in 2019-20.

Switzerland is often viewed as a preferred regional hub by global MNCs for the larger European market. The country's commitment to quality, security, innovation and overall business competitiveness has enabled it to maintain this position.

In the context of a continuously changing business environment, a key element for Switzerland's success has been its dogged emphasis on ensuring an economic infrastructure that encourages R&D and innovation, coupled with a sound and effective intellectual property protection regime and an attractive taxation regime. Several Indian life science companies have chosen to carry out critical R&D in the country for this reason. The country has also focused its attention on



developing a framework that allows academic institutions and the private sector to benefit from each other's strengths to develop innovative products that can be brought to the market quickly. Following this approach, a large Indian conglomerate has successfully invested in a cleantech spin-off from one of Switzerland's Federal Institute of Technology, (ETHZ).

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Several innovation stories that won global recognition have their genesis in Switzerland — Solar Impulse: the aircraft that flew around the world only on solar power; Planet Solar: the world's largest solar-powered boat and the first ever solar electric vehicle to circumnavigate the globe; driverless buses – last mile public

SEVERAL INNOVATION STORIES THAT WON RECOGNITION THE WORLD OVER HAVE HAD THEIR GENESIS IN SWITZERLAND

transport buses developed by a start-up, hit the roads on an experimental basis in 2016. These stories attest to the country's ability to provide a framework enabling companies to benefit from investments in R&D and are the reason several foreign companies carry out R&D in Switzerland. A deeply embedded aspect of the Swiss business environment is the inclination of its SMEs, which form more than 98% of the Swiss corporate segment, to focus on developing niche, sophisticated and high value-add products. A Swiss SME that develops high precision drive systems and views R&D as the cornerstone of its success now and in the future has successfully powered Martian Rover missions on the Red Planet. Many Swiss SMEs hold similar distinction of being market leaders in such niche business segments.

In an increasingly globalised and digitised world, Switzerland is aiming to further strengthen its position as a global leader in innovation. Switzerland's vibrant deep-tech ecosystem enables businesses to innovate and successfully transform creative ideas into marketable products. There is an increased focus on emerging technologies including advanced manufacturing, blockchain, AI, robotics & drones and personalised medicine. Indian tech companies can leverage this strong Swiss innovation ecosystem comprising of dedicated innovation clusters, supported by close collaborations with the private sector and globally recognised Swiss technical universities. This positions Switzerland as an ideal pilot playground for cutting edge R&D innovation and complements the aspirations of Indian entrepreneurs to accelerate

growth within the European market.

As a testament to its strong business framework conditions, even during the current pandemic, Switzerland's venture capital ecosystem has shown great resilience. As per the Swiss Venture Capital Report 2020, despite the coronavirus crisis, lockdown and travel restrictions, there was robust activity throughout the first half of 2020 – reflected in the 20% increase in venture capital investments during the period. Life Sciences, ICT, medical devices and cleantech were the key sectors driving investments.

Switzerland's structure of sector clusters with robust ecosystems has attracted many Indian companies to establish their European regional hub in Switzerland.

Personalised Medicine (pharma, biotech, nutraceutical) companies have looked at Switzerland to capitalise on the R&D environment, add technical capabilities, safeguard IP security and leverage funding.

Artificial Intelligence companies and in recent times companies operating in cybersecurity, workplace automation, etc have established themselves to enhance business development in the European market, enter into new business verticals, reduce dependence on the US market as well as to benefit from the availability of local talent.

Blockchain and Fintech companies prefer Switzerland due to its advanced regulatory framework for digital financial assets in the world.

Advanced Manufacturing companies prefer the precision manufacturing cluster and integration with the world supply chain (~40 FTAs with leading trade partners including EU, Japan, and China).

Robotics and Drones due to the network of universities of applied sciences and robotics departments at top universities.

Being one of the most globalised countries in the world, Switzerland lays great significance on continuously and proactively evolving its economic and political systems to remain a competitive contender for Indian companies.

Bilateral Trade & Investment At A Glance

India's Exports	\$2021 million (January-November 2019)	
India's Imports	\$16981 million (January-November 2019)	
Main Items of India's Exports	Textiles and garments, organic chemicals, precious stones and jewellery, dyestuffs, machinery and parts, leather products, shoes and shoe uppers, cotton, plastics, coffee, tea and hand-knotted carpets.	
Main Items of India's Imports	Besides bullion, Swiss exports to India consist of machinery and equipment (electrical and mechanical).	
Swiss Investments in India From April 2000 to September 2019, Switzerland invested (FDI Equity) approximately \$4.781 billion in India with major concentration in the high-tech and engineering sectors, and the rest being in pharma, services and processed food, thus becoming the 12th large investor and accounting for about 1.07% of total FDI in India during this period.		
Indian Investments in Switzerland	Overseas Direct Investment from India to Switzerland for the duration from April 2017-November 2019 was \$ 1495.6 million (4.09% of total Overseas Direct Investment) placing it at 4th position. Indian investments have gone into ICT, Life Services, Engineering, Start-ups, Pharmaceuticals and chemicals.	

Easy to say why Switzerland is on Every Traveller's Bucket List

The dream to visit Switzerland has inspired the traveller within us for years! With its snow-capped peaks, glistening lakes, charming medieval towns, adrenaline pumping adventure, world class resorts, fascinating museums, and delicious cuisine, Switzerland has a lot on offer! Here are the best places to visit in Switzerland to experience it in every way possible.

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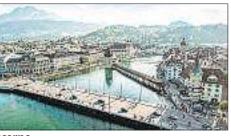
Nestled between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz, Interlaken is Europe's top adventure sport destination— it offers activities ranging from Skydiving, Paragliding, to Tobogganing and Skiing. Located in the shadow of the three highest peaks in the Alps— Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau— Interlaken has breathtaking scenery with cascading waterfalls, glacial lakes and lush green alpine meadows.

LUCERNE

Overlooked by Mount Pilatus, Lucerne is a medieval city on the shores of Lake Lucerne. One can explore ancient churches, bustling squares and plenty of boutiques and marvel at the architectural wonders of the city including the famous Chapel Bridge. The city is also best situated for mountain excursions to Mt. Titlis and its revolving cable car "Rotair" and to Mt.Stanserhorn with the world's first open air cable car – the Cabrio.



Matterhorn, Zermatt







Chateau de Chillon Interlaken



Zurich

LAKE GENEVA REGION

The Lake Geneva Region effortlessly blends history, culture, cuisine, wine and music into one big melting pot of rich experiences. From its breathtaking panoramas of the Alps, to its award-winning local wine and creative culinary offerings, nothing surpasses the magnificence of this region. Whether it is Montreux - the home of the renowned international jazz festival; Lausanne - with its sumptuous Michelin starred restaurants or Lavaux – one of the largest contiguous vineyard regions, one will never run out of options here.

ZERMATT

Home to the Matterhorn peak — the most photographed mountain of all time— Zermatt is a place of incomparable beauty! It is surrounded by tall snow-covered Alpine peaks which are easily accessible via a funicular or a cable car. Zermatt is a charming village known for its quaint, rustic wooden architecture but is also home to the best restaurants, bars and nightlife.

ZURICH

The largest Swiss city, Zurich, is a city of contrasts. It is also the social and cultural hub of the country with more than 50 museums and over 100 art galleries. The city is fresh and beautiful with sparkling rivers, lakes and parks, along with a lively art scene, music theatre, good food, and decidedly hip nightlife.

Investing in the Pharma Industry is the Next Big Thing!

The industry presents a promising growth avenue for India and Switzerland, as both are blessed with pharma hotspots and contribute significantly to the global industry and demand

Both INDIA and Switzerland realise the importance of investing in the Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences industry to tap its huge economic prospects for mutual benefit. As per an online report, "India is the largest provider of generic drugs globally. The industry supplies over 50% of global demand for various vaccines, 40% of generic demand in the U.S. and 25% of all medicine in UK."

In the current milieu, both the nations are blessed with their own pharma hotspots. The Genome Valley in Hyderabad has established itself as a centre for biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries in the country, focussing on the areas of agri-biotech, clinical research management (CRM), biopharma, vaccine manufacturing, regulations and testing, and other related areas.

Similarly, in Basel area, Switzerland, there's a hub being constructed for the future of healthcare with a digital health and personalised healthcare cluster. According to sources, "In Basel, pharma giants Roche and Novartis have made a home for themselves. There are also more than 700 life sciences companies, including many promising startups and more than 1,000 research groups in the Basel region. The area is a thriving place for innovative companies and startups and it has maintained its place as Switzerland's top life sciences cluster."

Indian pharma companies having a presence in Switzerland include Dr. Reddy's, Wockhardt and Glenmark. "The pharmaceutical sector has particularly enjoyed a lot of growth as a result of friendly relations between Switzerland and India." In 2007, Siegfried Biologics, a Switzerland-based company, was acquired by an Avesta-Cipla JV to manufac-



DR. REDDY'S AND GLENMARK ARE AMONG THE FIRMS PRESENT IN COUNTRY

ture U.S. FDA and European Medicines Agency (EMEA) compliant biopharmaceuticals for the global markets. A few years back, Indian biopharma giant Biocon collaborated with Sandoz, a unit of Novartis, to develop, manufacture and commercialise multiple biosimilars in immunology and oncology for patients.

Glenmark is an Indian pharma giant with a substantial footprint in the Swiss market. In 2004, Glenmark inaugurated its biologics research centre in Switzerland. Established in 2007 by former employees of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Kareus Therapeutics is another important Indian presence in Switzerland. Enjoying a strong presence in Basel, Dr. Reddy's has witnessed double-digit growth for several years in a row. Similarly, "Rhizen Pharmaceuticals S.A. was incorporated in Switzerland, with the aim to develop and partner compounds originating from Incozen, a biotech company founded in 2008 in Hyderabad to discover novel treatments for oncology and inflammation."

In India, the Life Sciences sector is set to witness huge growth and major transformation in the current decade, owing to demographic, regulatory and technological changes. It is expected that the consumption of Healthcare services will increase as a record 140 million households are expected to enter the middleclass segment in the next decade. As digitalisation continues to change the Healthcare landscape, complex generics and biosimilars will be the key growth drivers.

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Today we stand at a juncture where our lives are not just at risk due to the pandemic but also from the protective equipment that we are using to shield ourselves from the virus. It is high time that we realise that many masks readily available in the market are not just spreading misinformation, but also are carcinogenic in nature. Some products have 10-20% of benzalkonium chloride, commonly known as BAC. Studies by scientists have reported respiratory toxicity of BAC. Exposure to BAC induces cytotoxicity and DNA damage in human bronchial cell line and acute or repeated inhalation of BAC induces lung irritation, inflammation, and alveolar damage. Some brands are admittedly using a reaction mass of Titanium Dioxide and Silver Chloride in their products. Fraudulent claims of corona killer masks are also doing the rounds. Titanium Dioxide, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) has stated, is a suspected carcinogen associated with lung cancer if inhaled by human beings. During the pandemic, this is shameful and blatant profiteering, attempting to take advantage of consumers that are not equipped with accurate information. In developing countries, especially those with enormous diversity, there is a lack of regulation and government oversight and these false claims can harm the lives of hundreds of mil-The need of the hour is an effective antiviral PPE (mask and gloves for example) that can kill and deactivate the virus and in addition is completely biodegradable, without causing any cross contamination to ensure complete safety. Some months ago, India experienced a sci-

entific revolution that was the need of the hour to safeguard humanity and return to a normal life. Livinguard AG launched its revolutionary coronavirus destroying technology incorporated into Livinguard face masks in India, a first in the world. The mask's technology can directly inactivate bacteria and viruses, including 99.9% of the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 /COVID-19 virus. Livinguard will be launching the Livinguard STREET GLOVE at the end of August, therefore offering the most revolutionary and unbeatable protection available.



The mask's technology can directly inactivate bacteria and viruses, including 99.9% of the novel coronavirus

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protection wherever you go

Make touching safe again with the Livinguard STREET GLOVE, whose COVID-19 destroying technology is proven by top academic institutions

ITH billions of single-use non-biodegradable masks, gloves and PPE kits being discarded daily, we are unwittingly making an insurmountable impact on the environment. As of 18th of August 2020, the world has lost 778,522 people in this pandemic. For those who have survived and are returning to business in this New Normal, it is necessary to be absolutely protected from any virus that can cause unmitigable harm. Statistics say about 80 million players are needed by COVUD 10 health re

million gloves are needed by COVID-19 health response teams each month worldwide. At Livinguard, we had been consciously moving towards the "Ultimate Sustainable Protection", besides our World's first COVID destroying face masks. We are set to protect humanity by making touching safe again, through a new addition to the "protected by Livinguard" range: the Livinguard 'STREET GLOVE' with CORONA virus destroying technology capacity of up to 99.99%, proven by Freie Universität Berlin, Germany and University of Arizona, Tucson, USA, both renowned for their highest standards. Our endeavour was to craft a glove that reduces cross contamination and in today's world of mobile connectivity offers touchscreen compatibility. These gloves are made of 95% cot-

ton for extreme comfort and everyday personal use. Like our face masks, these too are completely safe, without any usage of harmful metals, sustainable

and reusable up to 210 times and 30 washes. The most interesting facet is none of our products require regular washing. The material is engineered with patented Livinguard Technology with strong positive charge (36 billion positive charges per cm2). When microbes come in contact with the fabric, the microbial cell which is negatively charged is destroyed, leading to permanent destruction of the microorganism or virus. Unlike heavy metal-based solutions, such as silver, zinc and copper, this novel technology has been found not only safe for both skin and lungs

but also for the environment, due to its non-leaching Technology and 100% biodegradable material.

Now it is time to live again, with a paradigm shift in the provision of safety, security and sustainability. Livinguard is set to further contribute to safe living. The Livinguard STREET GLOVE will provide superior barrier protection without any risk of latex allergies. It is thoroughly optimised and designed to offer the best protection without sacrificing

physical dexterity and simultaneously enhancing tactile sensitivity.

Time is ticking; it is necessary to have a game-changing solution globally and only a trusted hygiene brand like Livinguard can enable a smooth transition to restarting life and bidding goodbye to the fear of the virus that has halted life for billions of people worldwide. In India, these gloves will soon be available on Nykaa and Flipkart, e-Commerce platforms, and also at **www.livinguard.com**



INTERVIEW Sanjeev Swamy, Inventor, Founder and CEO, Livinguard AG

We view personal and planetary health as inseparable imperatives and the foundational base of everything that we do

You have recently launched Livinguard masks in India which claim to inactivate 99.9% of SARS COV-2 virus. What is the backing to this claim?

The Livinguard Technology incorporated into Livinguard face masks can directly inactivate bacteria and viruses, including >99.9% of the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. Researchers from Freie Universität Berlin and ITA RWTH Aachen, two of the most recognised academic institutions in virology and textiles, have confirmed the efficacy of the new self-disinfecting technology in permanently destroying the new coronavirus when applied to textiles or surfaces.

We already have powerful data against various microbes including the influenza virus, tuberculosis bacteria, superbugs like MRSA and VRE, commonly occuring bacteria like Staph. aureus and E. coli, and even fungi like Aspergillus niger, T. rubrum, and Candida albicans. We have of course positively tested several others as well.

Does this claim have any certification from a third party?

Researchers from the Free University of Berlin at the Institute for Animal Hygiene and Environmental Health have been able to demonstrate that textiles treated with Livinguard Technology can reduce very high amounts of SARS-CoV-2 particles by more than 99.9% within a few hours. Our mission is to provide hygiene suited for the modern world; that is the reason we chose to conduct our tests at the FU Berlin, which is renowned for its highest standards.

These scientific results follow up on similar findings from the University of Arizona, Tucson

and are especially relevant now as countries gradually ease lockdown restrictions and populations seek a return to a "Next Normal".

What inspired you to create such a mask?

We had been developing face masks earlier but were trying to address the problem of air pollution, which is perhaps the most salient silent pandemic that has been destroying lives and the planet for years. When the current pandemic hit, we had already been destroying a wide range of viruses, bacteria and fungi in other product areas and knew that marrying these two areas of expertise would be a great benefit during today's times. We recognised the responsibility we had to help protect people as they return to a new normal and try to reclaim their daily lives. We needed to be sure of our efficacy against this virus, and have been redesigning the product for a world where people need protection throughout the day, getting the necessary regulatory clearances, and updating and thoroughly testing our technology's efficacy against the COVID-19 virus. This is a culmination of years of effort including over 65,000 experiments and filing of more than 100 patents.

Kindly elaborate on the technology that enables the mask to kill the virus

The principle underlying the Livinguard Technology is to empower the textile surface with a strong positive charge. When microbes come in contact with the fabric, the microbial cell which is negatively charged is destroyed, leading to permanent destruction of the microorganism. Unlike heavy metal-based solutions such as silver, zinc and copper, this novel



The Livinguard Technology destroys microbes continuously and allows people to reuse the mask as many as 210 times with no compromise on safety or efficacy

technology has been found to be safe for both skin and lungs. Moreover, Livinguard Technology destroys continuously and allows users to reuse the mask up to 210 times with no compromise on safety or efficacy. Livinguard AG believes that the future is tied to sustainable solutions that treat our world kindly. The Livinguard Face Mask not only harnesses powerful coronavirus destroying technology but it's been tested as safe for use since it is entirely free of harmful substances such as silver, zinc or copper that are used for inferior and conventional antimicrobial technologies and it also minimises waste and uses resources efficiently.

Are these masks being produced in India? Does it support the Make in India campaign? What is the production capacity?

We currently have the capacity to produce 150,000 masks per week in India alone. Because one of our masks performs for >200 uses, this is the equivalent of 30 million single use masks per week, except that it destroys the COVID virus, is safe, comfortable and convenient to use, and creates far less waste than the alternatives. Our research shows that if a million people use one reusable Livinguard mask 210 times, we can save 36,000 tonnes of waste. We have been selling masks to public and private institutions in bulk for distribution to employees and are working with leading e-commerce platforms such as Nykaa and Flipkart, ensuring the masks become available to Indian consumers more broadly. Beyond retail and enterprise sales, even some governments around the world are distributing the masks

to their frontline workers and residents. So far, Livinguard has sold nearly 5 lakhs masks in India and if one Livinguard mask is equivalent to 210 normal single use masks then by selling 5 lakhs masks in India, Livnguard replaced 105,000,000 single use masks.

LIVINGUARD FACE MASKS ARE MADE IN INDIA, BY INDIANS, FOR INDIANS and THERE-FORE 100% MADE IN INDIA. We have a laboratory and textile processing facilities in Navi Mumbai, and the face masks are being made near Bengaluru. This is a labour-intensive stitching process and offers a great means to generate employment during such dark times when daily wage earners are struggling to earn a living.

Does Livinguard endeavour to provide better hygiene security for the country and world at large?

Helping create a superior quality of daily life has always been our aim. Our mission is to provide hygiene suited for the modern world. The ever-increasing levels of pollution, global travel, shared mobility, and the prevalence of drug resistant microbes have led to growing threats of infectious disease. We see our solutions as essential safeguards that can offer enhanced safety and better health to billions of people. We, at Livinguard, believe that our future is tied to sustainable solutions amidst non-degradable wastes that threaten our existence on this planet. Our commitment is to develop highly effective technologies that also minimise waste and use of resources. We view personal and planetary health as inseparable imperatives and the foundational base of everything that we do.

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CRITICISM CORNERED

FACED WITH some critical reports on Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla's visit to Bangladesh last week, the Indian High Commission in Dhaka on Monday put out a picture that Shringla had indeed met Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during the visit, accompanied by High Commissioner to Bangladesh Riva Das Ganguly. The High Commission was responding to some criticism, especially one by a former Bangladesh diplomat widely known to be critical of India's policies.

RE-ENTRY ROW

UTTARAKHAND BJP'S decision to re-induct controversial MLA Pranav Singh Champion seems to have triggered a spate of internal strife in the party. The MLA from Khanpur constituency was expelled from the party a year ago after a video showed him dancing with guns. The expulsion, according to some party leaders, was done due to BJP central leaders' intervention. The re-induction, they claimed, was not done taking the national leadership into confidence. Some party leaders now plan to approach BJP chief JP Nadda with the complaint. So Champion's re-entry could spark a factional feud in the Uttarakhand unit.

SPECIAL FORCE

ARMY CHIEF General M M Naravane conferred the 51 Special Action Group (SAG) of the National Security Guards (NSG) with the Army Chief's "Unit Appreciation" for its "outstanding achievements in combating terrorism" on Monday, after it had been delayed once due to the standoff with China in eastern Ladakh. Although the 51 SAG draws its entire manpower from the Army, it does not come under the Army since NSG is overseen by the Home Ministry. This is why the Army Chief could not give a Unit Citation to it, and had to hand over the Unit Appreciation. An elite counter-terror force with several gallantry awards, including three Ashok Chakras, the 51 SAG was involved, most prominently, in 'Operation Black Tornado' during the 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai, in which it killed eight terrorists and freed more than 600 hostages.

NC leaders attend meet, J&K HC disposes of pleas on their house arrest

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Monday dismissed habeas corpus petitions filed by the National Conference (NC) for release of 16 party leaders from tion, through the IGP, told the house

these detentions "unconstituinterview: tional and illegal". One of the detained party functionaries has What is the status of since died. The J&K administra-Congress's alliance with Badruddin Ajmal's AIUDF? court on August 11 that none of cial organisations that are fighting point since August 5 last year unfor Assam and Assamiat and are against anti-Assam policies - such der detention. Farooq subsequently called a meeting with NC as CAA -- of the Centre and the Sarbananda Sonowal governcolleagues named in the petition and they were able to meet his at ment. But there is no discussion on any form of alliance so far because forging alliance is neither in NC spokesperson Imran Nabi my jurisdiction nor that of the Dar said right to liberty is a fundastate Congress. Only the party mental right, which was being dehigh command has the power to choose an alliance partner, if it has nied to party leaders "on unreasonable, unjustifiable grounds". to be done. There is nothing like ENS that (alliance plan) as of now.

Kerala govt beats no-trust, CM jab at Cong leadership crisis

Oppn says gold smuggling racket hijacked CMO, Pinarayi says bid to create confusion

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

AUGUST 24

THE KERALA Assembly on Monday witnessed a fierce debate on a no-confidence motion moved by the Congress-led Opposition against the CPI(M)led government. The motion was defeated, with 87 members from the ruling bench voting against it and 40 Opposition members supporting it.

A highlight of the 11-hour debate was the three-and-a-halfhour reply from Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who presented a progress report of his four-yearold government.

The Opposition moved the noconfidence motion mainly in the backdrop of the gold smuggling case and a controversy over alleged kickbacks in a housing scheme aided by Emirates Red Crescent. Swapna Suresh, an accused in the gold smuggling case, had allegedly pocketed Rs 3.78 core as kickbacks from the builder that bagged the construction deal for the housing project sponsored by the UAE agency.

Vijayan said the Opposition could not present a credible issue in the no-confidence motion. "Unrest in the UDF might have led to this no-confidence motion. This government, which assumed office with 91 seats, has now 93



Members attend a session of Kerala Assembly in Thiruvananthapuram, Monday. PTI

seats, which shows the people's confidence in this government. People have lost confidence in the UDF," he said.

Taking a dig at the Congress over its leadership crisis, he said, "The Congress has become a party incapable of selecting a president. Even senior leaders are reluctant to assume the office of president.' He said the party was reduced

to being a B team of the BJP with regard to communalism. "An anti-Communist, anti-democratic platform is emerging in Kerala. Islamisation is happening in the Indian Union Muslim League (an ally of the Congress) through Jamaat-e-Islami and Hinduisation in the Congress through the BJP.A situation would also come in Kerala when the Congress would be deprived of the status of main Opposition party," he said.

Referring to the allegations

about gold smuggling, Vijayan said, "Does anyone among the arrested belong to the Left? The Opposition is trying to create confusion over smuggling. It is the Centre that has to probe the smuggling. The NIA has not stated anything against the CMO." He added that the government would not protect anyone involved in smuggling or corruption. As Vijayan continued his speech, Opposition members trooped to the floor of the House and raised slogans against him.

Presenting the motion, senior Congress legislator VD Satheesan said the gold smuggling racket has hijacked the CM's Office. "During an Assembly session in March, I had flagged the smuggling racket thriving in Kerala to the CM. But I never thought the CMO would become a centre of smuggling," he said, in an apparent reference

to alleged links of the CM's former principal secretary M Sivasankar with the racket.

The Opposition targeted Higher Education Minister KT Jaleel, who is in the midst of a controversy over bringing bundles of religious texts from the UAE through cargo meant for its consulate in Kerala. Opposition member K M Shaji alleged that Jaleel helped with the smuggling under the pretext of bringing religious texts. In his reply, Vijayan said, "Jaleel did not speak of diplomatic issues or accept any contributions. It was the Consul-General who had approached the minister with food packets and religious texts meant to be distributed. The UAE has been doing it across the world. Jaleel got involved in the issue in his capacity as minister for minority welfare and Wakf board."

The Opposition also raised corruption charges in the state's e-mobility project, which was drafted by Sivasankar during his term as IT secretary, and the decision to hand over public land for developing wayside amenities for passengers.

Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala said the CM failed to give convincing answers on issues raised by the Opposition. "We had raised grave allegations. But the CM was running away from the issues without answering them. His reply...was like a budget speech," he said.



Congress leaders K C Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala at a press conference on Monday. Anil Sharma

LETTER SEEKING 'EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP' Cong minister threatens Chavan, Deora & Wasnik: Won't let you roam freely

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI. AUGUST 24

AMID HIGH drama at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on Monday, a minister from the party in Maharashtra demanded an "unconditional apology" from the state unit leaders, who are believed to have signed the letter written by 23 senior leaders, calling for "a full-time, effective and visible leadership".

Dairy Development Minister Sunil Kedar even threatened them with consequences if an apology was not tendered.

Kedar tweeted, "I wholeheartedly support Sonia Gandhiji as President. It is shameful of Mukul Wasnik, Prithviraj Chavan and Milind Deora to raise questions on the leadership of the Gandhi family. These leaders must apologies for their act immediately.

makes every genuine Indian citi-

zen feel that his/her interests are

safe in Assam. Our first agenda will

be to ensure every genuine Indian

citizen gets the right to place and

security. We will end the division

created by BJP, and will make a

united Assam. The Assam govern-

ment (under Sonowal) has virtu-

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public welfare... The state's econ-

omy will be improved and jobs

Otherwise the Congress will see how they move freely in the state." "Congress can give fight to the

BJP government only when the party has Gandhis as its head. It is high time to stand firmly behind Soniaji's leadership," he tweeted further.

At the time of filing this report, none of the leaders named in his tweet had reacted to his threat posted Sunday evening."I am outspoken. But I always back my words with action. I stand by my tweet," he said on Monday, hours after the CWC meeting ended.

"Those leaders should first tender an unconditional apology or they will not be able to roam freely in the state. The Gandhi family's leadership has helped the country and the party to progress for several decades," Kedar added. Neither the party's high com-

mand nor the state Congress leadership have spoken out against Kedar so far.

BSP legislators' merger with **Cong: Rajasthan** HC refuses to disqualify MLAs

DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR. AUGUST 24

IN A major relief to the six BSP legislators in Rajasthan who merged with the Congress last year, the High Court on Monday disposed a petition seeking their disqualification from the state Assembly while dismissing another similar petition.

Meanwhile, the Supreme ourt on Monday disposed of plea by BJP legislator Madan

Dilawar challenging the merger of

the BSP MLAs with the Congress,

saying it had become infructuous

in view of the High Court ruling.

an application for merger with the

Congress on September 16, 2019

following which the Speaker had

passed an order on September 18.

Two petitions were filed last

month in the High Court – by the

BSP and Dilawar – seeking the

The six MLAs had submitted

'There are no talks yet (with AIUDF)...only talking to social groups to bring them closer'

Is AIUDF among organisations FORMER UTTARAKHAND chief minister and the Congress's the Congress is talking with?

Assam affairs in-charge HARISH No...because in several re-RAWAT tells LALMANI VERMA gions there is a face-off (electhat the time to formalise any altorally, between Congress and AIUDF). But AIUDF and Congress liance has not come yet, and the party at present is trying to becollectively voted in Rajya Sabha friend pro-people, pro-Assam soelections and ensured victory of a force in the Assam agitation (sencial organisations ahead of Assembly polls in the state, schedior journalist from the state Ajit Kumar Bhuyan). Due to that, there uled next year. Excerpts from the may be speculations among people but there are no talks (with AIUDF)... so far we are busy strengthening our organisational



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minded groups. We are trying to should have an agenda that connect groups that are in favour of conserving the culture of Assam and the Northeast.

With such groups, can a broader poll alliance take shape in future?

There has been no discussion on this so far, but there is a place in our heart for forces that are propeople, pro-Assam, pro-Northeast. Electoral compulsions will be decided later.... I cannot say right now what will be the electoral position with them in future.

If it forms the government,

generated.

Brahmaputra valley.

The counsel for NC, Shariq Reyaz, told The Indian Express, "Since the detained members were released and the meetings called in the previous week were successfully held, which the detained leaders were able to attend, the cause did not survive. On our asking, the court was pleased to dispose of the matter."

The petition was filed by NC president Farooq Abdullah and vice-president Omar Abdullah in [&K High court on July 13, terming

the leaders are or were at any his residence last week. The petition was, dismissed on Monday.

to social groups to bring them closer to us.

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not come vet. We are only tai

There was a time when the Congress had called AIUDF a communal force and B-team of BIP.

Brahmaputra mein bahut saara paani nikal chuka hai (a lot of water has flown down the Brahmaputra since then); time has changed all political parties. too. The AIUDF has changed itself and may have also modified its

WITH HARISH RAWAT AICC GENERAL SECRETARY, CONGRESS'S ASSAM IN-CHARGE

way of working.

Will any anti-BJP front be formed?

Not an anti-BIP front - it will be a pro-Assamiat, pro-people, pro-development front of like-

Will the Congress take along Akhil Gogoi of Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti?

Yeh bhi hamari ichcha mein sammilit hain. Dosti ho jaye to kya *harj hai* (he is also in our wish-list; we will not mind if we become friends).

What will be the party's key agenda for Assam?

UTTARAKHAND

The BIP has divided Assamese society with CAA and NRC. For development and public welfare, we

MLA expelled for

indiscipline back in

BJP fold after apology

decision on NRC and CAA?

The NRC will be completed in a friendly manner and all genuine Indian citizens, who have been left out, will find their place in NRC.On CAA, we stand for the slogan of CAA na maanu (we do not accept CAA). We will muster resources for equal and balanced development of Barak valley and

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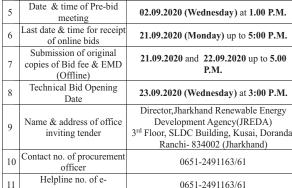
quashing of the Speaker's order. Pronouncing its judgment on Monday, the court partly allowed the Dilawar's writ petition to the extent that the court guashed an order of the Speaker dated July 22, also saying that it expects the Speaker to take a decision on Dilawar's disqualification petition within three months.

The petition filed by the BSP was dismissed. The court said that it doesn't have jurisdiction to declare the six MLAs disqualified and that this authority rests with the Speaker of the Assembly.

'Therefore, in view of the aforesaid analysis and also in view of the aforesaid settled and unexceptional position of law, this Court is of the opinion that it does not have jurisdiction either to interfere with the order dated 18.9.2019 or, to declare the respondents no.2 to 7 to be disqualified on the plea of their defection and the decision, in this regard, rests with the Speaker only under Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India," the judgment pronounced by the single bench of Justice Mahendar Kumar Goyal said. The court said it is only the final decision of the Speaker that can be subject matter of judicial review on limited parameters. Several past judgments of the Supreme Court and various High Courts were cited in the judgment pronounced on Monday. "The court acquires jurisdiction only upon determination on the question of disqualification and not prior to that except in exceptional circumstances not obtaining in the present case." the court said.

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 24

THE HARYANA government is planning to bring a Bill to provide 50:50 reservation in panchavat polls for men and women candidates, and rotate the seats between male and female representatives after each

This is meant to ensure equal opportunities for both sexes. Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said.

Speaking to The Indian Express on Monday, Chautala said the government will bring the Bill in the coming Assembly session.

The two-day Assembly session begins on Wednesday.

"Haryana will be first in the country to opt for such a formula," said Chautala, who also holds the panchayat portfolio in the BJP-JJP government.

"Men and women will be able to contest panchayat polls under the odd-even formula. This will be implemented for sarpanches and members of village wards, block samitis and



'Men and women will be able to contest panchayat polls under odd-even formula'

zila parishads. If a ward or village is headed by a man in one term, it will be represented by a woman in the next term." said Chautala.

The Deputy CM said the Bill is not meant as reservation for women but to ensure equal opportunities for men and women. He pointed out that women have more than 67 per cent representation in panchayat bodies in some states that have given them 50 per cent reservation.

fidence that the Assembly would pass the Bill in the com-

ing session. "We hope to get support from leaders across party lines. The Assembly has nine women MLAs from different parties, but there will be 50 per cent share to their voice in panchayats after implementation of the proposal," said Chautala.

the performance of women representatives in panchayat bodies, and that some panchayats led by women were very progressive. "We feel that if women get more opportunities in panchayats, there will be better work culture," he said.

"We will hold panchayat polls soon after the Covid-19 situation improves in the state," he added. Chautala also said they would try to introduce Right to Recall for representatives of panchayat bodies. Under this provision, an elected representative can be removed by voters if he or she fails to perform as per their minimum expectations. Congress MLA BB Batra said the party would take a call regarding the Bill and other matters in a meeting of the CLP on

LALMANI VERMA

DEHRADUN, AUGUST 24

THE UTTARAKHAND unit of BJP on Monday revoked the expulsion of MLA Kunwar Pranav Singh 'Champion' after he gave a written undertaking that he will not indulge in any act of indiscipline in the future.

In July last year, the BJP expelled him from the party's primary membership for six years on grounds of indiscipline. The action was taken after a video, in which the Khanpur MLA was seen brandishing four guns while dancing, went viral. The BJP had also condemned the language the MLA purportedly used in the video. Prior to that. Pranav was suspended from the BJP in June 2019 over a dispute with another party MLA and a complaint of misbehaviour.

BJP state president Bansi Dhar Bhagat Monday announced the decision. "I am happy to say he was not involved in any act of indiscipline in the past one year."

Speaking to the media, Pranav apologised for his actions. Bhagat said the party has also decided to forgive Jhabrera MLA Deshraj

New Delhi



Karanwal, who had been issued a notice for indiscipline. Deshraj too has submitted a written apology.

Pranav and Karanwal are among four MLAs accused of going against the party line and were summoned by the state leadership on Monday. The BJP had summoned Dwarahat MLA Mahesh Negi after a woman from Dehradun lodged a complaint, alleging that he had raped her, and sought a DNA test to prove that the MLA is her child's father. Before the woman lodged her complaint, Negi's wife lodged a complaint, accusing her of trying to extort money.

On Monday, Negi denied the allegations. According to the party, Negi said the woman plotted against him and some Congress leaders were involved. Bhagat said, "If Mahesh Negi is found guilty, BIP will take stern action." The party could not ask Lohaghat MLA Puran Singh Fortval to appear because his phone was switched off.



Tuesday.

The JJP leader expressed con-

He said he was satisfied with

Khattar's two associates, who

handle the Chief Minister's social

media accounts and move around

with him most of the time, tested

positive for the infection a couple

Speaker Gupta, who repre-

sents Panchkula, underwent a

Covid-19 test Sunday. His report

came in positive on Monday. His

condition is stable and he is in iso-

lation at his Panchkula residence.

Gupta's political secretary and

nephew had earlier tested posi-

Speaker Ranbir Gangwa shall be

conducting proceedings of the

In Gupta's absence, Deputy

The two BJP MLAs who have

tested positive for Covid-19 are

Indri legislator Ram Kumar

Kashyap and Ratia legislator

Lakshman Napa. Earlier, BJP MLA

Aseem Goel, who represents

Ambala(City)constituency, tested

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All MLAs, Vidhan Sabha staff,

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020 EXPRESS NETWORK

Gujarat HC says state's Covid picture quite frightening: Machinery needs to gear up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 24

HEARING A public interest litigation pertaining to the Covid-19 situation in Surat and the difficulties being faced on the ground, the Gujarat High Court on August 17 remarked that the picture emerging in the state was "quite frightening" and that the state machinery needed to gear up to meet the worst of the situation.

In the order made public Monday, the division bench of Chief Justice Vikram Nath and Justice J B Pardiwala noted that while the report on the Covid-19 situation in Surat by the state appeared to reflect an "encouraging" trend, "the picture that emerges as regards the conditions prevailing as on date in Guiarat is guite frightening".

"Although all the necessary steps are being taken to combat the situation of Covid-19 pandemic, yet the machinery needs to gear up and the state should be prepared to meet with the worst of the situation," the court said.

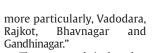
The court added that apart from being apprised on the situation in Surat, it would like to be informed about "details and aspects regarding the conditions prevailing in all the civil hospitals across the state of Gujarat,

BHU: Covid patient jumps to death, another body found

Lucknow: A 21-year-old Covid positive patient jumped to death and another patient's body was found near the duct of Sir Sunderlal Hospital building at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Monday.

In the first case, BHU authorities said Ankit Pathak was diagnosed with psychosis after he was brought to the hospital and had attempted to jump once before. He was brought to the hospital on August 16. "His Covid sample was taken on August 19 and the report came positive on Saturday," read

ent issued by university



The court made it clear that henceforth, it expected the state to file status reports on the Covid-19 situation in the form of an affidavit that is under oath, and duly affirmed by the Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.

The last report submitted on August 17 was signed by the government pleader Manisha Shah and additional director of

medical education in health department, Dr Raghavendra Dixit. Earlier too, status reports and notes on behalf of the health department have been submitted not under oath and have been signed by government pleader Shah.

The first reply filed in March by the health department after the suo motu PIL was registered was the only one in the form of an affidavit, filed on behalf of the joint secretary in health department, IM Kureshi. To ensure this, the division bench directed Chief Secretary Anil Mukim to constitute a team of "five high ranking IAS Officers, not below the rank of Joint/Additional Secretary, at the earliest". The court said the committee members "shall im-

mediately take a tour across the state of Gujarat and visit all the civil/government hospitals to take stock of things ... '

Let students fly in from abroad to write NEET exam: SC to govt

New Delhi : The Supreme Court Monday rejected a prayer seeking directions to conduct the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) this year for admission to medical courses through online mode for overseas students.

A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao, Hemant Gupta and S Ravindra Bhat asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to do the needful to allow students who want to take the exam to come in Vande Bharat Mission flights.

"Please put in a word that they allowed to come back and write] the exams. If not, they will lose a year," the bench told Mehta. The bench also refused to grant the request to relax the 14day quarantine requirement and said, "We are afraid such a direction cannot be given, as it would endanger public health." The court, however, said stu-



Testing Times

Students wear masks during the Gujarat Common Entrance Test in Ahmedabad on Monday. As many as 1,06,161 candidates took the exam at 34 centres across the state. Three candidates who tested positive for Covid-19 were not allowed to take the entrance test. Reuters

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Second review for Naik: AIIMS Delhi teams flown to Goa

Panaji: Late Monday evening, a second health review of Union Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Naik saw teams from AIIMS Delhi being flown to Goa. Doctors said Naik's test results have come negative for Covid-19 but "a second review was felt needed as his chest probes needed a second opinion'

AICTE allows B-schools to admit students on basis of UG result

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

THE ALL India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), as a onetime exception, has permitted business schools to admit students to MBA and PGDM programmes based on their performance in the final-year undergraduate exam.

The exception, AICTE member secretary Rajive Kumar told The Indian Express, has been made since several states have not held the state-level entrance exam yet.

"AICTE, being more a facilitator than a regulator considered alternative proposition through which selection of the students could be made for admission into PGDM course which will benefit both the Institutions as well as the students," the council's circular states. "Therefore, in the current scenario, the PGDM/MBA institutions are allowed to admit the students on the basis of marks obtained in qualifying examination by preparing a merit list in a transparent manner," the circular adds.

The council has clarified that at the time of admissions, first preference should be given to candidates who have appeared and qualified CAT, XAT, CMAT, ATMA, MAT and GMAT. "If vacant seats are still available, candidates shall be selected based on the merit in the qualifying UG exams. The States may also use this relaxation while allotting seats through counselling," the AICTE said.

AHEAD OF HARYANA ASSEMBLY SESSION Khattar, Speaker test positive for Covid-19

Manohar Lal Khattar

tested positive for Covid-19, we

got a baseline chest X-ray done,

which was found normal. The

ECG was also found normal and

oxygen saturation levels were 94

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lution CT scan," a senior official

said. The scan report came in nor-

mal late Monday night. "On doc-

tors' advice, the Chief Minister

shall be staying at his residence in

isolation. He is doing fine," the

senior official said. Khattar went

into self-quarantine three days

back at his Chandigarh residence

after Union Minister Gajendra

Singh Shekhawat tested positive

for Covid-19. Khattar met the

Union Minister last week.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 24

TWO DAYS before the Monsoon Session of Harvana Assembly is set to begin, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Speaker Gian Chand Gupta and two BJP MLAs tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday.

Several senior officials who recently held meetings with the Chief Minister or the Speaker, including Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, R K Khullar and Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Vijai Vardhan, have now gone into self-quarantine.

"I was tested for Novel Coronavirus today. My test report has returned positive. I appeal to all colleagues and associates who came in my contact over the last week to get themselves tested. I request my close contacts to move into strict quarantine immediately," Khattar tweeted Monday evening.

The Chief Minister was taken to hospital for a high-resolution CT scan on Monday evening.

"The Chief Minister has a cough. Apart from that there are no other symptoms. After he

Karnataka eases travel bar: no quarantine for inter-state travellers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, AUGUST 24

THE KARNATAKA government on Monday withdrew all inter-state and intra-state travel restrictions imposed to check the Covid-19 crisis, including the mandatory 14-day home quarantine for asymptomatic people coming in from other states.

Mandatory requirements for travellers entering Karnataka will be "discontinued henceforth", an order issued by state Health Secretary Jawaid Akhtar on Monday stated.

These requirements so far included registration of people coming into Karnataka on a state portal, medical check-up at border posts, bus and train stations, district-level screening, handstamping, 14-day quarantine, isolation and testing

The removal of restrictions movement of people comes in the wake of an August 22 letter from Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla to all states about local-level travel restrictions on people and goods despite the Centre's July 29 Unlock 3 order removing all such restrictions. Restrictions imposed at the state and district levels were "impacting the supply chain, resulting in disruption of economic activities and employment besides affecting supply of goods service,"

Bhalla had stated in the letter. The Karnataka government's circular issued on Monday stated: "Recently, Government of India and Government of Karnataka have issued guidelines for unlock

Assembly session have to undergo a Covid-19 test before the proceedings begin Wednesday. 3 that there shall be no restrictions on inter-state movement of persons and goods. In this context, and

under the present circumstances, the revised guidelines are issued for Inter-State Travellers to Karnataka..." Travellers who are asymptomatic on arrival can go to work or engage in activities "without any requirement of 14 days [of] home quarantine" but should monitor health for 14 days from the date of their arrival for any symptoms of Covid-19. according to the circular. "This revised circular shall ap-

ply to all inter-State Travellers arriving in Karnataka from all States/UTs including business travellers, students, labourers coming for work, transit travellers, etc. irrespective of their purpose of visit or duration of stay in the State," it states.

spokesperson Rajesh Singh.

The second patient, Rajesh Singh, was admitted to the trauma centre a week ago following a head injury. "He was shifted to the Covid ward after he tested positive. The doctors were planning to discharge him after a negative report. On Saturday, he went missing. The police were informed," read a statement by BHU. CCTV footage was checked and his body was found near the duct. Hospital Superintendent Prof S K Mathur said it seemed the patient fell while trying to get down from the second floor using pipes. ENS

dents may approach state authorities to seek relaxation of the quarantine period.

challenging the Kerala High Court's decision rejecting the prayer to set up examination centres abroad. ENS

Government of India

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Filling up of the post of Member (Project) in National Highways Authority of India, New Delhi

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up of one post of Member (Project) in the (pre-revised) pay scale of Rs. 67,000-79,000/-(6th CPC) / Level 15 as per 7th CPC in the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), a statutory body under the Ministry entrusted with the task of implementation of National Highways Projects.

Eligible Officers in the Central Government or State Government or Public Sector Undertaking or an Autonomous Body are encouraged to apply. The details of qualifications, eligibility, expected duties and other terms and conditions of service are available at the websites of the Ministry <u>http://www.morth.nic.in</u> and NHAI <u>http://www.nhai.gov.in</u>. The last date of receipt of application shall be 45 days; 5.00 PM w.e.f. the date of publication of this advertisement.

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On why doctors were being flown in from Delhi, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said, "His

(Naik) oxygen saturation had decreased in the morning. A second

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The bench was hearing a plea

I have opted for home isolation." The Goa government Friday said Naik had responded well to the first cycle of plasma administered to him.



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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of GAIL (India) Limited will be held on **Tuesday, the 22 and of** September, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. through Video Conferencing (VC) /Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM being circulated separately. In view of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, vide its General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8 , 2020 , i.e., General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 and also Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide its circular No., SEBI/HO/CFD/CMDI/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 ("Circulars"), have permitted the holding of AGM through VC/OAVM, without requiring the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. In compliance with these Circulars and the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the AGM of the Members of the Company will be held through VC/OAVM.

In accordance with the aforesaid Circulars. Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2019-20 are being sent only by electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company/ Depositories. Members may please note that the Notice of AGM and Annual Report 2019-20 will also be available on the Company's website www.gailonline.com, website of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively and the AGM Notice will also be available on the website of CDSL (agency for providing the Remote e-Voting facility) i www.evottingindia.com. Members can attend and participate in the AGM through the VC/OAVM facility only. Members attending the meeting through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum as per Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013. The instructions for joining the AGM are provided in the Notice of the AGM.

The Company is providing remote e-voting facility (Remote e-voting) to all its members to cast their votes on all resolutions as set out in the Notice of AGM. Additionally, the Company is providing the facility of voting through e-voting system during the AGM (E-voting). Detailed procedure for remote e-voting/ voting is provided in the Notice of the AGM.

In case of Member(s) who have not registered their e-mail addresses with the Company/Depository, are requested to please follow the below instructions to register their e-mail address for obtaining Annual Report 2019-20 and login details for e-voting.

- For members holding shares in Physical mode, please provide necessary details like Folio No, Name of shareholder along with scanned copy of the Share Certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to shareholders@gail.co.in.
- 2) Members holding shares in Demat mode can get their E-mail ID registered by contacting their respective Depository Participant.
- The 36 # AGM Notice will be sent to the shareholders holding shares as on cutoff date (to be decided by the Company) for the dispatch on their registered email addresses in due course.

If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM & E-Voting from the e-Voting System, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at <u>www.evotingindia.com</u>, under help section or write an email to <u>helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com</u> or contact Mr. Nitin Kunder (022- 23058738) or Mr. Mehboob Lakhani (022-23058543) or Mr. Rakesh Dalvi (022-23058542).

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Applications are invited for the following Engineering posts General Central Civil Services, Group 'B' Gazetted (Non-Ministerial) in the Pay Level-7 (Rs. 44900-142400) in Centra Research Institute, Kasauli Under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The posts are required to be filled by deputation (including short term contract) from amongst the Officers unde he Central Government or State Government or Union territories or autonomous organization or universities or public sector undertakings or semi-Government or statutory organizations o recognized research institutions.

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Duly completed applications through proper channel should reach to the undersigned within 60 days of publication of this Notice in Employment News

Sd/-(DR. Ajay Kumar Tahlan) DIRECTOR **CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUE** KASAULI (H.P.)- 173204

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR SENIOR RESIDENT

A walk-in-interview for Senior Resident will be held in the office of Principal, Government Doon Medical College Patel Nagar, Dehradun on every working day from 28 August, 2020 from (11:00 AM to 02:00 PM) till all the vacancies are filled. Online Walk-in-interview can be done by candidates requirement.

The details about the vacancies in various departments are uploaded in the website of Govt. Doon Medical College www.doonmedical.org.

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0 THE INDIAN EXPRESS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

WORDLY WISE All political parties die at last of swallowing their own lies. — John Arbuthnot

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

ARE YOU WITH GANDHIS?

By reducing the dissent letter, indeed every debate within, to this question, the Congress again shrinks itself

HE 23 SENIOR Congress leaders who wrote a letter to Sonia Gandhi calling for sweeping changes in the party, and the leaders who rallied around the high command during the marathon Congress Working Committee meeting on Monday, both speak of a crisis. Both point to a precarious juncture for the Congress, and for the nation. The gallery of villains for both is also the same: The rising BJP and its ascendant "communal" and "divisive agenda", an economic downturn followed by a pandemic, a jobs crisis, an aggressive China on the LAC. From here, however, the stories strike out in different directions. For the letter-writers, this grand coming together of setbacks calls for a changed Congress, one that is better able to reverse its own decline and stand up to rapidly changing external challenges. On the other hand, those closing ranks against the group of 23 argue, like Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has, that to demand an overhaul at this juncture is against the interests of the party and the nation. For those watching the Congress drama from outside, the question is a simple one: What does it say about a 134-yearold party, that it has to be dragged, kicking and screaming, to the mirror?

The marathon CWC meeting on Monday has led to no dramatic outcome. Faith has been reiterated in the leadership of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi and the can, or the letter, has been kicked down the road, or at least "until such time as circumstances will permit an AICC session to be convened". By all accounts, the discussion in the CWC and in the party has been dominated not by the contents of the letter, but by questions about the motives of the letter-writers, their timing - whether or not the process they sought to set in motion would benefit the BJP. Most of all, the letter has become the pretext for the Congress to turn a yet more fervent gaze on its First Family, the Gandhis. In a debate that mainly asks "are you with the Gandhis, or against them", there is little or no possibility of serious engagement with the broader concerns the letter articulated: About the toll that the uncertainty about leadership and drift has taken on the party at a time of a never-before erosion of its support base, and when it has lost the confidence of the young, who have voted in growing numbers for Narendra Modi and his BJP. The letter's prescriptions - of a collective leadership and elections for party committees and decision-making bodies, for a decentralisation of power and empowerment of state units, for greater and institutionalised deliberation within - have not even found their way to the party's table so far.

In times when the pandemic has stilled the politics on the street, the Congress could have profitably used the opportunity and space it provides to turn the gaze within. By choosing not to do so, by reducing this moment to a yes-or-no referendum on the Gandhis, it does a grave disservice to itself -- and shrinks the opposition space so critical to the health of democracy.

PERISH AND PUBLISH

By withdrawing its book, gutless Bloomsbury India ensures the next ban or cancellation is just a few tweets away

T'S AN OLD story here, long before cancel culture became fashionable: Protests, vandalism, angry fulminations forcing a movie to change its name, or getting a book banned, pulped, or withdrawn. That's why when Bloomsbury India withdraws Delhi Riots 2020: The Untold Story, what is surprising is its need to peddle high-sounding pap that it's doing so "from a deep sense of responsibility towards society." In fact, it's a gutless capitulation not to any principles but to a mob that wishes advocate Monika Arora and Delhi University professors Sonali Chitalkar and Prerna Malhotra had written a book they want to read. The fact that much of the book reads like a compendium of Home Ministry press statements or the outpourings of an intrepid Intelligence Bureau is not the issue here, the publisher's refusal to defend what it had decided to publish is. And in framing this weakness as moral responsibility and withdrawing from a project that needed rigorous interrogation at the very outset, not on hindsight, the publishing house cuts a very sorry figure. It has also played right into the hands of a majoritarian narrative that caps freedom of expression with moral sanctions and makes a virtue out of cancel culture. From Salman Rushdie's The Satanic Verses (1989) to Jaswant Singh's Jinnah: India, Partition, Independence (2009), India's tryst with censorship in publishing under successive governments has been long and contentious. The clampdowns have required standing up to authority and a constant arguing of a steadfast position for freedom of expression as an enabler of constitutional rights. It is this position that protects both a protester on the street speaking truth to power and a publishing house that chooses to publish the truth as those in power see it. From Penguin India agreeing to rescind American scholar Wendy Doniger's book The Hindus: An Alternative History (2009) in India as part of an out-of-court settlement in 2014 to Bloomsbury India's current decision, publishing behemoths in India have never been known for standing up to power - the spines are usually only in their books. In an age when social media and self-publishing have made the amplification of the propaganda machinery that much easier, it is who they choose to publish - or not - that defines their role in society and the market. By shifting the onus of it to public outrage, they send a clear signal: The next cancellation is a few tweets, or worse, a few stones away.

COOMI KAPOOR

THE LETTER BY 23 Congress leaders, all of whom have a long and trusted association with the party, should not normally have raised such an alarm in 10 Janpath. After all, an ailing Sonia Gandhi last year had herself hesitantly accepted the post of temporary party chief, till the vacancy was filled. Rahul Gandhi has reiterated repeatedly that he is not interested in returning as party president and Congresspersons should not seek appointments with him to discuss party matters. Last year, his sister Priyanka was quoted as saying someone other than a Gandhi could lead the party. On the face of it, it appeared eminently reasonable after a year to suggest that in the circumstances someone should be elected to take over from the reluctant Gandhis to end the drift and uncertainty in the party. The letter proposed that an institutional mechanism for collective leadership be put in place.

But for the Congress, the first family is sacrosanct and even a hint that another can take its place, unless specifically nominated by the Gandhis themselves, amounts to no less than treason. In the Congress, the term high command is a euphemism for the Gandhi family and nominations, not elections, are the norm. And even the courageous letter writers have in the past been direct beneficiaries of the patronage system, courtesy the first family.

The chorus of outrage from Congress chief ministers, state and party's frontal organisations was expected. At one stage it looked as if a breaking point had been reached, when Rahul Gandhi was reported to have accused the ginger group of being in league with the BJP. But then hot-headed tweets from both sides on these lines were hastily deleted. But the letter writers have probably burnt their boats in the Congress anyway.

Why would seasoned politicians, including the leader and the deputy leader of the Rajya Sabha, several former chief ministers and members of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), make such a suicidal move? The party's past history has shown us that any attempt to sidestep a Gandhi is bound to lead to an unhappy ending. Sharad The movers of this rather risky initiative seem to have been driven largely by genuine concern for the future of the party. But they were also conscious that they are remnants of the old order and would have little place in the new, when Rahul Gandhi formally takes over. Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma's days as leaders of the Rajya Sabha are numbered with Mallikarjun Kharge likely to take over as leader. Personable faces like Shashi Tharoor, Raj Babbar, Manish Tewari, Prithviraj Chavan and Milind Deora realise they are being slowly rendered irrelevant, since Rahul Gandhi has his own set of favourites.

Pawar learnt this the hard way in 1999 when he raised the question of Sonia Gandhi's foreign origins. Sitaram Kesri found himself unceremoniously bundled out of the president's office when he had the temerity not to quietly hand over his resignation letter as demanded. Narasimha Rao paid the price for presuming that once he was prime minister he did not have to consult Sonia Gandhi on every little decision.

If Congress does not listen

If it brushes aside advice from trusted loyalists within,

nation will not get the strong opposition party it deserves

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In one sense, the letter might have backfired and pushed Rahul Gandhi into the driver's seat earlier than he intended. In Congress circles it was understood that Rahul Gandhi would eventually return as president. The only question was when. Rahul Gandhi has dragged his feet, because he wants an assurance that he will be given a totally free hand. Unlike his mother who sought consensus and took the guidance of a brain trust of seasoned hands, Rahul Gandhi is deeply suspicious of the old guard, whom he regards as compromised and status quoists. His pentup anger spilled over when he stepped down last year as president after the Lok Sabha debacle, with the Congress down to an abysmal 52 seats. Rahul Gandhi accused the Congress leadership of ignoring the party's strident slogan "Chowkidar Chor Hai" and showing blatant nepotism in demanding seats for their sons.

After a stormy seven-hour meeting on Monday, it was agreed that the decision on leadership would be left till the next CWC meet and Sonia Gandhi would continue as president in the interim. It is likely that Rahul Gandhi could then formally take over as party chief. Until now, Rahul Gandhi's position is that he is not in charge of the party, even though all key appointments in the last few months were cleared by him and his tweets are assumed to be the official views of the Congress. It was Rahul Gandhi's sweeping powers without any accountability, which is perhaps one of the incentives for the letter.

The silent majority in the party may, like the rebels, also have reservations over Rahul Gandhi's return, especially without his mother's moderating influence. But they are shrewd enough to keep a discreet silence. Historian Ramachandra Guha recently dubbed Rahul Gandhi as a dilettante as seen by his inability to speak Hindi fluently after 16 years in politics, his poor choice of slogans and lack of single-minded tenacity. Rahul Gandhi's selection of key aides has upset Congress seniors. K C Venugopal is clearly out of his depth in the key position of general secretary (organisation). A failed politician like Randeep Surjewala has rubbed many the wrong way as media adviser. An additional concern is that a majority of the people Rahul Gandhi has handpicked as his advisers and speech writers are not even from the Congress stable. They are academicians and activists with little grass roots experience and a leftist tilt, which is at variance with the Congress's middle-of-the-road worldview. The overnight elevation of complete outsiders further irks the veterans. A mercurial Hardik Patel was appointed working president of the Congress Gujarat unit, much to the chagrin of a number of senior leaders.

The rebellion by the Congress stalwarts will undoubtedly be quashed. As the party stands today, a Gandhi at the helm is non-negotiable. But will the suggestions in the letter for collective leadership, reviving genuine debate in the CWC and the parliamentary party also be ignored? If the well-meaning advice from trusted loyalists is brushed aside, then the 135-year-old party is moving towards an existential crisis and the nation will not get the strong opposition party it deserves.

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TRAGEDY AS CIRCUS

Misogyny, clamour for vigilante justice, mark discussions of Sushant Singh Rajput case

THE BIG TAKEAWAY

Xi has urged China to eat less, and his people have embraced the great Indian fractional innovation, the half-plate

ERHAPS CHINESE PREMIER Xi Jinping has been reading the Taittriya Upanishad, which explains by incremental logic that when we waste a single grain of rice, we insult all of creation. Or perhaps, since China is now capitalist, materialistic forces are more compelling than the philosophy of the ancients. Thanks to a porkocalypse following the African swine fever of last year, widespread supply chain disruptions due to the pandemic and a steady decline in agricultural production due to rural-to-urban migration, China faces year-on-year food inflation of 13.2 per cent. Whatever the motivation, China is tightening its belt and licking its plate clean, as instructed by Xi.

The premier's direction is being obeyed with the alacrity with which an earlier generation had welcomed Chairman's Mao's orders to exterminate creatures which decimate grain stocks, like sparrows and mice. In some provinces, excessive public enthusiasm had caused ecological imbalances and even now, some have taken Xi's diktat a little too seriously. A restaurant in Hunan launched a "weight yourself before you order" campaign, which was unfortunately discriminatory, offering more food to overweight men than to underweight women. It apologised on the weekend. Other trivial fascisms include the algebraic (n - 1) formula, urging diners to order for one less than the number at the table. And the Indian mathematical innovation, the half-plate, is demoralising patrons of Chinese takeaways.

But it's a progressive policy. China has a whole internet subculture of people eating like pigs, and now, their short videos, called mukbang, appear with injunctions not to waste. The People's Liberation Army is modernising its kitchens to make the last calorie go further, perhaps even in Ladakh. In short, China has brought to nutritional efficiency the same implacable zeal that has made it the master of artificial intelligence, and the menace of the South China Sea.

MEENAKSHI ARORA AND PAYAL CHAWLA

THE RECENT debate has been focused on nepotism — the Bollywood "insider" versus the "outsider". Ironically, the same accusers marginalised and stigmatised Rhea Chakraborty. Someone had to be blamed she, the easiest target of all. Neither a Bollywood "insider", nor the successful or famous "outsider".

Accused by the actor's family and friends, her victimisation was amplified by a TRP-ridden media in a politically-charged atmosphere, resulting in the registration of an FIR by the Patna police. Isolated by the unsatiated edacious public, she knocked the doors of the last bastion of hope — the Supreme Court.

She filed a petition seeking the transfer of the FIR from the Bihar Police to the Maharashtra Police, under s. 406 of the CrPC. As per procedure, the petition was heard by a single judge. The Court rightly held it did not have the jurisdiction to transfer an "investigation" under s.406. Unfortunately, the Court went on to decide the matter and transfer the case to the CBI. But the Court exercised jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution – a power debatable as to its exercise by a single judge.

Assuming such a power could have been exercised, the Court then erred in holding that the Patna police had jurisdiction on the basis of "part" cause of action arising there. This finding was arrived at on the basis of two reasonings, both alien to criminal law. The first, according to Sushant Singh's father, "his attempt from Patna to talk to his son on telephone was thwarted by the accused perAs women lawyers, we are also deeply disturbed by the misogynistic narrative surrounding the young woman in question. What the investigation holds tomorrow no one can say, but to condemn a person without conviction, seeking mob and vigilante justice are reminiscent of 'dunking' you're damned if you do and damned if you don't.

sons" and the loss of his only son who was "expected to light the funeral pyre". The second reasoning is equally flawed. According to the Court, the Patna police's jurisdiction was justified in terms of s.181(4) of the CrPC, since there were allegations of criminal breach of trust and misappropriation of money, "which were to be eventually accounted for in Patna (where the complainant resides)". It remains unclear what the Court meant by "eventually". There is nothing in the judgment to indicate that the monies were, at the time of the actor's death, within the jurisdiction of the Patna police. Presumably, this is based on the father being his sole heir and that the monies would "eventually' fall within the Patna jurisdiction. A perusal of s. 181(4) will reveal that the words "accounted for" can only mean on the date of the offence and not thereafter. Any other interpretation would render its meaning wholly obtuse. Hypothetically, if legal heirs of a deceased person are based in four different states, will each state have jurisdiction?

The errors were further compounded by the application of the power of judicial review, which is again not available to a court sitting singly. According to s.6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 the "CBI cannot conduct any investigation without the consent of the concerned state". The only exception is for constitutional courts in the exercise of their power under Article 32 and 226, to direct the "CBI to take up the investigation within the jurisdiction of the State". The Court cites the law correctly, but goes on to exercise the power of a constitutional court, which respectfully, it was not.

Despite the technical flaws, there is no quarrel with the object of the Court in handing the matter to the CBI. However, it must be borne in mind that both the Union of India and the CBI were jointly represented in the matter. Further, the CBI as an agency works under the aegis of the Union. In the light of these facts, was it appropriate for the Union to have openly taken sides when the very basis of the judgment was neutrality?

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Two years ago, Anthony Bourdain, a famous CNN host, tragically took his life, a day after breaking up with Asia Argento. We leave you with the words of their friend, Rose McGowan: "Dear Fellow Humans, [...] when a friend dies, it hurts. Many of these people [...] are wanting to lash out and blame. [...] Do NOT do the sexist thing and burn a woman on the pyre of misplaced blame. Anthony's internal war was his war, but now she's been left on the battlefield to take the bullets."

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AUGUST 25, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

UP VIOLENT AGAIN

ONE PERSON WAS killed and four injured in a fresh outburst of violence in Aligarh. A series of simultaneous incidents of stabbing and stone-throwing was triggered in the bylanes when curfew was relaxed in the city's Upper Kot area. The flare-up has been seen by the government as a total failure of the district administration. District Magistrate Narendra Singh and two DCPs have been transferred.

JANATA SPLIT

THE TAMIL NADU unit of the Janata Party has split with the party High Command su-

perseding the state committee. Former Union Energy Minister P Ramachandran and his followers announced their decision to resign from the party and join the Congress-I. He said his decision was taken with a view to strengthen the nationalist forces.

UP RIVERS IN SPATE

THE GANGA HAS crossed the danger level at Haridwar and the river was rising at Phaphamau in Allahabad. The last spur of the bund on it near village Majhanwa in Ballia is being eroded fast. Boulders are being dumped to strengthen the bund. The Ghagra was also rising along its course from Katarniaghat in Bahraich to Turtipar in Ballia and the Rapti, receding at Bansi, Balrampur and Kakardhari, was rising at Birdghat at Gorakhpur.

POLISH PM SACKED

POLAND'S RULING COMMUNIST party today sacked Prime Minister Edward Babuich and five other politburo members, the national news agency PAP announced. The shake-up was triggered by the nation's 1,50,000 strong labour strike. More than 400 factories across Northern Poland have been closed for 11 days.







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THE IDEAS PAGE

Reinventing India's strategic autonomy

In 1990s, it was about fending off US political threats. Today, it is about safeguarding territorial integrity and sovereignty from Chinese aggression



BY C RAJA MOHAN

ADDRESSING A SOUTHEAST Asian forum last external affairs minister week, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar outlined India's new quest for "strategic autonomy" in its global economic engagement. "Strategic autonomy" is a familiar idea for students of India's post-Cold War diplomacy. Jaishankar's extension of it to foreign economic policy marks an important moment in the evolution of India's international relations.

To be sure, Jaishankar's "strategic autonomy" is the natural external complement to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's delineation of a new economic strategy, described as "Atmanirbharata" or "self-reliance". The PM's articulation on self-reliance came as part of the post-COVID economic measures unveiled earlier this year.

Since the concept carries so much ideological baggage, its resurrection by Modi inevitably raised many questions. Is India turning its back on economic globalisation of the last few decades? Is Delhi harking back to the much-vaunted idea of economic autarky that peaked during the years of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi?

Senior ministers and officials of the NDA government sought to reassure India's partners that Delhi was not marching backwards. In his address to the nation on Independence Day, the PM talked at some length on his definition of economic self-reliance. Modi underlined India's determination to seek deeper global economic engagement, if only on different terms.

Unlike in the past, Modi's self-reliance today is not about retreating from the world, but of enhancing India's economic contribution to the global economy. Above all, it is about empowering India and the speedy realisation of its full national economic potential. When applied to the foreign policy framework, "selfreliance" becomes "strategic autonomy". In his remarks at the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks, Jaishankar pointed to the very different context that informs India's strategic autonomy.

Jaishankar referred to the risks in the global economy that have come into sharp view since the corona crisis enveloped the



and earlier context of India's "strategic autonomy". He reminded his audience that India's past emphasis on strategic autonomy was in the context of the "unipolar moment" that emerged after the Cold War. As America towered over the world after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, India was caught in a cleft stick

On the one hand, it had to actively seek the cooperation of the US and the West to make a success of its economic reform and reorientation. India needed Western capital as well as technology and better access to its markets. On the other hand, Delhi had to protect some of its core national interests from the threats of US intervention.

In the early 1990s, the Clinton Administration had the irresistible itch to resolve the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan. Washington also thought that South Asian nuclear weapons programmes were a big threat to international peace and security.

To make matters even more interesting, the Clinton Administration saw the nuclear and Kashmir disputes as one and the same thing. Washington concluded that "Kashmir is the world's most dangerous nuclear flashpoint". The story of Indian diplomacy for the next two decades was about a sustained effort to change the US policy on both Kashmir and nuclear issues

Thanks to the fresh thinking on India under President George W Bush, the US discarded the long-standing temptation to insert itself in the Kashmir dispute. The US also went out of the way to resolve the nuclear dispute

In its single-minded focus on resolving the American problem, Delhi paid little attention to the gathering

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

""Washington needs to remember: It can neither sanction nor control the world. If it arrogantly sanctions the world, it will only hurt itself. The rejection of the UK, France and Germany has sounded the alarm." – GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

A finer balance

While seeking a new equilibrium with an assertive China, diplomatic adjustments through give-and-take must also be explored



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INDIA IS SEEKING strategic equilibrium with an increasingly aggressive China, as eloquently articulated by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. In making this move public, he is perhaps responding to several Chinese pronouncements asking for cooperation and collaboration with India, despite the ground reality of the former's unilateral assertion. The foreign minister also seems to be hoping that given its growing hiatus with the US, China would pay attention to India's sensitivities. Jaishankar's move is to underline what Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been trying through informal summits, held at Wuhan and Mamallapuram, though without much impact.

In seeking equilibrium with China, India has bravely been confronting a faceoff in the Himalayas for the past several months. It has been building creative, issue-based alliances with the US and Asian majors like Japan, Korea, Vietnam and Indonesia, and Australia. It has taken initiatives in the direction of economic decoupling with China in the name of "atmanirbharata". All this, however, has not taken India very far in terms of making an impact on China. It may take India at least a decade or two to reach an effective "atmanirbharata" vis-à-vis China, even if its present pace is significantly enhanced.

China is not interested in equilibrium with any of its Asian neighbours, least of all with India. Its efforts are clearly to build a hierarchical Asian order, with itself at the top. Beijing wants India to occupy a slot in such a hierarchy, commensurate only with its power status. It is acutely conscious of India's economic strength, which is far below its own in terms of GDP and growth trajectory. It knows that India is also far behind on military modernisation and overall capabilities. China is ruthlessly resisting India's access to global governance bodies, such as the UNSC and NSG. To keep India tied at that level, China is objecting to India's growing strategic proximity to the US. It is encircling India strategically and economically through its strategic and economic corridors - BCIM (Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar), CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) and the Trans-Himalavan Connectivity Network. It is raising issues like Kashmir at the UN and establishing footprints in the Indian Ocean. for us could be identified to build an approach on. For India, our first priority could be the resolution of the border dispute. Past formulae from different package deals mutually offered and discussed may be invoked with innovative redefinitions wherever necessary and practical. Secondly, since China has offered to mediate between India and Pakistan, it should be asked to prevail over Pakistan to resolve the Kashmir issue. Here again, various approaches have been tried in the past ranging from formalising the LOC – as Jawaharlal Nehru (then called Ceasefire line), Indira Gandhi (Simla Agreement) and Atal Bihari Vajpayee (Lahore visit) or as worked out by Pervez Musharraf and Manmohan Singh during 2007-08 - to make India-Pakistan borders redundant.

In return for these "takes", what can India offer to China as "gives"? First, it could offer access to Chinese commercial cargos to sea, through the Nathula pass (not a brand new offer), and join China's BRI on mutually acceptable terms. Under this, India may actively move on the BCIM as it had already accepted it in principle in 2013, and both Manmohan Singh and PM Modi had promised China that they would study the proposal seriously. India can also link up its infrastructure projects in Nepal, as it is already working on them. This may please Nepal as it has a vision of becoming a bridge between India and China. This will serve India's long-term interests in Nepal.

India may also show its willingness, at least tactically, to join CPEC as both Pakistan and China have asked for, provided, and this is critical, that India is allowed to undertake projects in PoK and Balochistan. Surely, Pakistan would resist this stoutly, but it should be China's headache to persuade Pakistan. As for China's push into other neighbours is concerned, India still has enough economic presence, goodwill and cultural capital there to play with.

Secondly, India should revisit its Tibet policy, which is a core irritant for China. The Tibetan administration has not provided any clear support to India's claims in the Himalayas. The US folded up the Khampa rebellion in Tibet, based out of Nepal, in the wake of working out the 1974 peace with China at the latter's behest. India can politely explore the possibility of relocating the Tibetan Political Administration (in exile in Dharamshala) to a suitable location in Europe, Australia/New Zealand or the US, while continuing to host thousands of Tibetans with dignity and respect.

It is possible that this "give" and "take" may not be acceptable to China. But what is the harm in thinking deeply on its various parameters and sounding out the Chinese? Even if it does not work out as planned. India would have made a bold diplomatic initiative and a huge tactical move towards thinking through out-of-the-box solutions and displaying that it can undertake risks to pursue its long-term national interests, as is being repeatedly asserted by Jaishankar and the Modi brand of foreign policy.

world earlier this year. He also pointed to the growing consensus among the major economic actors for shorter and more reliable global supply chains. Although Jaishankar did not mention China by name, it was at the heart of the argument. "Actions of nations during times of crisis determine how the world really perceives them, and they did bring up many of the risks inherent in the current global economy," he said. De-risking supply chains has now become an explicit policy of many countries, including India.

Even more deeply, there is a growing international concern that Beijing has taken unilateral advantage of the global trading system. This in turn has led to calls for a significant rearrangement of the global economic order away from excessive dependence on China.

Jaishankar also compared the current

with India by changing its domestic laws and international norms on nuclear proliferation. The Obama and Trump Administrations have stayed the course since then.

In its single-minded focus on resolving the American problem, Delhi paid little attention to the gathering challenges from China. It is not that Beijing did not signal the looming trouble. On the atomic front, as the US sought to lift the prolonged atomic blockade against India, China sought to block the process. Beijing insisted if India was to be let into the nuclear club, so must Pakistan. When the US refused, China turned an obstacle to India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. If India's nightmare in the 1990s was

about America "internationalising" the Kashmir dispute, it is China that now takes up the issue regularly in the United Nations challenges from China. It is not that Beijing did not signal the looming trouble. On the atomic front, as the US sought to lift the prolonged atomic blockade against India, China sought to block the process. Beijing insisted if India was to be let into the nuclear club, so must Pakistan. When the US refused, China turned an obstacle to India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

omy from China nudges India to look for strong security partnerships with the US, Europe, Japan and Australia. On the economic front, India is exploring various forms of collaboration with a broad group of nations that have a shared interest in developing trustworthy global supply chains that are not totally tied with China.

Security Council. Delhi's prolonged refusal

to see the China challenge on was finally

overcome with the PLA aggression in east-

was about fending off US political threats to

India. Today, it is inevitably about coping with

China's challenge to India's territorial in-

tegrity and sovereignty. And then some. In

the 1990s, the US was seen as a valued eco-nomic partner for India. China today is

viewed in Delhi as a major threat to India's

ing economic relationship with China came

into view in the 2010s as the bilateral trade

deficit steadily rose reaching nearly \$55billion

in 2019. Even more important was the fact the

cheap import of manufactured goods from

China was wiping out India's industrial base.

pulled India out of an Asia-wide free-trade arrangement called the Regional

Comprehensive Economic Partnership late

last year. Delhi had concluded that a China-

led economic order in Asia will permanently

doom India's economic prospects. Beijing's

Ladakh aggression forced India to go from a

passive commercial withdrawal to an active

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sought to limit the dangers of the unipolar

moment. Today, the logic of strategic auton-

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economic development.

Threats to either territorial integrity or economic prosperity are powerful enough on their own to compel drastic changes in any nation's policies. Coming together, they promise to make strategic autonomy from an assertive China an enduring theme of India's economic and foreign policies in the years ahead.

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Angry woman & other cliches

Terms of criticism of Candidate Kamala speak of entrenched stereotypes

Radha Goenka

KAMALA HARRIS'S SELECTION as Joe Biden's Vice President candidate is of particular interest to Indians for obvious reasons - she is of Indian origin. She is also of great interest to women and the feminist movement the world over. If Biden wins, she will be the first woman this close to the oval office in the history of the US democracy.

Slander is part of political campaigning and has been increasingly taking centre stage in recent years. It comes from the belief that the larger public associates "one word" or phrase with a candidate. That one word or phrase determines the overall image created of that candidate and typically dwarfs everything else he or she represents. The race to define that one word is what political campaigning is all about. It was the mainstay for Julius Caesar in 47 BC with "Veni, Vedi, Vici" – "I came, I saw, I conquered" that displayed his strength as a warrior. It defined his political persona and led to his rise in power and his murder. It was these defining words that determined the 2000 US elections in favour of "Dumb" George W Bush against the "Liar" Al Gore. People preferred being led by the former. This political slander has no real depth, but it sticks and it moves elections. Sadly, it

says a lot about how we consume knowledge and how easily we, as humans, are swayed.

As the political machinery is in full swing to slander Kamala Harris and define her "one" word, the phrases used are: "angry woman," "supports abortion," "vegan," "not American". Think about how the slander would look if it was Kamal Harris and not "Kamala" contending. Angry, would definitely not feature on the list. It is somehow ok for a man to have a temper, but an ideal woman is subservient, adjusting, and gentle, but angry, never.

Where did this notion of an ideal woman come from? In the nomadic times, all our gods and goddesses were women. Women as gatherers brought 50 per cent of the food to the table as opposed to the hunter men who returned without a kill, majority of the times. Women provided the stable form of food and therefore were not only equal, but revered in history - probably for the magical powers they possessed of producing another human. Agricultural society gave rise to the need for physical labour to till the fields – men had more physical power and women needed to provide children to help on the fields, reducing their power of bringing food to the table. Industrialisation led to men go-

ing to factories to earn the bread and women staying back to raise the children, shifting the power of the food/income earner further to the male. It was not until contraception, the pill, that women gained control of the story the ability to say I don't want to only be a child-bearer but to do more. It gave her a chance to regain some power. This doesn't work well for the male story. The debate over "abortion" in US politics is really a debate over this shift of power.

India might be a developing nation economically, but abortion has never been an issue of any real relevance in our politics. Maybe it has to do with the fact that we have one-seventh of the world's population cramped into one-hundredth of the world's land mass. Clearly, population control is a bigger issue for us. Even politicians realise it would be imprudent to make it an election issue and then imagine having to live up to it on being elected to office.

India is at the forefront of women's participation in politics, with strong women like Indira Gandhi, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee and J Jayalalithaa. No one really doubts the political fervour or ability of women in politics in India. Yet, a study conducted on women

rights, by the BAV Group and the Wharton School, in 2019, showed that the US ranked at 16 and India at 57.

Clearly, even though India has made far more progress with women in politics than the US, when it comes to equality and rights of women, it lags far behind. Why is that? While it's easy to blame the men around us for the disparity – and it is partly so – we women need to think about what we can do independently to change that. We need to see the context of our historic past to recognise the baggage we carry. We were raised to be subservient, adjusting and to "not get angry" But we are as human as men, and should recognise that we will be judged - and judge other women - by the same standards. In the roles we play as women - as mothers, mother-in-laws, female bosses, colleagues, voters – we should treat men and women, boys and girls around us alike, if not in a more sympathetic manner. We need to understand each other and our collective biases of the past. We need to stick together. Let's change the way we view and support each other. Let's change the narrative.

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What, then, should India do to explore alternatives to equilibrium, while continuing to work on its present approach in a quiet and calibrated manner? One step could be to adjust with China. at least tactically, for some time, as China had done with the US in the Seventies and Eighties. Such an adjustment could be based on mutual give and take. Critical areas of priority

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONGRESS CRISIS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Letter and spirit' (IE, August 24). First and foremost is the indispensable need for inner-party democracy in the Congress. The Gandhis have had more than their share of the cake. They should stand aside and encourage the party to elect another leader to resurrect Congress as a vibrant, viable political force that holds the government of the day accountable. SS Paul, Nadia

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Letter

and spirit' (IE, August 24). The way the

Congress is conducting itself and its

failure to play the role of an effective

opposition is disquieting. The party

has many experienced leaders who

may salvage its fortunes but it is also

replete with sycophants who owe al-

legiance to the Gandhi family than the party. The recent turmoil warrants

passing the mantle to more deserving

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Breach of

procedure' (IE, August 24). The con-

tempt of court conviction of Prashant

Bhushan for his tweets has a subtext:

The social media space is graded and

dissent vis a vis the Supreme Court is

a criminal offence. Hasty and spiteful

action reflects poorly on the apex

court, and also raises pertinent ques-

tions regarding its judgments on other

sensitive issues. An insecure judiciary

whose verdicts betray bias and hints

at intolerance will adversely affect the

INSECURE COURT

Deepak Singhal, Chennai

leaders.

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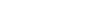
social fabric of our democracy. Fatima Ghazali, Patna

JAITLEY'S LEGACY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Remembering Arun Jaitley' (IE, August 24). His sharp mind, sober head and affability were traits that have been unavailable to the Modi government for a year. His efforts on GST and IBC will be embedded in history. Jaitley, with whom I worked as an ABVP active member, had wanted India to be equitable and just, with opportunities in health, services and education for all to be available always. He was not a mass leader, but a person with vision, and ensured that the legal strategy to deal with the abrogation of article 370 and 35A are fructified. He reshaped the Indian economy.

Rajiv Boolchand Jain, Zirakpur





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Classifieds

PERSONAL

I Deep Singh Rawat R/o Flat No. 83, Pkt-13, Sector - 21, Rohini, Delhi - 110086 declare that Deep Singh Rawat and Deep Singh is name of one person. 0040545916-1

No.15561808W Rank-Hav Mohd Naseem Khan.S/o Mohd Siddig Khan, R/o Vill. Majhwara, Post-Babuganj, Teh-Lalganj, Distt-Pratapgarh.Uttar-Pardesh, inform that in my Army-Records my wife's name Afsarun Nisa is wronglywritten. my wife's Correctname is Afsrun Nisa.

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I.inform you that my name has been wrongly-written as Hemraj Shresth in my daughter's academic documents. My actual-name is Hemraj Shrestha which may be amended accordingly. 0040545936-6

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I.SHEHZAD S/O ABDUL WAHAB, RESIDING at, HNO-2604, GALI SHANKAR SITA RAM BAZAR, CHAWRI BAZAR, DELHI-110006.HAVE Changed My Name To SHEHZAD MALIK, FOR all future purpose.

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Dehli- 32. Have changed my minor son's name from Ashwin Jai Pathak to Ashwin R Sharma. 0040545856-1

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1338 Street No.-1, Mahavir Enclave Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Piyush 0070711934-1 Kumar

I, Mukul, S/O Mukesh Singh, R/O L-I A 355 Gali No-6 Sangam Vihar ND-62, have changed my name to Mukul Singh. 0070711940-1

I,Dipanshu Gupta S/o Sh.Hari Mohan Gupta R/o-H.No.BJ.95 East-Shalimar Bagh New-Delhi-

110088, have Changed my Name Dipanshu Gupta to Deepanshu Gupta, for all future purposes 0040545838-2 I,Dhanpati Verma,Wife/Spouse of Late.CPL Aiit Singh Verma

Service Number-227323F MT FIT, P.P.O.No.Air Force/S/C/7336/81,R/o.House. No.362, Joodbagh (Jorbagh), Kotla Mubarakpur,Post-Office Kasturba-Nagar.New Delhi-110003,has changed my name, from Dhanpati Verma/Dhanpati Devi to Dhanpati, for future reference.

0040545944-5 I, Jaishree Dhake, W/O Paresh Dhake R/O 69. Sadar Apartment, Mayur Vihar Delhi, have changed my name to Jaishree Paresh Dhake for all 0040545911-1 purposes

I,ASHOO MANCHANDA W/O RITESH SHARMA R/O HNO.741-A.JG2.VIKAS PURI.DELHI-110018.HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO ASHU SHARMA. 0040545936-2 I.ASHOO CHOPRA W/O- PANKAJ

CHOPRA R/O - HOUSE NO. 859, SECTOR-37, FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121003 have changed my minor child name from YAJUR YUVRAJ CHOPRA to YAJUR CHOPRA.

0040545936-1 I KATYAYANI d/o Sushil Kumar from R-58, Vani Vihar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi have changed my name to KATYAYANI RAI for all purpose 0040545920-1 I, TANYA DHAWAN W/O-HIMANSHU DHAWAN R/O-KU-80,PITAMPURA,DELHI-110034.have changed my minor child name.from TAVISHI

DHAWAN to TAVISSHI DHAWAN. 0040545923-1 I, Shreekala John w/o Babu John R/O 100-D, pocket A-1, Mayur Vihar Ph-III, Delhi-110096, have changed my name to Shreekala

B. John for future purposes 0040545823-1

LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original-qualifying examination-certificate of main-Secondary-examination of year-1979 and Roll.No.57025 and Senior-Secondaryexamination of the year-1981 and Roll.No.314566 issued by CBSE has been actually lost.Name of the candidate Hemant Sharma S/o-Ram Charan Sharma R/o-Flat No 389 Sector-D Pocket-6,Kaveri-Apartment,Vasant Kunj,Delhi. 0040545936-9

I,Anil Kumar Gupta,S/o Shivcharan Lal Gupta, have lost my Original-Property Conveyance-Deed of Plot.No.1579, area measuring.450sq.mtrs., Sector-38, Phase-I, HSIIDC.Industrial Estate.Rai. (Sonepat), Haryana. Finder-Contact-9312255526&

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR OF THE FREEHOLD PROPERTY BEARING NO. B – 8, EAST OF KAILASH, NEW DELHI

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ublic at large is hereby informed that Public at large is hereby informed that the captioned property is subject for State Bank of India , Bank/ Branch Premises and at present the captioned floor property is /are owned by my client(s) (1) Shri K.P. Jawa & (2) Shri Surender Jawa and presently the captioned property is Mortgage with Central Bank , Branch Okhla Mandi, Delhi , It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm / company, Bank (except the Bank mentioned above) , financial institution having claim any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents mentioned above or otherwise and / or objection thereof.

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basis of documents mentioned above or otherwise and / or objection thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 days from the day of publication, failing which the title shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and impediment. Amit Chaudhary (Advocate) Mobile - 9910147876, Email : amitlawyer2007@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR OF THE FREEHOLD PROPERTY BEARING NO. A-30, GROUND FLOOR, VISHAL ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI. AREA MEASURING 3373.84 SQ FT (APPA)

APPX) Public at large is hereby informed that he State Bank of India , Bank/ Branch the State Bank of India, Bank/ Branch Premises is running in the captioned property since 11.11.2013 with owner Shri Baldev Singh by virtue of Lease Agreement, duly registered vide Regd. No. 21924, dated11.11.2013. Shri Baldev Singh Mahindru expired on 20.06.2020 and his wife Smt. Jatinder Kaur, presently offered the captioned property for same purpose & rent and also accept the terms and condition of Lease. Aarement mentioned above

Lease Agreement mentioned above for the remaining term of Lease Deed. It is also informed that Class I Legal heirs (as per Surviving Member Certificate issued by Concerned office of District Magistrate) of Late Shri Baldev Singh mutually is/are proposed to execute Relinquishment Deed in favor of their mother Le. Smt Jalinder Kaur for their respective share as

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Kaur for their respective share as Class I legal heir. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm / company, Bank (except the Bank mentioned above), financial institution having claim any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents mentioned above or

PUBLIC NOTICE

it known to all concerned that my c Mahesh S/o Sh. Pitam Singh and his it. Mundresh Devi both resident of H

29, Sharfuddinpur Javli, Gha: oli, Uttar Pradesh-201102, have sev pir relations, disowned and disin

heir relations, disowned and disinher heir Son Mr. Ashu kasana and daughte aw Smt. Neetu, from all their movea mmovable properties, bank acco usiness and other assets, as they h become disobedient, disloyal disrespectful to my client and have b acting against their interest and have b

ving separately. Any person dealing with aid Sh. Ashu and his wife Smt. Neetu, s e doing so at his/ her/ their own risk,

d responsibility and my clients shall ild responsible in any manner, what

Advocate Enrl. No. D/2183/2014 Chamber (1): 633, Western Wing,Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Jamna Devi W/o Late Shri K, Bahadur R/o House no 21 Block A-1 Ga no 11 Sant Nagar, Kamal Pur Majra Burar Delhi has severed all his relations with he sons Sanjay, Sonu, daughters-in-la Deepa and Babita respectively and ha discussed from all hor grouphlo as

lisowned from all her movable mmovable properties due to isobedient and misbehaviour toward

lient. Anyone deals with them, shall do heir own responsibility my client shall n e hold responsible for any act and deel

Office: Chamber No. 71, Western Win Tis Hazari, District Court, Delhi -11005

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PUBLIC NOTICE Seneral Public that my o W/o Late Shri Ramesh a Bagh, Paschim Vihar, of above stated prem present owner of above stated premises o one property situated at RZ 211/B, Kr 289, Village Nangloi Sayed, New Doller thas two children in en (Son & daughter), My cli rred one property situated operties of my client her son after her ny client will have no right

untarily executed registered Advocate D/218/94 Irts, Delh

Ch. No. 523. Rohini C

PUBLIC NOTICE

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दिनांकः

Be it known to all concerned that My client Surjeet Singh S/o Late. Atma Singh R/o-S-4/132, Gali No.9, Old Mahavir Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-18 have severed all relations with their son Jaspreet Singh & his wife Amanpreet Kaur disinherited disowned and debarred them fron all their properties, movable and nmovable and our client would not be responsible for the act deed and things done by them. S. K Gupta (Advocate Ch. No. D-209, Karkardo Delhi-110032

PUBLIC NOTICE

t is hereby informed that We, Jaipa Singh S/o Late Sh. Rameshwar Das and Sheela Verma W/o Sh. Jaipa Singh, both R/o 53A, DDA LIG Flats Singh, both R/o 53A, DDA LIG Fibis Madhuban Enclave, Madipur, New Delhi-110063 (Permanent Address. 232, Baba Hari Dass Nagar, Titk Border, Delhi have disowned our son Sh. Nitesh Verma S/o Sh. Jaipal Singh and his wife Smt. Kiran Verma both R/c 53A, DDA LIG Flats, Madhuban Enclave, Madipur, New Delhi-110063 from our movable and immovable properties. We are not responsible for their actions. ieiractions. Nishtha Chawla (Advocat



Our client Kalyan Sahay, & his wit Smt Lata Devi, both R/o A-2/2132, J. Colony, Madanpur Khadar, New Delhi-110044, severe all relations & Debar their Son Ritesh and his wife Poonam from all their movable mmovable properties due to their disobedience & Misconduct. My client's will not be responsible for any of their acts in future. Sd/-

Karan Bansa Advoca Chamber No.878 Lawyers Block, Saket Court New Delhi-11001

PUBLIC NOTICE

INOD KUMAR BANSAL S/o Sh Manohar Lal Bansal, residing at B 35, Jawahar Park, Devli Road Khanpur, New Delhi-110062 and ermanent resident of A-73 Ranjeet Nagar, Bharatpur Ranieet Ranjeet Nagar, Bharatpur Rajasthan, declare that name of nine has been wrongly written a /INOD BANSAL in CBSI VINOD BANSAL in CBSE Marksheets & Certificates of my son TANISHQ BANSAL. The actual name of mine is VINOD KUMAR BANSAL, as per my Defense Service Records, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients ASHOK BAJAJ son of Shr Svam Lal Bajaj and VEENA BAJAJ wife of Sri Ashok Bajaj both residents of 109-C, LIG Flats, Phase III, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052 have severec off/disconnected all their relations with oft/disconnected all their relations with their son HARSH BAJAJ and his wife PRATISHTHA. My clients have debarred/disowned them from all their movable and immovable properties for all intents and purposes. If anybody deals with them, he/she/they shall be liable and responsible for all the future neared anone, who here one. ces, whatso

NARESH KUMAR (Advocate Off: WZ-3334, Mahindra Prak Shakur Basti, Delhi-110034

PUBLIC NOTICE ie it known to all the concerned th lient Sh. Balwant Singh Kochhar S h. Amrik Singh and his wife Smt. Sa .aur Kochhar both R/o H.No.- 5B/35 lagar, New Delhi- 110018 have serv disc

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सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि कार्यालय रक्षा सम्पदा अधिकारी भागरा मण्डल आगरा छावनी द्वारा सर्वे संख्या 321 (भाग) बी.एस.एन.एल. ऑफिस के सामने आगरा छावनी स्थित रक्षा भूमि जिसका क्षेत्रफल लगभग 5000.0 वर्ग फुट है पर एक वर्ष के लिए कार, बस, स्कूटर इत्यादि पार्किंग के लिए इच्छुक व्यक्तियों / फर्म आदि द्वारा भारत सरकार के केन्द्रीय सार्वजनिक खरीद फरोक्त पोर्टल (Central Public Procurement Portal of Govt. of India)<u>www.eprocure.gov.in</u> के माध्यम से ई—निविदा (E-Tender)आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा की शर्ते उपरोक्त पोर्टल पर अपलोड कर दी गई है। दस्तावेज डाउनलोड प्रारम्भ करने का दिनांक 25.08.2020 समय 09:30 बजे मे प्रारम्भ लेकर निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि 14.09.2020 समय 15:00 तक रहेगी। उक्त सचनाएँ छावनी परिषद आगरा की वेबसाइट <u>www.eprocure.gov.in</u> पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

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24/08/2020	आगरा मण्डल, आगरा छावनी

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE							
Invitation of tender through E-tendering							
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N.I.T. No.	116-S/AMC/TSS/CMS Equipment/M-1/2020						
work and its	 "CAMC for Integrated Terminal Support System Equipments Name of (Hardware) for Computerized Crew Management System application work and over Delhi division at Jakhal, Jind, Rohtak, Shakurbasti, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Main and Meerut City Stations on various Diesel Lobbies for the period of Two years from the Date of Execution" from OEM (M/s acer only) or Authorised Dealer of M/s "acer" only. 						
Approx	Approx. Cost of work Rs.14,53,200/- (Fourteen lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred only) plus GST as applicable						
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Completion Period of work Two years i.e. 24 months from the date of execution of work					ecution		
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No.: 116-S/AMC/TSS/CMS Equipments/M-1/2020 Dated : 24.08.2020 1831/2020							
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एन एन आरडी ए MUMBAI METROPOLITAN REGION **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** MMRDA (A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking) Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai -400051. Tel: 26590001/04

Fax: 91-022-26591264 Website: https://mmrda.maharashtra.gov.in e-RFP NOTICE

Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) hereby invites Request for proposal

1) Tender/Bid No. : MMRDA/T&CP/E-BlockRedesign/Misc/1155/2020 : Town and Country Planning Division 2) Division 3) Name of Tender/Bid : Request for Proposal for Preparation of Urban Design Master Plan for E and G Block of Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) and Architectural Design of MMRDA Office in BKC. Mumbai.

4) Contact Details : Shri. S. C. Deshpande, Chief, T&CP Division Tel: 022-26594079, 022-26594173 | Fax:022-26594178 Email : masterplan_bkc@mailmmrda.maharashtra.gov.in

5) Bid document download : 24.08.2020 (18:00 hrs) to 21.09.2020 (17:00 hrs)

6) Last date of receipt of queries/clarification : 28.08.2020 (10:00 hrs) 7) Pre Bid Meeting : 31.08.2020 at 16:00 hrs

Through Video Conferencing 8) Last date of Online submission : 21.09.2020 (17:00 hrs) The e-RFP shall be available for free download on registration at https://etendermmrda.maharashtra.gov.in as per the above-mentioned dates. MMRDA e-tendering Helpdesk email : etendersupport@ mailmmrda.maharashtra.gov.in or Phone No.: 022-2659 7445



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2) Division : Town and Country Planning Division 3) Name of Tender/Bid : Request for Proposal for Appointment of an Agency for development of Recreation Ground bearing no. R.G.- 6, 19 & 23 with Hills (admeasuring approx. 6.87 Ha.) in G Block of Bandra - Kurla Complex (BKC) for a period of 30 years on Design,

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one lady, (depicted in the photo), Namely: Nandini, Wio: Raman, Rio: Jhuggi No. E-42/224, Ambedkar Camp, G.T. Road, Industrial Area, Jhilm I Colony, Delhi, Aged: 24 years has been missing since 04.11.2018 at 06:00. PM from C-Block, Vivek Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi. In this Regard DD No. 04-A. Dated 05.11.2018, has been lodged at P.S. Vivek Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under Height: 173 cm., Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long,

DP/838/SHD/18

Gudiya



Built: Thin, Clothing: Pink Colour San, Cream Colour Blouse and Blue Colour Hawai Chappalinher feet.

Any person is having any information/due about this missing lady, may inform SHO, Vivek Vitar, Delhi at E-mail: ciccbi@cbi.nic.in or website http://cbi.nic.in Fax No.: 011-23011334 Tele No. : 011-23014046 (Direct) 011-23015229.23915218

> S.H.O P.S. Vivek Vihar, Delhi Ph. 011-22146040, 22150370

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Gudiya, D/o Om Prakash, R/o: H. No. E-2/111, Nand Nagri, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 07.07.2020 from her house from the area of P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi In this regard a case vide DD No. 71-A dated 08.07.2020 has been registered at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi. The description of

the missing/ kidnapped girl is as under: Age: About 22 years Height: 5'1", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium Wearing: Blue colour suit-plajo and black & kathai colour slipper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in SHO Ph.: 011-24368638. 24368641 P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi Fax No. 011-24368639 Ph.: 011- 22137761, 8750870733 DP/227/NE/2020

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001 Phone No. 0175-2207649, E-mail ID: se-it1@pspcl.in CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in

Tender Enquiry No. 236/DIT-1054 dated 24.08.2020 Short Description: Providing 4G (LTE/ VoLTE) mobile phone

services in Punjab State Power Corporation Limited under cor porate plan.

Start date for downloading of Specification/tender docu ments: Date of uploading of tender.

Last date for downloading of Specification/tender docu ments: 09.09.2020 upto 11.00 A.M.

Bid Opening date: 10.09.2020 upto 11.00 A.M.

Note: The prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office and or GePNIC representatives in case of any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender well in time. It is also requested to get their digital signature and registration well in time so as to submit tenders through e- tendering only.

It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official, PSPCL website: (https://eproc.punjab.gov.in)



Singh Karanwal permanently. 0040545918-1

I,Punam Devi,W/o Sudhir Kumar R/o.Village: Fakharpur, Post:Khekra.Distt:.Baghpat UP 250101, have changed my name to Poonam. 0040545944-6

I,Parwati,W/o-Govind,R/o-CPG1-Block.New

Seelampur, Delhi 110053, inform that in my PAN-Card my father name has wrongly written as Govind instead of Mohan Lal Gaget.

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I,PRERNA,W/o Mr.Ravinder Kumar R/o-6006/4,Sector-D-6,VasantKunj,NewDelhi-110070, have changed my name to PRERNA KUMAR, for all purpose. 0040545944-2

I.Minakshi Azad.D/O-Narender Pahuja & W/O Sudhir Azad, R/O D-16/188-189,Sector 3 Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name from Minakshi Azad to Sonia, for all 0040545944-7 purposes.

I,Aasim ,S/o-Aqeel Ahmed,R/o-D-71.Gali no.-80ld Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, have changed my name from Aasim Khan to Aasim.Aasim khan and Aasim both are same parson, my father's correct name is Aqeel Ahmed.

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Lata Rani Gupta W/o-Surva Dev Gupta R/o-E-16/33, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Suraj Lata Rani Gupta for all purposes.

0040545837-1

Jitender Singh S/O, Chandan Singh R/o 1/858, Gf, Vasundhara Ghaziabad have changed my name to Jitender Singh Bisht for all purposes.

0040545905-1

I Deepika D/O, Surender Singh R/o F - 575, 2nd Floor, devli Village .bank Colony , Khanpur New Delhi 110062 have changed my name to Deepika Rana for all purposes.

0040545832-1

I, S.Prashanth, S/o K.V.Seetharama Sastrigal R/o-GH-2.35-A.Ankur Appartmnt, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63, changed my name to Prashanth Seetharaman permanently. 0040545923-6

I, Ashmeet Kaur R/o 42, Vinayak Apartments, Plot No-C-58/1 Sector 62 Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P-201301 have changed my name to Ashmeet Kaur Chandok. 0070711945-1

I. Aniu Kumar W/o Alok Kumar R/o: 1-5/2 Sapna Ghar CGHS Ltd, Plot No 6B, Sector 11, Dwarka, Delhi -110075 have changed my name to Aniu Tyagi for future. 0040545851-1

documents mentioned above or otherwise and / or objection thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 days from the day of publication, failing which the title shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and impediment. Amit Chaudhary (Advocate) I.DILSHAD AHMED S/0 Ch. No. 561, 5th Floor, Saket Courts, New Delf MD.ABDUI BARIKHAN.R/O-C-Mobile - 9910147876. Email : amitlawver2007@gmail.com

20, Gali.NO-5, MOHAN BABA-NAGAR, TAJPUR-EXTN, DELHI-110044.mv name has been wrongly written as DILSHAD AHMAD, in my Passport-NO. J2053963.The actual name of mine is DILSHAD AHMED

0040545838-1 I,DEEPAK VINOD KHANNA,S/O VINOD BABULAL KHANNA.R/o-PLOT.NO 06, FF 03, SHAKTI-KHAND-3, INDIRAPURAM, GHA7IABAD, U-P-201014. changed my name to DEEPAK KHANNA. 0040545936-7 I, Anita W/O Rakam Singh Karanwal R/O-E151A.

Street.No.18G, Sadh Nagar,Palam Colony,New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Anita Karanwal Permanently. 0040545918-2

I, Alka Jaiswal w/o Siddharth Shankar Jaiswal r/o A-134. Ist Floor, Backside, Sudarshan Park (Moti Nagar), New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to KATYAYINEE JAISWAL permanently. 0040545834-1

I,Baby Arushi Agarwal D/o-Pravag Chand Agarwal, R/o-L-43, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi-110015.have changed my name to Palak Agarwal, permanently.

0040545923-4

I,Amarit Pal Kaur,w/o Nirmal Singh,R/o.Flat.No.46,Adarsh-Kuni.Plot.No.42.Sector-13,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Amrit Pal Kaur, permanently.

0040545923-7 Najmeen D/o Mohd.Alam R/o House No.68/2, Kashi Ram Park, Mundka, P.O. Mundka, Bakkar Wala, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Neha for all purposes. 0040545844-1

e Smt. Simran Kaur fron where smith similar haur from movable and immovable prope they have become disobedient, and disrespectful to my clients a been acting against their will and Anybody dealing with them shall so at their own risk, cost and resp and my clients shall not in any

RAJEEV KUMAR TEWARI (A Ch. No. 394-395, Cir Tis Hazari Courts, Delh

FODEIC MOTICI ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR FREEHOLD PROPERTY I NO. J-9/34 , RAJOURI (NEW DELHI. AREA ME/ 2114 SQ FT (APPX) ublic at large is hereby infor e State Bank of India , Bank emises is running in the operty since 12.04.2013 w ri Gulshan Kumar Kohli b ase Agreement, duly regis 3hri Gulshan Kumar Nornu ay ease Agreement, duly registe Regd. No. 7958, dated18.04.20 Julshan Kumar Kohli expi 70.05.2020 and his wife Smt. Kohli, offered the captioned pro Bank Premises and also agre same Rent & accept the ter condition of Lease mentioned a the remaining term of Lease D ondition of Lease mentioned a e remaining term of Lease De so informed that Class I Leg s per Surviving Member Cc aaring no. 9066000062108 7.04.2020) of Late Shri (umar Kohli is/are mutually e elinguidheast Doed duby so ate St. and is/are mutual aquishment Deed duly 9 Regd. No. 8782, dated 27 ° of their mother i for their reohli for their respective share Ohil for their response. Legal heir. t is hereby notified that any pr ntity, firm / company, Bank (ex-lank mentioned above) , stitution having claim any nterest or lien or claim on the mentioned ab becaments mentioned al herwise and / or objection the e/ they may lodge/ notify the undersigned with doc of within 15 days from the lication , failing which the med to be clear and m ut any defect , encumbra Amit Chaudhary (Advo

h. No. 561, 5th Floor, Sake Mobile - 9910147876, Email : amitlawyer200

PUBLIC NOTICE WHOM SO IT MAY CON This is to Certify that as per ins of Shri JANG BAHADUR SING Son of J.S.SODHI R/O V-308 Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-11 taken a loan from IIFL Home Limited, against his property Sewak Park, Block B-1 Uttan New Delhi-110059, hereinafter to as "the said property". and s the original papers repard property with IIFL Home Finance The Original Papers regard property i.e. Original complete chain Property documents accid on dt. 14-08-2020 at rajouri gar person, who has got, rights, inte claim, encumbrances, charges nature whatsoever in respect above said Property or any par can send their objections w mentary evidence at below within 7 days from the date of p of this notice, failing which, it presumed that the said Pro . entirely is free from all such interest, charges, encumbrances JANG BAHADUR SINGH

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address of Smt. Amrit Kaur is H.No. E/200, Amar Colony, Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi, but the letters sent through speed post returned back mentioned "NO SUCH PERSON AT THIS ADDRESS". Therefore, Smt. Amrit Kaur is hereby informed through this notice that Competen Disciplinary Authority has taken decision vide orders dated 28.05.2020 for her "Removal from Service" with immediate effect. Under the provisions of D&AR Rules-1968 she may submit an appeal to Appellate Authority (i.e. Sr. DCM/C/Delhi) if so desired within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice. 1830/20

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INS Viraat served in the Indian Navy for 30 years.

GUJARAT INS Viraat to be broken at Alang, sold as scrap

Ahmedabad: INS Viraat, the Guinness record holder for being the longest-serving warship of the world, will arrive at the Alang ship-breaking yard in Gujarat in September, where it will be broken and sold as scrap. The Shree Ram Group has purchased the carrier, which served in the Navy for 30 years. Currently, the INS Viraat is at the Naval dockyard in Mumbai. Once capable of cruising at 28 knots with over 2,000 crew and officers onboard, the decommissioned warship will have to be towed to the ship breaking yard in the Gulf of Khambhat. **ENS**

MAHARASHTRA 26/11 survivor moves HC; seeks compensation

Mumbai: One of the youngest survivors and key eyewitnesses of the 26/11 terrorist attacks in Mumbai has petitioned the Bombay High Court seeking a government-allotted house for her financially deprived family and to make provisions for her to continue her education. Devika Rotawan, who is 21 years old now, filed a petition on August 21 and said that her family would have to face homelessness because they were unable to pay rent for their room in a chawl at Subhash Nagar due to poverty and acute financial conditions. Rotawan was nine years old at the time of the terrorist attacks and was shot in the leg. She had identified Ajmal Kasab, the only terrorist who was cap-

tured alive.

CLUE TO UNDERSTANDING HOW 'DARK AGE' OF UNIVERSE ENDED Global team of scientists discovers one of the earliest galaxies using India's AstroSat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, AUGUST 24

A GLOBAL team led by scientists from the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) in Pune has discovered one of the earliest galaxies in our universe by using AstroSat, India's first multi-wavelength satellite.

The team, which comprises scientists from India, Switzerland, France, the US, Japan and The Netherlands, used AstroSat, which has five unique X-ray and ultraviolet telescopes

working in tandem, to detect extreme-ultraviolet light emanating from galaxy AUDFs01 located 9.3 billion light-years away from Earth. Dr Kanak Saha, associate pro-

fessor of astronomy at IUCAA who led the team, told The Indian Express that the team observed the galaxy which is located in the Hubble Extreme Deep field, through AstroSat. The findings were published on August 24 by Nature Astronomy. A statement issued by IUCAA

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The team was led by IUCAA's Dr Kanak Saha

explained that after the Big Bang, the universe was a hot soup of particles (protons, neutrons, and electrons). As the universe started to cool, the protons and neutrons began combining into ionized atoms of hydrogen, and eventually, some helium. These ionized atoms of hydrogen and helium attracted electrons, turning them into neutral atoms which allowed light to travel freely for the first time, since this light was no longer scattering off free electrons. But there were no stars, and no galaxies, and the universe was dark.



Culpable homicide charges against 12 **Indonesians dropped**

SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, AUGUST 24

THE BANDRA police in Mumbai has dropped charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder and attempt to murder filed against 12 Indonesian nationals in connection to the Tablighi Jamaat gathering held in Delhi's Nizamuddin in March.

The 12 men, who had tested negative for Covid-19, were initially booked under the two charges under IPC - one of which attracts the maximum punishment of life imprisonment – following allegations that they were responsible for spreading the virus by attending the gathering.

In the chargesheet likely to be filed on Tuesday before the metropolitan magistrate's court in Bandra, the 12 men will continue to face other charges in connection to the violation of lockdown norms, visa conditions and sections of the Epidemic Diseases Act.

A senior police officer told *The Indian Express* that since no

evidence was found to substantiate the charges of culpable

homicide not amounting to murder and attempt to murder, they were dropped. The Bandra police had

booked the men claiming that they came to Delhi separately on February 29 and March 2 from Indonesia and thereafter to the city on March 8, as part of a Tablighi Jamaat group.

Following this, they were quarantined in Bandra and tested for Covid-19. Their tests returned negative in March. The police, claiming that they

had violated lockdown rules and put the lives of others at risk, had arrested 10 of them. The court, while granting

them bail. had stated that there is "no propriety" in contending that they are responsible for spreading Covid-19, as they had tested negative for the infection. Following this, two others in

the group were granted anticipatory bail by the sessions court. The 12 men are currently re-

siding in Mumbai, awaiting completion of the trial.

'Have a chance, but like a lottery'

Pune: While searching for sources that reionized the early universe, the usual suspects have usually been the first astronomical objects, especially the newborn small galaxies. However, the probability that a fraction of extreme-UV photons escape the host galaxy and are caught by a telescope on Earth is practically zero, because these photons will be absorbed by the gas in the galaxy or the gas surrounding the galaxy or even the matter between the galaxy

According to the statement, perhaps a few hundred million years after the Big Bang, the 'dark ages" ended when the first stars and galaxies formed and the energy pouring out from them ionized the hydrogen and helium, splitting the atoms back again in protons and electrons the epoch of reionization, the statement said.

and us. "The absorption in the intergalactic medium is so severe that it is impossible to observe ionizing photons in the reionization epoch directly. In the later epoch, the intergalactic absorbers decrease and we have a chance to detect such photons but it is still like a lottery," said Dr Akio Inoue, professor at Waseda University, Japan, one of the co-authors of the study published in Nature Astronomy. ENS

Raychaudhury said this was a very important discovery to understand how the "dark ages" of the universe ended and there was light in the universe. "We need to know when this started, but it has been very hard to find



The 1.8-km ropeway between Guwahati and North Guwahati inaugurated on Monday. PTI

Assam govt inaugurates 1.8-km ropeway across Brahmaputra

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI, AUGUST 24

THE ASSAM government on

Monday inaugurated a 1.8 km ropeway over the Brahmaputra river, connecting Guwahati to North Guwahati. According to officials, it is one of the longest ropeways across a river in India.

Two cabins - each with a car-

rving capacity of 30 passengers

plus one operator – will cover the

entire length of the ropeway in

eight minutes. The project was

built at a cost of Rs 56 crore. Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal tweeted saving: "With the blessings of Umananda, we dedicate the ropeway between Guwahati and North Guwahati to the people of Assam. Apart from substantially reducing travel time, the ropeway will provide a breathtaking view of the mighty Brahmaputra and

promote tourism in the State."

Himanta Biswa Sarma, who inau-

gurated the ropeway, said, "This is

one of the most advanced &

longest river crossing Aerial

Senior Assam minister

Tramway systems in India." The two ends of the ropeway will be operated from Kachari Ghat in Guwahati on one side and the Dol Govinda Temple in North Guwahati at the other side.

At the inauguration ceremony. Sarma said the ropeway would boost connectivity between Guwahati and North Guwahati. He tweeted later saving, "The

ropeway was conceived by GoA

as an enabling infra project for ad-

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Raychaudhury said.



According to the Raigad district administration, the building was home to over 40 families. Express

Building falls, **1 killed, 70** feared trapped

MAYURA JANWALKAR& SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, AUGUST 24

A FIVE-STOREY residential building collapsed at Mahad town in Maharashtra's Raigad district, 170 km from Mumbai, on Monday evening, killing at least one person. While 15 people, including seven who suffered injuries, were rescued till 10 pm, district officials estimate that at least 70 people are trapped under the debris.

The top three floors of the structure, known as Tarique Garden, collapsed around 6.50 pm. Eyewitnesses said the building, estimated to be not more than 10 years old, began shaking with some residents managing to rush out before it collapsed.

Local rescue teams, including police and fire brigade, were immediately pressed into service. Three NDRF teams from Pune were set to join rescue operations late at night. An official from NDRF said that visuals of the building denote that it was a "pancake collapse", a term used for a fall that occurs from the top

floors to the lower ones. According to the district administration, the building was home to over 40 families. While 25 families were rescued, 15 still remained trapped.

Hours before it collapsed, officials said, the building appeared to shake and some families were evacuated as a safety measure.

Sajid Pore, who runs a printing press business, was at work when the building collapsed. He lived in the building with his the debris.

the talks fell through last year. He

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sued, sources said. Details of the

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IUCAA director Dr Somak Verhamme, professor at the Geneva Switzerland

phology and leaking ionizing radiation at 60 nanometers. AUDFs01 offers the first observational constraint in this extreme ultraviolet regime where stellar models are the most discrepant; with further detections, AstroSat will allow us to refine our scenario of cosmic reionization," said co-author Dr Anne

Mahad, where his mother Farida Pore had to get stitches for a head injury. Sajid said his sister-in-law and her three-year-old son suf-

fered minor injuries while being evacuated. According to the district administration, the building was built by one Yunus Shaikh and a contractor known as 'Patel', who residents said was in Mumbai at

the time of the incident. Late Monday, Raigad Collector Nidhi Choudhari ordered the registration of an offence against the builder, the architect and the contactor.

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar have spoken to Choudhari and Shiv Sena MLA from Mahad, Bharat Gogavale.

"The collapse of a building in Raigad, Maharashtra is very tragic. Have spoken to DG @NDRFHQ to provide all possible assistance, teams are on the way and will be assisting with the rescue operations as soon as possible. Praying for everyone's safety," tweeted Union Home

Minister Amit Shah. A green corridor was created in coordination with district administrations from Pune to Raigad to enable the swift passage of NDRF team. NDRF Commandant Anupam Shrivastav said: "The immediate priority will be to rescue those trapped. Three canines are a part of the rescue teams. Since they are the most reliable method of rescue in such situations, they will be pressed into action first. We will also take help seismic and acoustic detectors, among others, to detect any noise from

UTTAR PRADESH 5 injured in clash over PUBG

Muzaffarnagar: Five people, including two women, were injured in a clash between two groups over online game PUBG in Uttar Pradesh's Shamli district on Monday, police said. Four people have been arrested in connection with the incident which took place in Hasanpur village of the district under Kotwali police station area, they said. Two men, Aman and Vishal, got into a confrontation with each other over the game. Soon their family members joined in and the confrontation turned into a clash in which firearms and lathis were used, Circle Officer Jitendra Kumar said. PTI

WEST BENGAL

Driver arrested for 'molesting' passenger

Kolkata: The driver of a ride-hailing service has been arrested for allegedly molesting a woman passenger in south Kolkata on Sunday night, the police said on Monday. Sources said the woman had booked the cab from Behala around 11.30 pm. She claimed that the incident occurred following an argument over switching on the car's AC, said the police. She accused the driver of attempting to click her photographs and then molesting her. The driver was arrested after she lodged a formal complaint, ENS said the police.

BENGALURU PROJECT Top court asks builders to compensate flat owners for 'gross delay'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

THE SUPREME Court on Monday asked two builder groups to compensate flat owners in Bengaluru for the "gross delay" of "two to four years" in completing construction and for not building some of the promised amenities.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and K M Joseph asked DLF Southern Homes Pvt. Ltd. and Annabel Builders and Developers to pay 6 per cent simple interest per annum to each of the more than 150 appellants "on the total amounts paid towards the purchase of the respective flats with effect from the date of expiry of thirty-six months from the execution of the respective ABAs (Apartment Buyers Agreement) until the

MONEY SWINDLED IN BIHAR

NAGA PEACE TALKS Ravi not in latest round, NSCN-IM

ter the receipt of the occupation certificate". The court said this amount

"shall be in addition to the amounts which have been paid over or credited by the developer at the rate of Rs 5 per square foot per month" as compensation.

The builders have to pay the amount in one month, "failing which they shall carry interest at the rate of 9 per cent per annum until payment".

The matter related to a project called Westend Heights at New Town, DLF, BTM Extension at Begu, Bengaluru. The project was being developed in a 27.5 acre area and was to consist of 1.980 units. spread across 19 towers each consisting of a stilt and 18 floors.

The project was to start in 2009 and be completed in 36 months. However, there were date of the offer of possession afseveral extensions.

ESHAROY NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

SOME "PROGRESS" is being made in coming to an understanding between the government and NSCN-IM in the latest round of informal Naga peace talks, sources in the militant outfit said

These, however, are informal talks, and official deliberations with the government - will follow after this round.

Officials of the Intelligence Bureau have been engaging with the NSCN-IM after relations between R N Ravi. the Centre's interlocutor for the peace talks and also the Nagaland Governor, and leaders of NSCN-IM soured last vear and the talks ended in a



Nagaland Governor and interlocutor R N Ravi

stalemate.

The latest round of informal deliberations began earlier this month. and are still on.

IB sources had earlier confirmed to The Indian Express that Ravi had come to Delhi but left for Nagaland soon after without

chief. Th Muivah. had for the first having met the NSCN-IM members. time issued a statement since

Sources in NSCN-IM now say the ongoing meetings are progressing fast and the two parties are giving a "retouch to the competencies" of the agreement.

A source in NSCN-IM said: "After the process of informal talks are over, decisions will be taken at the political level in formal talks with the government. There is no set time-frame for the resolution this time, but both parties are keen on settling the issue, and are looking at an agreement/solution at the earliest."

The NSCN-IM had hardened its stance against Ravi over the last few months, and on August 14, celebrated by the IM as Naga independence day, the group's they maintained.

family of seven. "My family was home. My mother and sister-inlaw were rescued in time but suffered injuries." he told The Indian Express from Ansari hospital in the site.

District officials said that 25 labourers, one gas cutter, one genset, two ICBs and two dumpers have been deployed at

Journalist shot dead in UP's Ballia district, police suspect family dispute

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, AUGUST 24

A 42-YEAR-OLD journalist workcluded the idea of unification of all Naga people, living in areas ing with a Hindi news channel across Assam, Arunachal was shot dead on Monday evening in Fefna area in Uttar Sources in IB had said that Pradesh's Ballia district.

Police said Ratan Singh had been thrashed before he was shot dead inside the premises of the village head's residence.

Police suspect incident occurred over a old dispute in the family.

But progress has been made Three persons have been detained for questioning. Police are looking into the role of Ratan Singh's relative Dinesh Singh in the case.

Officer, Fefna, Circle Chandrakesh Singh said, on Monday evening they were informed that a man was shot dead at Khetna village and his body was lying inside the premises of village head Seema Singh's residence. A police team rushed to the spot and seized the body.

During preliminary inquiry, police came to know that victim left home for some work in the evening.

"We are still trying to probe vhy did victim went to pradhan's residence. It is suspected that victim was thrashed before being shot dead. Village pradhan's husband Jhabhar Singh is untraceable," said Singh.

Police said the victim worked with a hindi news channel.

In delivery scheme scam, 65-yr-old shown giving birth to 13 kids in 18 months cious as she was not enrolled as Chandrashekhar Singh has now

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, AUGUST 24

SIXTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD Leela Devi, a resident of Chhoti Kothia village in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district, has six children and her youngest son is 21 years old. However, according to records of the Mushahari block community health centre, she has given birth to 13 children in the past 18 months.

She is among 18 women, who were enrolled as beneficiaries in a scheme to encourage

institutional deliveries and money received against their names was being swindled. The matter came to light

when an operator of a customer service point of State Bank of India (SBI) visited Leela Devi's home on August 6, saying that some amount deposited by the government in her account had been wrongly transferred to another account. The operator asked her to visit the customer service point to put her thumb impression on a form so that the

issue can be resolved. Leela Devi became suspi-

scheme," she said. None of these 18 women were pregnant. For an institutional delivery, a woman gets Rs 1,400 and an ASHA worker, who brings the woman to a primary health cen-

other from the adjoining Rahua

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tre, gets Rs 600. On August 2, a beneficiary in any scheme. such payments were made to "Instead of visiting the customer the bank accounts of these 18 service point, I visited the women

All the accounts had been Mushahari block community health centre and learnt that 17 opened by the Customer Service women from my village and an-Point operator Sushil Kumar.

Sheela Devi (59), also from Chhoti Kothia village, has been shown as having given birth to eight children in the past 13 months in the block community health centre records. The records show that she gave birth to two children a day apart. In reality, she has four children and the youngest is a 17-year-old

daughter.

"I got to know about my name being on the list from Leela. I did not know about such transfers," she said.

Muzaffarpur Police have so far booked Community Health Centre accountant Awadhesh Kumar in this connection, who is absconding.

The SBI customer service point operator Sushil Kumar. who has not yet been named in the case, has not been opening the service point since the matter came to light. District

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CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

C@VID-19 VACCINE TRACKER

Trump hints vaccine being delayed to sabotage election

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump has unleashed a political storm by suggesting that the development of a novel coronavirus vaccine was being deliberately delayed to ensure that it was not made available until the US Presidential election was over, in a possible attempt to sabotage his reelection bid.

In a tweet on Saturday, Trump blamed a "deep state" within the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the delay. "The deep state, or whoever, over at the FDA is making it very diffi-

cult for drug companies to get people in order to test the vaccines and therapeutics. Obviously, they are hoping to delay the answer until after November 3rd. Must focus on speed, and saving lives." Trump said.

The Presidential elections are slated for November 3.

While most experts believe that a novel coronavirus vaccine was unlikely to be ready until next year, Trump has earlier suggested that the possibility that the vaccine could be made available before the Presidential election could not be ruled out. Asked whether he thought a vaccine would boost his chances of re-election, he had replied,

"It wouldn't hurt", before adding that he was not pushing for an early vaccine for political reasons, but because he wanted to "save a lot of lives".

The FDA has said it would not "cut corners" to approve a vaccine. Just a day earlier, Reuters had quoted Peter Marks, director of FDA's Centre for Biologics Evaluation and Research, as

saying: "I could not stand by and see something that was unsafe or ineffective that was being put through. You have to decide where your red line is, and that's my red line. I would indicate to the American public that there is some-

thing wrong. INDIA TRIAL: Phase-2 clinical trials in India of the vaccine being devel-

oped by Oxford University and AstraZeneca will begin this week. The trials are being conducted by Punebased Serum Institute of India, which has an agreement with AstraZeneca to manufacture and market this vaccine for low and middle income countries, including India.

Top officials at the Indian Council of Medical Research said three to four trial sites were ready to go begin the testing. The tests are to be conducted at 14 sites

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Source: Ministry of Health & Family Source: Johns Hopkins University Welfare, updated at 11 pm on August 24

Covid-related disorder alters immune system in kids: study

PAPER

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER Voting during the pandemic

The Election Commission has released guidelines for voting amid Covid-19, effectively ruling out a postponement of the Bihar Assembly elections. What did parties want, and what has the EC decided?

RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

LAST WEEK, the Election Commission released guidelines for the conduct of elections during the pandemic. This effectively rules out postponement of Assembly elections in Bihar, due this year. A look at the restrictions the EC has imposed on campaigning, and why it it decided against delaying polls:

How widely has Covid-19 spread in **Bihar?**

Bihar is among the top five states in terms of rate of growth of cases, at 4.655 per day in the last one month, second only to Andhra Pradesh among states with a major caseload. In August, Bihar's caseload has increased from about 54,000 to 1.2 lakh. Compare this to the start of July, when the count was less than 10,000. Until Monday's update by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Bihar has had 1.22 lakh cases.

So, why has the EC decided against deferring elections?

The Election Commission hasn't made any official statement on the timing of elections. Unless the EC says something publicly otherwise, it is presumed that polls will be held on schedule. According to sources, the Commission is convinced that elections can be held successfully with proper supervision and precautions as countries like Singapore and South Korea have demonstrated recently. Hence, the EC has released guidelines for elections based on feedback from political parties.

What precautions have been taken for voting during the pandemic?

Most importantly, Covid-19 patients and suspected cases will be allowed to vote - in the "last hour of the poll day". Others will have to mandatorily wear gloves before casting their vote on the EVM, according to the new EC guidelines for conducting elections amidst a pandemic.

The EC has capped the size of the campaign squad to three people for door-to-door

Why Brahmaputra ropeway is special

The Assam government has inaugurated a 1.8-km ropeway across the Brahmaputra river, and described it as India's longest river ropeway. ABHISHEK SAHA takes stock of the project and its utility

Why a river ropeway

Thousands of people commute every day between the capital city of Guwahati and the town of North Guwahati, where IIT Guwahati is located. The ropeway cuts travel

Doley told The Indian Express: "Tourists can take the ropeway to North Guwahati and spend quality time that side. Hospitality services will also develop on that side and thus the ropeway is expected to be an over-

newspaper advertisements on the day of polling While the BJP has supported virtual meetings and rallies, it has also said physical campaigning cannot be done away with since every voter cannot afford a mobile device. Interestingly, the BJP does not want convicts or undertrial prisoners to campaign virtually. That apart, the BJP has suggested that the additional expenditure on Covid-related

precautions (masks, sanitisers, PPE kits) should either be exempted or charged to the party's account, or the expenditure limit for a candidate should be increased to accommodate such expenditure.

posing these. The Congress, CPI and CPM are

against limiting campaigning to the digital

medium. It has said door-to-door campaign-

ing should be permitted, but the size of the

campaign squad should be limited to 10. The

party has also called for curbs on full-page

The Congress and RJD suggested that elections in Bihar be conducted through ballot papers as the chances of Covid-19 spread are greater if everyone is pressing the same set of buttons on an EVM.

Why are parties opposing digital campaigning?

The main argument against virtual rallies and gatherings is that these will disturb the level-playing field and skew it in favour of the resource-rich parties that can arrange equipment for shooting and telecasting such events. The Congress has alleged that digital campaigning could be challenging to monitor for the EC and hence could be used by parties to evade the Model Code of Conduct. Most parties, including the BJP, agree that a push of campaigning exclusively in the digital mode would be unreasonable given the digital divide in the country.

The EC hasn't said anything officially on digital campaigning. However, senior officers have told this newspaper that the Commission will neither accept the demand to ban it nor limit campaigning to the virtual mode. In other words, both digital and physical campaigning will be allowed in Bihar elections - the latter with mandatory precautions.

one day (as opposed to multiple phases) because of the pandemic. Digital campaigning has turned out to be a hot-button issue with opposition parties RJD and CPM, as well as NDA partner LJP op-

Although the EC has permitted physical

campaigning for candidates and political par-

ties following social distancing norms, it has

said the maximum number of attendees at a

rally or a gathering should not "exceed the

limit prescribed by State Disaster

Management Authority for public gatherings"

Fifteen parties responded to EC's call for

feedback. Only four parties – LJP, NCP,

sought postponement of elections due to the

need to hold elections during a pandemic, it

has not categorically asked the EC to post-

pone them. And the Congress, whose

spokesperson Premchand Mishra has often

demanded postponement of polls, has not

said so in its feedback to the EC. The ruling

[D(U) wants the state elections to be held on

While the RJD had earlier questioned the

National People's Party (NPP) and AAP -

What have the political parties said in

their feedback to EC?

pandemic.





Voters in Gaya during the 2015 Bihar Assembly elections. Express Archive

visits and allowed only five cars, instead of 10, in a candidate's convoy for roadshows. Only two people will accompany a candidate for filing her nomination papers.

Not more than 1,000 voters, down from the current limit of 1,500, can vote at one polling station. Temperature check of all voters at the polling station, and wearing masks will be compulsory on the day of voting.

"If temperature is above the set norms of MoHFW (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) at first reading, then it will be checked twice and if it remains, then the elector shall be provided with token/certificate and will be asked to come for voting at the last hour of poll. At the last hour of poll, such electors shall be facilitated voting, strictly following Covid-19 related preventive measures," the guidelines state.

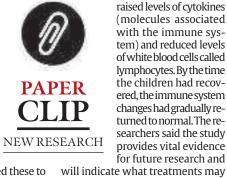
Patients under quarantine will also be allowed to vote during the last hour, while strictly following preventive measures.

A separate set of guidelines would be issued for voters living in areas notified as "containment zone". Friday's guidelines suggest keeping sufficient number of polling staff and EVMs in reserve in case any polling personnel displays Covid-19 symptoms.

A SMALL number of children with Covid-19 have presented with an illness known as paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome (PIMS-TS). The rare syndrome causes severe inflammation in blood vessels and can lead to heart damage.

UK researchers have analysed blood samples from 25 children who

had PIMS-TS and compared these to healthy children. The study, published in Nature Medicine, showed that in the acute stage of PIMS-TS, children have



will indicate what treatments may help patients with the condition. Source: National Institute for Health

Research, UK

time between the two banks to 8 minutes. The current travel options between the two banks are by ferry (30 minutes or more, depending on current and season) or by road through a bridge that usually takes over an hour in the traffic.

"One-way travel on the ropeway will take say 9-10 minutes. So in 20 minutes if a person can complete a round trip between Guwahati and North Guwahati, it will be immensely beneficial," said Umananda Doley, CEO of Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority.

Tourism potential

"Apart from substantially reducing travel time, the ropeway will provide a breathtaking view of the mighty Brahmaputra and promote tourism in the State," Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal tweeted.

all boost for tourism in the city.'

Connecting Kachari Ghat (Guwahati) to Dol Govinda Temple on the northern bank, the ropeway passed the famous Umananda temple on a small island.

Design and fare

Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who inaugurated the ropeway, tweeted: "This is one of the most advanced & longest river crossing Aerial Tramway systems in India". The ropeway uses a "twin-track, single-haul, bi-cable double reversible jig back" system, officials said.

The ropeway comprises two cabins – each with a capacity of 30 passengers plus one operator. The project was built at a cost of Rs 56 crore.

Tickets have been fixed at Rs 100 for a round trip, and Rs 60 for a one-way trip.

The cable car takes off on Monday. Twitter/@sarbanandsonwal

BRAHMAPUTRA & OTHER ROPEWAYS

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1.8 km

In Gulmarg, J&K. Between Guwahati One of the world's city and North Guwahati town, highest (4,390 m) across the river cable-based lift Brahmaputra. services.

4 km In Auli in Uttarakhand, said to the longest in the country (not a river ropeway)

In Darjeeling, West Bengal, one of the oldest ropeway services in India, started 1968).

2 km

In Bengaluru violence, a small party and a wider political probe

JOHNSON TA BENGALURU, AUGUST 24

ON AUGUST 11, a social media post by the nephew of a Congress MLA about the Prophet triggered violence in the eastern part of Bengaluru. Three persons died in police firing after mobs attacked the DJ Halli police station and the home of the Congress MLA, Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy. Initial investigations by Bengaluru police suggest a larger political conspiracy in the sequence of events despite the role of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) at the surface level.

What is the SDPI and how wide is its influence?

The SDPI was founded in 2009. Its stated goal is "advancement and uniform development of all the citizenry including Muslims, Dalits. Backward Classes and Adivasis" and to "share power fairly among all the citizens". Its main support base is in Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The radical outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) provides cadre for SDPI's political activities.

In Karnataka, SDPI's influence is mainly in

regions with a large Muslim population in Dakshina Kannada, Mysuru and Bengaluru districts. Until 2013, it won seats in 21 civic constituencies; by 2018 it had won 121. Since 2013, it has been fielding candidates in Assembly and Parliament polls. In 2013, it finished second in Mysuru's Narasimharaja Assembly seat and third In Bengaluru's Sarvagnanagar and Pulkeshinagar, where the August 11 violence occurred and which has a nearly 49% Muslim vote base. In 2018, the SDPI withdrew its candidates from key seats in a sign of support for the Congress. In Narasimharaja it finished third with over 20% votes. In Parliament polls, the SDPI won only 1% votes in 2014 and over 3% in 2019

How often have SDPI/PFI workers been linked to incidents of violence?

Their cadre have been accused in many incidents of murder and communal violence in these regions. Several members of the group have also been killed in counter-violence incidents involving members of rightwing groups, in Dakshina Kannada region in particular. Key cases include the murder of an RSS worker, R Rudresh, in Bengaluru in 2016; the president of PFI's Bengaluru unit Asim Shariff is named an accused by the

National Investigation Agency. Persons linked to SDPI are key accused in the 2019 attempt to murder Tanveer Sait, Congress MLA from Narasimharaja, allegedly to break his stranglehold.

What is its role in the August 11 violence?

It was a delegation led by a local SDPI leader, Muzammil Pasha, an aspirant for a seat in the Bengaluru city council, that first approached DJ Halli police to lodge a complaint against the social media post by P Naveen Kumar, the MLA's nephew. Large crowds gathered at the police station, pelted stones, and eventually set fire to or smashed vehicles. Ten SDPI men including Muzammil Pasha and Fairoze Pasha, a social media acquaintance of the arrested Naveen Kumar, are among over 300 persons arrested.

The SDPI has claimed it has been made a scapegoat in violence perpetrated by other political forces. "The SDPI vehemently condemns the violent incidents. Criminal intent of Naveen and negligence of the police are the real causes for the untoward incidents. It is clearly visible that the BJP has conspired in the violence keeping eye on the upcoming BBMP civic polls and Assembly elections," SDPI state president Eliyas Mohammed

Thumbe said. "Also, the conflict between the local MLA and a faction within his party might have added fuel to the situation.

Does the SDPI have links with mainstream political parties?

Since the SDPI vies for votes in the same demographic constituency as the Congress, it is seen as helping the BJP in communally polarised seats and regions with a strong Muslim presence. Ahead of the 2018 polls, the Congress is believed to have struck a deal with the SDPI to withdraw candidates from touchand-go constituencies. Since the August 11 violence, there have been allegations and counter-allegations in the Congress and BIP as to who promotes the SDPI.

"The tacit understanding is now backfiring on Congress since they legitimised such organisations and the same organisations are making inroads into minority-dominated Congress strongholds," alleged former Congress leader Roshan Baig, a seven-term MLA who is now in BJP.

Incidentally, when Baig was in the Congress, he was accused of being involved with the SDPI by BJP leaders like Shobha Karandlaje in the aftermath of the RSS worker's murder in 2016. Congress leader

Zameer Ahmed Khan, Bengaluru MLA, counter-alleged that it was Baig who facilitated the fielding of an SDPI candidate in a bypoll in Shivajinagar in 2019, after being denied a BIP ticket. "When Baig used to contest Shivajinagar constituency the SDPI never fielded a candidate in the region. When he did not contest the polls recently why did the SDPI enter the fray," Khan said on social media.

How have police investigations progressed?

Police investigations are looking at the violence from multiple angles: the instigation, the role of the SDPI/PFI, and local rivalries both within and outside mainstream parties. Also under probe are the role of politicians who have high stakes in the Bengaluru City Council, and the huge funds available in civic wards in the city that has been controlled for the last 10 years by MLA Murthy, earlier in JD(S) and now in Congress. Dozens have been arrested on the basis of their cell tower location in the vicinity of the violence. "We are hoping these people will lead us to the real instigators and planners of the violence," a police officer said.

The probe suggests that although the

SDPI was visible in the events leading to the violence, large groups of anti-social elements were mobilised by local politicians to scale up violence after the initial protests. The police have arrested Arun Rai, personal assistant and nephew of former Congress mayor of Bengaluru Sampath Raj, after finding evidence to suggest that his mobile phone was used to mobilise people to attack the home of MLA Murthy. Police are also looking at the roles of A R Zakir, a Congress councillor opposed to Murthy, and the husbands of two Muslim councillors. Kaleem Pasha, husband of councillor Irshad Begum, has been arrested. Fractures in the Congress along support lines for original Congressmen and entrants from JD(S) who are allied to former CM Siddaramaiah are also being probed.

State Congress president DK Shivakumar has accused the Bengaluru police of targeting Congressmen. Siddaramaiah has alleged that a faction within the BJP is using the violence to target BJP Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa. "BJP is clearly divided into 2 factions. One that is closer to RSS is trying to take advantage of the Kaval Byrasandra incident to topple BSY's position," Siddaramaiah said on social media last week.





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ISRAEL 1,000-YR-OLD GOLD COINS UNEARTHED

Israeli youths have unearthed hundreds of gold coins stashed away in a clay vessel for more than a thousand years. The treasure was discovered on August 18, the Israel Antiquities Authority said on Monday, by teenagers volunteering at an excavation in central Israel where a new neighbourhood is planned to be built.



Brenton Tarrant at the Christchurch High Court on Monday. AP

NEW ZEALAND

Families confront mosque shooter at sentencing

FAMILIES AND survivors had their first chance to confront the white supremacist who slaughtered 51 worshippers in a mass shooting at two New Zealand mosques as his four-day sentencing hearing began Monday. "You killed your own humanity, and I don't think the world will forgive you for your horrible crime," said Maysoon Salama, the mother of one of the victims of the March 2019 attacks. The gunman, 29year-old Brenton Harrison Tarrant, pleaded guilty in March to murder, attempted murder and terrorism - the first ever terrorism conviction in the country. AP

MOZAMBIQUE Offices of major opp newspaper burned in arson

THE PREMISES of one of Mozambique's leading opposition newspapers, the weekly Canal de Mozambique and the daily CanalMoz, were attacked with petrol bombs and burned, the newspapers' editor Matias Guente confirmed Monday. The office and its equipment were thoroughly burned in the fire Sunday night and a container of gasoline fuel used in the attack was found at the site, Guente said. The attack could be linked to a report Canal printed days earlier about bribery and the efforts of prominent Mozambicans

WORLD Republicans renominate Trump as Charlotte convention kicks off

Unlike Democratic National Convention, Republican event not entirely virtual



RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

JILL COLVIN CHARLOTTE, AUGUST 24

THE REPUBLICAN Party formally nominated US President Donald Trump for a second term in the White House in Charlotte Monday, one of the first acts of a GOP convention that has been dramatically scaled down to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. "This is the most important

election in the history of our country," Trump said in an unscheduled appearance after the nomination was official. "Our country can go in a horrible direction or in an even greater direction," he said.

Trump has sought to minimise the toll of the pandemic, but its impact was evident as proceedings began in Charlotte. Instead of the thousands of people who were expected to converge on this city for a week-long extravaganza, just 336 delegates participated in a roll-call vote from a Charlotte

Convention Center ballroom. Trump said he had made the trip in contrast to his Democratic



Trump arrives to address the first day of the Republican National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Monday. Reuters

rival, Joe Biden, who never travelled to Wisconsin, the state where the Democratic convention was supposed to be held.

Even as he accepted the nomination, Trump was raising questions about the integrity of the election, again taking issue with mail-in voting, which experts say has proven remarkably safe.

"We caught them doing some really bad things in 2016... we have to be careful because they're trying it again," he said. "Watch it very carefully. Because we have to win."

"The only way they can take this election away from us is if this is a rigged election," he later said.

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DONALD TRUMP U.S. PRESIDENT

Trump also panned the state's Democratic governor for "being in a total shutdown mood," insisting restrictions the state has in place to try to prevent the spread of the virus, which has killed more than 175,000 people in the country and infected million, were motivated by politics. The GOP convention is a cru-

cial moment for Trump, who is trailing in national and battleground state polls and under intense pressure to turn the race around. Just 23% think the country is heading in the right direction, while 75% think it's on the wrong path, according to a new poll. Many of the usual trappings of a convention were present on Monday, including signs designating each state and gift bags

with Republican swag. But chairs on the ballroom floor were arranged with lots of space between them and convention organizers told participants to wear masks, though adherence to the rule was uneven. AP

Twitter flags US President's tweet against using mail drop boxes

KATE CONGER OAKLAND, AUGUST 24

TWITTER HID one of US President Donald Trump's tweets behind a notice warning users that the message violated company rules against dissuading people from voting. Trump posted the tweet, which said that ballot drop boxes were not being sanitised to prevent the coronavirus and could be used for fraud, about five hours before Twitter took action Sunday.

Twitter has begun enforcing its rules more strictly against Trump as the election approaches. In May, Twitter added fact-check labels to two of Trump's tweets.

"So now the Democrats are using Mail Drop Boxes, which are a voter security disaster. Among other things, they make it possible for a person to vote multiple times. Also, who controls them, are they placed in Republican or Democrat areas? They are not Covid sanitized. A big fraud!" Trump tweeted Sunday. Restricting interaction with the tweet, Twitter said: "We placed a public interest notice on this Tweet for violating our Civic Integrity Policy for making misleading health claims that could potentially dissuade people from participation in voting." NYT

Top Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway to leave White House

Says quitting to spend time with kids

ANNIE KARNI & MAGGIE HABERMAN AUGUST 24

KELLYANNE CONWAY, US President Donald Trump's counselor and one of his longest-serving and most visible aides, said Sunday night that she planned to leave the White House next week.

In a statement posted on Twitter, Conway said she was stepping away from a demanding job to spend more time with her four teenage children. "This is completely my choice and my voice," she said. "In time, I will announce future plans. For now, and for my beloved children, it will be less drama, more mama."

Conway, who is still set to speak at the Republican National Convention on Wednesday night, told Trump of her decision to leave Sunday night in the Oval Office.

In a White House famous for its fast revolving door, Conway's survival has made her something akin to a tenured official in an otherwise uncertain workplace.

Her husband, George Conway, a prominent conservative lawyer who has become an outspoken critic of Trump's, said Sunday that he was stepping back from the anti-Trump group he was advising, the Lincoln Project. Conway said he would also take a hiatus from his Twitter account, where he regularly criticises Trump. In a statement, Kellyanne

Tests show Putin critic Navalny

was poisoned: German doctors

Claudia Conway, tweeted Sunday Conway said she and her husband that she, too, was taking a break "disagree about plenty but we are from social media after attracting united on what matters most: the national attention for criticising kids". Their oldest daughter, both of her parents. NYT

had lied about the crowd size

at Trump's inauguration.

Top-level Taliban delegation in Pak for Afghan peace process talks

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 24

A HIGH-LEVEL delegation from the Taliban's political office in Doha arrived in Pakistan on Monday to discuss the way forward in the Afghan peace process with the Pakistani leadership.

The delegation comprising President Vladimir Putin, had Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the been flown to Germany for treat-



Alexei Navalny

team of doctors there had examined him in detail after his arrival. "The clinical findings indicate poisoning by a substance from the group of active substances called cholinesterase inhibitors,'

the hospital said in a statement. The specific substance was not yet known, they said. The outcome remains uncertain but long-term effects, especially to the nervous system, could not be ruled out, it said.

Cholinesterase inhibitors



paign manager in 2016, and has remained his adviser for nearly the entire duration of his first term as president. She outlasted an array of aides in an administration notorious for its high turnover. She has also been one of Trump's most ardent and consistent defenders, regularly fielding questions about some policies and statements of the President that many other Republicans have shied away from backing. She famously used the term "alternative facts" to counter claims that the White House



REUTERS

BERLIN, AUGUST 24

to win control of part of the fuel retail business, said the Center for Democracy in a statement. AP

USA

Storm becoming stronger as it heads towards US

TROPICAL STORM Laura was strengthening in the Caribbean and poised to accelerate into a hurricane by Tuesday while Tropical Storm Marco weakened sooner than expected, sparing the US Gulf Coast from two simultaneous hurricanes, as had been forecast. The changed forecast bought a little more time for residents along Louisiana's coast to prepare for what could still be dangerous winds and flooding when Laura is expected to make landfall Wednesday. **REUTERS**

Garbage trucks were set ablaze near the Kenosha County Courthouse during unrest after a Black man was shot multiple times in the back by police in an incident caught on camera and widely circulated. AP

SECOND SUCH INCIDENT IN TWO DAYS

Police shoot Black man in the back in Wisconsin city, sparking unrest

29-yr-old in serious condition; curfew declared after protests

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REUTERS AUGUST 24

POLICE SHOT a Black man in the back multiple times in Kenosha, Wisconsin, as his three sons watched on Sunday, his family's lawyer said, sparking a night of unrest during which protesters hurled firebombs and drawing condemnation from the governor. The victim, 29-year-old Jacob Blake, was taken to a hospital in

SUV followed by two officers with their guns drawn at his back. Seven gunshot sounds can be heard as Blake, who appears to be unarmed, opens the car door.

Crowds gathered at the scene, set fires and threw bricks and Molotov cocktails at police, prompting authorities to impose a curfew through early Monday morning. Kenosha County anserious condition after the nounced on Twitter that its shooting late Sunday afternoon. courthouse and administration

A video circulating on social building would be closed due to media showed Blake walking todamage from the unrest.

Wisconsin Governor Evers, a Democrat, issued a statement noting that Blake had been shot in the back in "broad daylight" and urged all to stand against "excessive use of force and immediate escalation when engaging with Black Wisconsinites".

The shooting comes just two days after Trayford Pellerin, a 31year-old Black man, was fatally shot by police in Lafayette, Louisiana, triggering two consecutive days of protests in the city.

head of the Afghan Taliban's political office in Doha, is here at the invitation of Pakistan's foreign of-

fice. Geo News reported. Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Monday said that he would meet with the delegation on Tuesday, the report said.

On Sunday, foreign office spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri told The Express Tribune: "Yes, we have invited the Afghan Taliban delegation to visit Pakistan to discuss the way forward in the Afghan peace process".

The Afghan Taliban spokesperson also confirmed that a delegation led by Mullah Baradar would be visiting Islamabad and other capitals to discuss the Afghan peace efforts. This will be the second visit of Mullah Baradar to Pakistan in

the last 10 months. The visit of the Afghan delegation comes as preparations are being made to kick start the next phase of Afghan peace process, which are the intra-Afghan talks. PTI

ment on Saturday. The Kremlin has said it was unclear what caused Navalny to

week, had been poisoned.

Navalny, a critic of Russian

fall ill and that initial tests did not show he was poisoned, as his aides charged. Berlin's Charite hospital said a

are drugs that can increase communication between nerve cells in the brain.

15 killed, 75 wounded in bomb attacks in southern Philippines

ENRICO DELA CRUZ MANILA, AUGUST 24

TWIN BLASTS including a suicide bombing killed 15 people and wounded 75 others on a restive southern Philippine island on Monday, among them security forces and civilians, with Islamist militants suspected of being behind the attack.

The bombs went off within an hour of each other in the main town on Jolo island, a stronghold of Abu Sayyaf, an Islamic Statelinked group that has intensified its campaign in recent years using suicide bombers.

There was no immediate

At the site of one of the

Jolo, Sulu province, in

explosions in the town of

southern Philippines. AP

claim of responsibility for what

was the biggest attack of its kind

in the southern Philippines since

January 2019, when a double

suicide bombing at a Jolo church killed more than 20 people and wounded over 100.

The military said the first blast happened around noon on Monday, when a homemade bomb in a motorcycle was triggered close to two parked army trucks, killing soldiers and civilians.

As police and army surveyed the scene, a suicide bomber tried to breach a cordon and detonated her device, killing herself and several others.

In total, eight members of the security forces, six civilians and the bomber were killed and 27 security personnel and 48 civilians were wounded in the attacks on Jolo. **REUTERS**

WHO cautious on Covid plasma treatment as US issues emergency approval

BERLINALE TO GO AHEAD IN FEBRUARY 2021 DESPITE COVID CONCERNS Berlin Film Festival to make acting prizes gender neutral

AP& REUTERS BERLIN, AUGUST 24

THE ORGANISERS of the Berlin International Film Festival say they will stop awarding separate acting prizes to women and men beginning next year.

Berlinale organisers said Monday the performance awards will be defined in a gender-neutral way at next year's festival, for which a physical event is planned.

The festival awards a Golden Bear for the best film and a series of Silver Bears, which until this year included best actor and best actress honors. Organisers said

those prizes will be replaced with a Silver Bear for Best Leading Performance and a Silver Bear for Best Supporting Performance.

In a statement, the co-heads of the festival, Mariette Rissenbeek and Carlo Chatrian, said "not separating the awards in the acting field according to gender comprises a signal for a more gender-sensitive awareness in the film industry."

At the same time, the Alfred Bauer Prize, which is named after the festival's founding director, will be permanently retired. The prize was suspended this year due to revelations about Bauer's role in the Nazis'



This year's festival was one of the last major events that took place before the coronavirus pandemic largely shut down public life in Germany. AP

moviemaking bureaucracy.

Commenting on the decision to hold a physical event next year, despite uncertainties due to the coronavirus pandemic, the two directors stressed the need for a "lively relationship with the audience.

"In times of the corona pandemic, it has become even clearer that we still require analogue experience spaces in the cultural realm," they said, noting that other festivals have also resumed holding physical rather than virtual events.

"Adjustments in the festival structure, the film programming and the total number of invited films will be defined by the fes-

tival management within the

coming weeks," organisers said. The 2021 festival is scheduled for Feb. 11-21. This year's festival was one of the last major events that took place before the coronavirus pandemic largely shut down public life in Germany.

The Berlin Film Festival, one of the industry's biggest events in Europe, normally draws 480,000 filmmakers, movie stars and fans into the cinemas of the German capital.

Cannes, the world's biggest cinema showcase, usually held in May on the French Riviera, was abandoned this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

JOHN MILLER AUGUST 24

THE WORLD Health Organisation on Monday was cautious about endorsing the use of recovered Covid-19 patients' plasma to treat those who are ill, saying evidence it works remains "low quality" even as the US issued emergency authorisation for such therapies. So-called convalescent plasma, which has long been

used to treat diseases, has emerged as the latest political flashpoint in the race to find therapies for Covid-19. The US Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) on Sunday

patients who have recovered from Covid-19 and giving it to those who are suffering from severe active infections in hopes they will recover more quickly. Soumya Swaminathan, WHO chief scientist, said only a

authorised its use after President

Donald Trump blamed the

agency for impeding the roll-out

of vaccines and therapeutics for

ing antibody-rich plasma from

The technique involves tak-

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few clinical trials of convalescent plasma have produced results, and the evidence, at least so far, has not been convincing enough to endorse it beyond use as an experimental therapy. REUTERS



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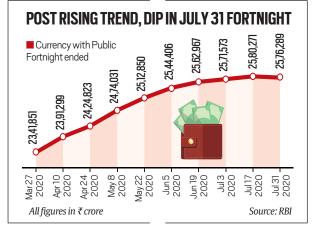
AFTER RISING BY 73.24 LAKH CRORE Covid-led rush for cash slows: Currency with public falls for first time in five months

SANDEEP SINGH NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

THE SUDDEN rush for cash by public - which started alongside the Covid-19 pandemic and anticipation of lockdown announcement in March, and kept on piling each fortnight - witnessed its first fall, in five months, in the fortnight ended July 31. The dip in currency with public came in line with the relaxation in lockdown restrictions and large number of businesses and transactions returning to normalcy.

As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, currency with public rose by Rs 3,24,500 crore between February 28, 2020 (Rs 22.55 lakh crore) and July 17, 2020, and hit an all time high of Rs 25.8 lakh crore on July 17. It fell by Rs 3,982 crore

in the fortnight ended July 31, and the currency with public fell to Rs 25.76 lakh crore. It is, however, im-



portant to note that the pace of cash accumulation slowed down in June and July, as the Centre relaxed the lockdown restrictions.

While the average monthly rise in currency with public stood at an average of around Rs 95,000 crore in the three months be-

tween March, April and May, the pace of accumulation declined to an average of Rs 16,000 crore in June and July.

As per the RBI definition, currency with public is arrived at after deducting cash with banks from total currency in circulation.

Currency in circulation refers to the cash or currency within a country that is physically used to conduct transactions between consumers and businesses.

Economists say that the trend is in line with the economy turning into a cash economy during the lockdown phase and then as things gradually started to move towards normalcy, the cash with public started to go down.

"In the initial phase of lockdown. as e-commerce transactions were not permitted and people relied on neighbourhood stores, which operate mostly on cash, people were withdrawing higher amount of cash. Also, since people wanted to avoid exposure to virus, they withdrew big amounts at one go to meet their monthly needs and that led to rise in currency with public. With supply chain improving and e-commerce becoming operational, reliance on cash has reduced and gradually

currency with public will come down further," said DK Pant, chief economist, India Ratings.

He further said that transactions on NPCI's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) have started going up and people are already moving away from cash following the opening up of e-commerce.

In fact, in May, June and July, the total value of transactions done through UPI amounted to Rs 7.707.6 billion, which was 24 per cent higher than all transactions done through the interbank immediate payment service (IMPS). The RBI expects that this be-

haviour is likely to continue as people opt for more precautionary savings. In its July monthly bulletin, it said, "Looking further ahead in 2020-21, the Covid-19 pandemic is also expected to induce behavioural changes such as, increase in internet-based transactions vis-à-vis cash and cardbased transactions".

Govt may ask passengers flying out of India to get Covid-19 test before flight

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PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

THE CENTRE is planning to ask outbound flyers from India on international flights to have a Covid-19 test done prior to their flight. This comes in the aftermath of Hong Kong government banning Air India flights till August 31 after 11 people tested positive for coronavirus on arrival there from Delhi.

GOLD

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In an apparent reference to the Hong Kong government's move, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said: "I saw in one place that a number of people were found positive and that country or that city wanting to suspend flights. Look, we ourselves are of that opinion. When I heard this, I told civil aviation secretary that we are insisting for the RT-PCR test certificate from people coming in, I would encourage that even for people going out of India ... we will insist that they have a test done prior to embarkation. And we will do that".

Currently, India has mandated a seven-day institutional guarantine and a seven-day home quarantine for passengers arriving into

"If you are carrying 280 passengers in a wide-bodied plane, and six or eight of them turn out to be positive ... let's get a realistic perspective on the figure. Many of the people are asymptomatic."

HARDEEP SINGH PURI CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER

India on international flights but has provided an exemption for those producing a negative certificate of an RT-PCR test conducted within 96 hours of their flight's departure. Similarly, on inbound flights, only the crew that has tested negative for Covid-19 is allowed to operate flights to India. In response to a query by The

Indian Express, Hong Kong's Department of Health had said: "As a flight operated by Air India (AI314) arriving Hong Kong from India on August 14 had 11 passengers confirmed to have infected with Covid-19, the Department of Health thus invoked the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Convey-

ances and Travellers) Regulation (Cap. 599H) to prohibit landing of passenger flights operated by Air India for two weeks from August 18 to 31 in Hong Kong". According to a news report, Hong Kong officials had raised concerns over the reliability of tests in India.

OIL

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2340 ISI

"If you are carrying 280 passengers in a wide-bodied plane, and six or eight of them turn out to be positive ... let's get a realistic perspective on the figure. Many of the people are asymptomatic. We can go a step further and insist they have a test done prior to embarkation," Puri said, while speaking at The Indian Express Idea Exchange event on Monday. India banned all scheduled in-

ternational passenger flights on March 23, and has since operated repatriation flights under the Vande Bharat Mission in addition to the recently announced air bubbles with countries like the US, the UK, Canada, Germany, France and the Maldives. "We were much ahead of the other countries in taking those steps (of restricting international flights) and that is what helped in containing the number of cases," Puri said.

Axis Bank lowers planned Kerala Assembly passes resolution against stake purchase in Max Thiruvananthapuram airport lease out Life Insurance; to buy 17%

change filing.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 24

AXIS BANK on Monday said it has reduced the size of the stake it plans to buy in Max Life Insurance to 17 per cent from 29 per cent. The bank had originally planned to raise its stake in the insurer to 30 per cent for about Rs 1,590 crore. The stake reduction plan follows reports that the deal ran into a regulatory roadblock over certain clauses in the agreement.

Axis Bank already holds their consideration and approval. around 1 per cent in Max Life The transaction is subject to reg-Insurance. The bank will now own ulatory approvals," the filing said.

SHAJU PHILIP 18 per cent stake in the insurance THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, firm. "We would like to inform AUGUST 24 you that following recent devel-

opments, Axis Bank now pro-THE KERALA Legislative Assembly poses to acquire 17.002 per cent of on Monday unanimously passed the equity share capital of Max a resolution urging the Union Life, resulting in total ownership Government to revoke the deciof 18.0 per cent post the transacsion to lease out tion," the bank said in a stock ex-Thiruvananthapuram interna-

tional airport to Adani Enterprises. The resolution, moved by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, wanted the management and operation of the airport to be handed over to a special purpose vehicle, in which the state government would have a stake. "There is no

justification for handing over the

The resolution wanted the management and operation of the airport to be handed over to a special purpose vehicle

airport to Adani Enterprises. Considering the common interest of the state and opinion of the state government, the Union Government should withdraw the decision." it stated.

Vijayan said his government has already informed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 19 that the state would not be in a position to offer required coopera-

tion to the private bidder since the airport is being privatised despite the protest from the state.

The Congress-led Opposition backed the resolution, but questioned the government seeking consultancy from a law firm, in which Adani family has stake. **Opposition leader Ramesh**

Chennithala said the state government's deal with Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, which has Gautam Adani's daughter-in-law Paridhi as a partner, is dubious. "There was no tender process to select the consultant. The government has betrayed the people. But the Opposition is supporting the resolution against handing over the airport to Adani Group," he said.

MASK UP BEFORE TAKE OFF

One of Cargolux's Boeing 747 freighter aircraft donning a face-mask livery on its nose door. The Luxembourg-based operator is one of the largest all-cargo airlines in Europe. Source: Twitten

Future Retail makes interest payment of \$14 mn on USD Notes, avoids default may be eligible for restructuring

"The parties have executed the

definitive agreements. Axis Bank

and Max Life will shortly approach

the respective regulatory author-

ities, with revised applications for

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 24

FUTURE RETAIL, which was in a takeover deal, has averted a default on payment of interest on Senior Secured Notes 2025 (USD notes). The Kishore Biyani firm on Monday paid \$14 million (around Rs 100 crore) to the holders of the USD Notes within the 30-day grace period. "Today, we are pleased to inform that the company has made the payment of said interest for the half year ended for an amount of \$14 million on USD Notes," the

In its letter dated July 22, Future Retail had informed about the grace period of 30 days for making payment of interest on the USD Notes. On

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

PUNJAB NATIONAL Bank (PNB) to strengthen its balance sheet,

and expects nearly 5-6 per cent of

its loan book to be eligible for re-

structuring under a new one-time

extend the moratorium on terms

loans beyond August 31, even as it

is open to making restructuring

available for individual borrowers

It also expects the RBI to not

window opened by the RBI.

EXPLAINED **Need board**

video conference. Exact details on restructuring should be clear by September after guidelines from an expert committee led by former banker KV Kamath are announced by the RBL he said

PNB MD & CEO: 5-6% of credit book 'Adani Group in talks to buy

out GVK in Mumbai airport' **PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA**

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

Adani and GVK refused to comment. Adani Group had in March 2019 agreed to acquire 13.5 per THE ADANI Group is in talks to cent stake of South African combuy out GVK and some of its partpany, Bidvest for Rs 1,248 crore. lowever, GVK Group blocked the ners in the Mumbai airport as it deal claiming the right of first refusal. But GVK couldn't bring money to the table to buy Bid Services Division Mauritius' (Bidvest) stake and the matter went to court.

The spokesperson of both

approved policies

BRIEFLY — Rupee spurts 52 paise

Mumbai: The rupee soared 52 paise Monday to close at an over five-month high of 74.32 against the US dollar.

'Govt should be less litigious'

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel Chairman Sunil Mittal has said the government should be less litigious with the industry. "My own stand is that once they lose a particular case at a particular level, they should not be necessarily forced to or compelled to take it...to the last point." PTI

MFI scheme from Nabard

New Delhi: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has launched a dedicated debt and credit guarantee product, for easy credit in rural areas. ENS

Vehicledocument validityextended

New Delhi: The Centre has extended validity of many expiring motor vehicle documents till December 31. PTI



Monday, its shares fell 6.62% to ₹114.25 on the BSE

company said in a stock exchange filing. In its letter dated July 22, the company had informed about the grace period of 30 days for making payment of interest on the USD Notes. On Monday, Future Retail shares fell 6.62 per cent to

Rs 114.25 on the BSE. The debt-laden group is currently working on a sale deal. Three Future group firms – Future

Lifestyle, Future Supply Chain Solutions and Future Retail -

were proposed to be merged into Future Enterprises Ltd. Rating agency Icra had esti-

mated the total debt of Future Group's listed companies at Rs 12,778 crore as of September last year. The company has since faced widespread closures amid the coronavirus-induced lockdown.

tail and small loan restructuring.

mbers of the BBB include former

DFS Secretary Debasish Panda,

DPE Secretary Shri Sailesh, former

RBI Deputy Governor NS Vishw-

anathan, former Credit Suisse vice

chairman and MD Vedika

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MD Pradip Shah. The person se-

lected by the BBB will have to be

approved by the Appointments

Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

fourth MD of SBI Monday, would

be responsible for the IT and

Stressed Assets Resolution Group

(SARG) in his new role. Prior to his

appointment, he was MD and

CEO of SBI Funds Management.

The new chairman will have

As on June 30, the state-

Bhatia, who took charge as the

Apart from Sharma, other me-

facing reduction in incomes. "Roughly about 5-6 per cent of our credit book may be eligible

WHILF RESTRUCTURING of corporate loans will be based on the KV Kamath panel's guidelines, banks will put in place their board-approved policies to deal with stressed loans to individuals.

under the restructuring profile,' SS Mallikariuna Rao, MD and CEO. PNB told reporters through a

Rao said PNB does not plan to approach the Centre for capital support, rather it intends to raise funds from the market. The bank has shareholders' approval to raise Rs 14,000 crore, comprising Rs 7.000 crore of the equity, from the market."...We are confident of going to the market with respect to tier-II and tier-I bonds during Q2 and Q3, while we are looking at the end of Q3 or during Q4 for

aims to become the country's biggest private airport operator. Adani Group is in talks to acquire a 50.5 per cent stake held by GVK Group in Mumbai International Airport (MIAL) and another 23.5 per cent of minority partners. Airports Company South Africa (ACSA), and Bidvest Group, two sources in the know said.

With GVK Group's finances under strain, it has now come around to the idea of selling the stake to Adani Group, they said.



BBB to interview four SBI managing directors for Chairman post on Aug 28 working out the modalities of re-

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, AUGUST 24

THE BANKS Board Bureau (BBB), the body tasked with the selection of chiefs of public sector banks and insurance companies, will interview the four managing directors (MDs) of State Bank India (SBI) to select the bank's new Chairman on August 28.

Ashwani Bhatia, who took charge as one of the MDs of SBI on Monday and three existing MDs – Dinesh Khara, Arijit Basu and CS Setty – will be attending the virtual interview. The tenure of the current Chairman Rajnish Kumar will end on October 7. Kumar was appointed for a period of three years from October 7. Incidentally, Basu's tenure as

MD of SBI will also end in October. to tackle the menace of non-per-The BBB will be conducting interforming assets (NPAs) as the econviews for a new MD at a later omy is in contraction due to the stage. While the Bureau - headed Covid pandemic. The gross NPAs by Bhanu Pratap Sharma, former were at 5.44 per cent of advances Secretary, Department of Person-(Rs 1,29,661 crore) as of June 2020. nel&Training-will meet the four MDs, it is still not clear whether owned lender has a deposit base

the Centre will give an extension of over Rs. 34 lakh crore with CASA to Kumar. Speculation is rife that ratio of more than 45 per cent and he might be considered for an exadvances of nearly Rs 24 lakh tension as the bank will be busy crore. The largest bank in the tackling the Covid-related stress country, SBI commands nearly 34 in the banking sector. As the moraper cent market share in home loans and nearly 33 per cent in the torium on loan repayments will end on August 31, SBI is now auto loans segment.

TikTok, saying it had 'no choice,' sues Trump over threatened US ban

New York: Saying it had "no choice," TikTok Monday sued US President Donald Trump over his executive order banning transactions in the US with the app.

In a blog post, TikTok said it strongly disagreed with the position that the company was a national security threat, saying it had "taken extraordinary measures to protect the privacy and security of TikTok's US user data. REUTERS

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BOLT IN SELF-QUARANTINE

Eight-time Olympic champion and former sprinter Usain Bolt on Monday said he is awaiting results of a COVID-19 test that he underwent during the weekend and has gone into self-quarantine as a precautionary measure. Bolt posted a short video on his Twitter page after birthday celebrations on August 21 during which social distancing norms were reportedly not followed.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL: BAYERN MUNICH 1 - PSG 0 There are some things money can't buy

Bayern Munich wins the one that matters to humble cash-rich PSG's superstar ensemble

ASSOCIATED PRESS LISBON, AUGUST 24

KINGSLEY COMAN headed Bayern Munich to a sixth European Cup title, scoring against boyhood club Paris Saint-Germain to seal a 1-0 victory in the first Champions League final to be played without fans.

While Bayern won its first final since 2013 on Sunday, PSG has yet to lift the European Cup despite more than USD 1 billion being spent on players in nine years.

More than USD 500 million was spent on Neymar, Kylian Mbappe and Angel Di Maria but PSG looked far from formidable or threatening against the Bavarian giants who felt more assured on European club football's biggest stage

As the costly front three were frustrated in front of goal, it was instead a winger who was born in Paris and started his career at PSG who inflicted the blow. The 24-yearold Coman ghosted in at the far post unchecked by the PSG defense and was ready to meet a cross from Joshua Kimmich in the 59th minute.

It was Bayern's 43rd goal of a perfect European campaign that has seen Bayern become the first team to win all 11 Champions League matches.

"When you win a title like this with brothers on the pitch," Kimmich said, "that's the maximum you can ask for."

It capped an incredible transformation this season under Hansi Flick, who emerged from the shadows in November, with a promotion to the top coaching job with Bayern fourth in the Bundesliga.

The season is now over -- three months later than planned due to the coronavirus pandemic pause in play -- with Bayern treble winners just as it was in 2013.

The European Cup joins the Bundesliga trophy -- won for an eighth successive season -- and the German Cup. Bayern joins deposed champion Liverpool as six-time champions of Europe, only behind AC



PSG has invested over a billion dollars in nine years on players, including Neymar, but the trophy remains beyond their reach. Reuters

Milan (seven) and Real Madrid (13). It was the first final to end 1-0 since Real Madrid beat Inventus in 1998 which was also the last final to feature teams who qualified as domestic champions. But the singing PSG contingent around the directors' box was silenced in a stadium that was largely empty due to coronavirus restrictions.

And when the final whistle blew, Neymar was in tears, embraced by Bayern rival David Alaba. PSG's footballing superstars were subdued at a final which lacked the usual pre-match entertainment from pop stars. Not that PSG lacked chances to take the lead at a final that should have been played in Istanbul in May, rather than the Portuguese capital in late August when seasons usually begin not end.

Neymar did spark the move that saw Herrera and Di Maria combine but the Argentine could only strike over. And an interchange between Herrera and Mbappe before halftime ended with a weak shot from the French forward. Perhaps the only surprise was that there was no 56th goal of the season by Bayern forward Robert Lewandowski. For once his scoring contribution was not needed as this season like no other ended with a 21st successive win for Bayern as part of a 30-game unbeaten run.

Neuer's legwork proves to be priceless asset

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BAYERN MUNICH skipper Manuel Neuer is a highly evolved goalkeeping specimen known as the "possession keeper", for he combines the role of a shot-stopper, sweeper and libero. Not only does he thwart strikes, but also circulates the ball and launches attacks. He'll also stride out, make neat tackles and feed defenders with accurate passes, as part of the pressing game sweeping over Germany. The Bayern press actually begins with Neuer, who has the foot skills to deal with defensive problems before they emerge, freeing up field players to press opponents deep into their own half.

So multi-faceted is he that besides trusting him with free-kicks and penalties, his Germany manager Joachim Loew reckons he can play in the midfield. The versatility means his fundamental shot-stopping skills go slightly under-appreciated. But in Bayern's triumph over PSG, his acrobatics, anticipation and aggression brought the spotlight back on his core skill as shot-stopper.

GYMNAST'S LEG SAVE

In the 70th minute of the match, Angel Di Maria slid a needle-eye pass through to Marguinhos. He ran onto the near post and blasted a shot between the post and Neuer. The German goalkeeper flung to his left, to the intended direction of the ball, only that the shot was miscued and hence trickled to the right of Neuer. But the latter, far from being flustered, stuck out his right leg to the opposite direction of his body, and scrambled the ball away with his shin. Similarly, he had prevented Neymar from scoring in the 18th minute from just 10 yards. The trickster that Neymar is, he looked to shoot towards Neuer's right, but chose to place the ball to his left. But for the intervention of Neuer's extended left-leg, it was goal-bound.

As he makes his landing on the ground, his body is spread-eagled symmetrically like a gymnast, his eyes fixed on the ball,



Manuel Neuer denies Kylian Mbappe from close range. AP

hands aloft like a busy traffic policeman. It's one of those frames that look better in a photograph than on television. It's the ultimate expression of the 21st-century goalkeeper's expanded role in the flow of play.

SIGNATURE MOVE

It's a patented Neuer move. He dives one way, but his leg moves in the opposite direction. He makes it look like a micro-second adjustment, upon realising that the ball is heading the other way, as if he has achieved yogic flexibility of his body, but in reality it's a practised, nuanced act. The key to the move is his eyes, which are so fixed on the ball that he could gauge even its minutest deviance in the air. And his body is supple enough to make awkward contortions --it keeps an immaculate balance during the complicated movement. Sometimes, he does it deliberately, to fool the striker. He flings one way, the adversary shoots the other way. But some part of Neuer is already

there to block the ball. Talk of strikers sending goalkeepers and defenders the wrong way, here a goalkeeper was sending the striker the wrong way. It's part of the reason some strikers freeze at the sight of Neuer. He might not be as physically imposing as some of the legendary goalkeepers, but his reputation is enough to psyche them out.

MORE GROUND, BETTER REACH

Difficult though it is to master the move, it empowers goalkeepers to cover more ground and equip them with a better reach. As such, the 6 feet 4 inches Neuer has extraordinary reach. Once a striker is aware of this skill, reluctance creeps, he's confused and this fleeting deliberation is all it requires for the defenders to congest him. It's especially effective against the ground-trimming snap-shot, thus encouraging attackers to launch more air-borne strikes at Neuer. But then the accuracy is compromised, and Neuer is terrific in dealing with airy strikes, unless they are guillotined from the boots of Cristiano Ronaldo, who always relies on

power than placement against Neuer.

Pakistan's grit, weather extend Anderson's wait

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AUGUST 24

RAIN, BAD light and resolute batting slit open a tiny ray of hope for Pakistan to draw the final Test match. On a day wherein only 56 overs were possible, Pakistan progressed to 100 for the loss of their openers. They trail by 210 runs, but with more rain forecast on the final day, they are in with a fighting chance to avert a defeat.

Like on the third day, England were kept waiting for wickets, by a combination of stodgy batting, wayward bowling and a rare Jos Buttler blemish. Abid Ali and Shan Masood batted tenaciously to see off the new ball without any damage for the first time in the series, despite encouraging conditions for the seamers. Their fight for survival was abetted by the buttery fingers of the England fielders. Masood would have been dismissed in the third over when James Anderson induced a healthy nick, but wicketkeeper Buttler misjudged the late swerve of the ball and could not even get a glove to it.

Anderson-pursing the two wickets he needs for his 600 in Tests-shrugged his shoulder in dismay. It was the fourth catch spilled of his bowling in the space of 37 balls. Anderson, though, did not stop trying. He dealt Ali a painful blow on his left hand that required treatment. But the pair hung on by the skin of their teeth. Joe Root shuffled his bowlers around, but both Chris Woakes and Jofra Archer were dealt assuredly by the Pakistan openers. Then, as had been the recurring theme of the summer, Broad provided the breakthrough in his second spell, when he had Masood trapped leg before, shouldering arms.

Thereafter, Azhar Ali and Abid continued to wear down the attack with a blend of calmness and grittiness and sparked hopes of a rescue act, their endeavour further assisted by rain that robbed nearly three hours of the day. Abid faced 162 deliveries and went without scoring a boundary for 35 overs. But then, an old-ball armed Anderson returned to remove Abid and move to 599. The 600th, though, was for another day.

BRIEF SCORES: England 583/8 dcld vs Pakistan 273 & 100/2 in 56 ovs (Abid Ali 42, Azhar Ali batting 29; James Anderson 1/18).





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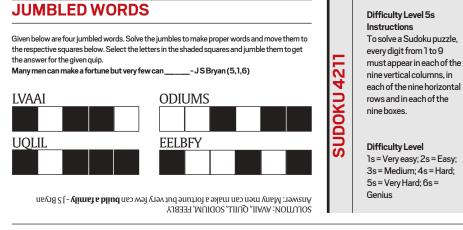
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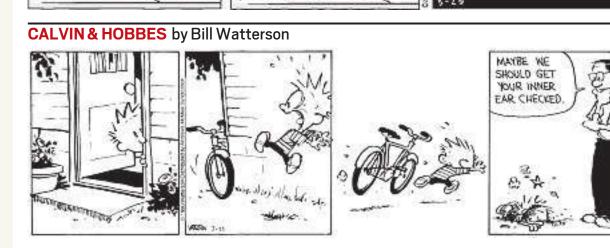
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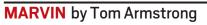
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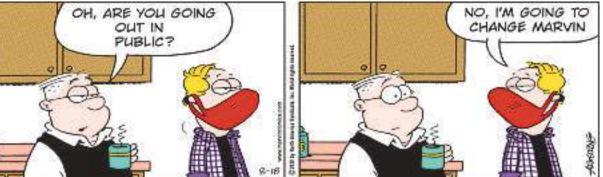
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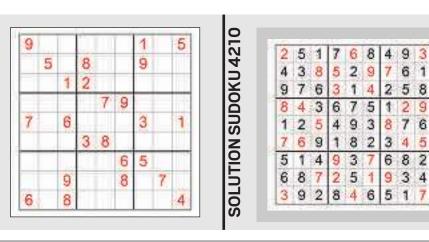
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at home. However, I suspect that many of vou might be

surprised to hear that in view of partners' often stroppy behaviour! What the stars are really saying is that even if you take a bit of a battering in the short run, the consequences this year and next will be in your own best interests.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) In some strange way the Moon is selecting you as a sort of cosmic revolutionary. What this means in practice is unclear, although I suspect that this is an ideal day to flex your emotional muscles and exercise your authority over colleagues and associates.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The fact that the Sun is still forming a series of intriguing relationships with other planets could mean that you are gripped by a yearning that can never be satisfied. Realise that in some senses your dreams are just that - dreams. But if someone close to you should share them, then you're a lucky person indeed.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Things are moving fast behind the scenes – verv fast. In view of the fact that there's a certain restless influence in your solar chart today, you would do well to talk to everybody about everything as much as possible. That way, you'll steer clear of looming misunderstandings

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

There is no need to feel sat upon, hemmed in or exploited. Now that the Moon is influencing the very summit of your chart, you should make a point of being self-interested for a change. If you expect a little respect, then you'll almost certainly get it.

feeling that a number of ambitions are about

to work out as you always hoped they would, mainly because a series of separate planetary cycles is about to coincide. You might still be surprised by the change in a partner's opinions, though.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

There doesn't seem to be anything to be gained from going it alone. Indeed. I'd sav that it was almost essential to team up with other people, even if that does mean letting them take the lead and set the pace. Your emotions may be a little uncertain today, but you'll settle down later on.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) You are

communicating your message fairly well – but there's still room for improvement. Do vourself a favour and tune into all romantic possibilities, recognising that you can be as romantic about places, or even memories, as about people. Wallow in nostalgia and do the minimum work necessary to keep afloat.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You should spare as much time as you need to enjoy vourself and taste the delights of love. This is not a matter of being slack or selfindulgent, but of recharging your emotional batteries. Other people should recognise it as such - and give you the benefit of the doubt.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Home and family affairs should take a relatively high priority, partly because someone you live with is waiting for you to take the lead. There doesn't seem to be anything terribly urgent, at least not as far as your solar chart is concerned, yet you will use your time wisely if you settle outstanding tasks.

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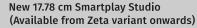




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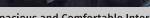


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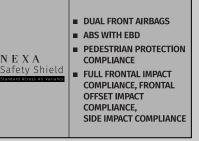


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