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IN BRIEF



IIT Bombay graduate tops UPSC Civil Services Exam

NEW DELHI
 The Union Public Service Commission on Friday announced the results of the Civil Services Examination 2020. Shubham Kumar, a B.Tech graduate of IIT Bombay, topped the list.

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BJP seals alliance with Nishad Party

LUCKNOW
 The BJP on Friday formally announced it would contest the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections in alliance with the Nishad Party. The two parties have not made public any seat-sharing arrangement yet.

NEWS PAGE 8

Sachin Pilot meets Rahul Gandhi again

NEW DELHI
 Former Rajasthan Congress chief Sachin Pilot met former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Friday, triggering speculation that the Ashok Gehlot government's Cabinet reshuffle could happen soon.

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Modi, Biden talk of a new phase in relations

India-U.S. ties will benefit the whole world, says President

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
 WASHINGTON

Sitting in the Oval Office, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden kicked off their bilateral talks, with comments on the promise of the India-U.S. relationship, the areas they would work on like COVID-19 and climate, and the importance of the diaspora. Their opening remarks were sprinkled with jokes and laughter, interspersed with a serious outlining of the discussions ahead.

Both leaders suggested that the countries were at an inflection point in their relationship. Mr. Modi spoke of a "transformative" decade ahead, and Mr. Biden spoke about a "new chapter" in ties.

'Seeds for expansion'

Mr. Modi said that under Mr. Biden's leadership, the seeds had been sown for India-U.S. relations to expand and that they were entering a "transformative phase".

In this context, he mentioned the growing importance of people-to-people



Stronger ties: U.S. President Joe Biden with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the White House on Friday. ■ REUTERS

ties, and said Indian talent would be a "full partner" in this relationship.

Mr. Biden, who spoke first, said the two countries were launching a "new chapter" in bilateral ties, taking on some of the toughest challenges, starting with COVID-19. He also said climate change and ensuring stability in the Indo-Pacific, including with Quad partners, would be on the agenda for talks.

Stating that the U.S.-India relationship could help solve an "awful lot" of the world's challenges, Mr. Biden said

he had spoken of that hope in 2006, when he had said that in 2020, India and the U.S. would be among the two closest countries in the world.

"I think that the relationship between India and the United States, two of the largest democracies in the world, is destined to be stronger, closer and tighter, and I think it can benefit the whole world," Mr. Biden said.

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HC remarks on EWS quota set aside

SC says Madras HC overstepped jurisdiction, to hear pleas against quotas in AIQ

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
 NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday set aside a Madras High Court observation that the Centre ought not to have provided 10% reservation for economically weaker sections (EWS) in the all India quota (AIQ) medical seats without obtaining the express approval of the Supreme Court.

The High Court's remarks in August came while closing a contempt of court case filed by the DMK.

"This observation has to be set aside because it has nothing to do with the con-



tempt plea... The observation by the High Court was unnecessary for deciding the contempt," Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, sharing a Bench with Justice B.V. Nagarathna, observed.

However, Justice Chandrachud made it very clear that the HC's observations were

being set aside only because they were made while dealing with a contempt plea and had strayed outside its jurisdiction. The top court refrained from making any comment about the merits of the EWS quota issue.

Instead, the court scheduled for October 7 a de-

tailed hearing of a batch of petitions challenging the entirety of the Centre's July 29 notification of 27% reservation for OBC and 10% for EWS in the NEET-AIQ seats.

The High Court had approved a July 29 notification of the Central government providing 27% reservation to OBC candidates for admission in central medical colleges under the AIQ. It, however, said the inclusion of a further 10% by way of vertical reservation for EWS would be impermissible until the top court approved it.

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Boat sent to save jumbo capsizes, journalist dies

Another video journalist, 3 ODRAF personnel in critical condition

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
 BHUBANESWAR

A journalist died and a member of the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) was reported missing after a boat sent to rescue a wild elephant stranded in the flooded Mahanadi river capsized on Friday.

The journalist, identified as Arindam Das, 40, was

working with a television channel.

The condition of another video journalist and three ODRAF personnel also in the boat was stated to be critical.

The tusker was stuck near a bridge after it got separated from the herd that was trying to cross the river.



In danger zone: A wild elephant was trapped in floodwaters at Mundali barrage, near Bhubaneswar. ■ BISWARANJAN ROUT

Gangster falls to bullets in Delhi court complex



Court rocked: A video grab of security personnel engaging in an exchange of fire with gangsters at Rohini court. ■ PTI

Two assailants shot dead by police

HEMANI BHANDARI
 NEW DELHI

Delhi's most wanted gangster Jitender Mann alias Gogi was shot dead inside Rohini court complex on Friday afternoon. Two persons who attacked Gogi were later shot dead by Delhi Police personnel.

The incident sparked widespread concern with Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana raising the issue of security with the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. The case has been transferred to the Crime Branch for probe.

The assault took place around 1 p.m. when Gogi was produced before the court by officials of the 3rd battalion and the Special Cell's Counter Intelligence Unit in connection with a murder case. Over 30 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were in and around the courtroom.

Two assailants - suspected to be members of the Tilu Tajpur gang - evaded court security and were waiting inside the courtroom dressed as lawyers.

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Death penalty awarded in T.N. inter-caste couple killing

S. PRASAD
 CUDDALORE

The Special Court for SC/ST Act cases here on Friday awarded the death sentence to the brother of a caste Hindu woman and sentenced 12 others, including her father, to life imprisonment in the killing of inter-caste couple S. Murugesan and D. Kannagi at Virudhachalam in 2003.

Murugesan, 25, a chemical engineering graduate belonging to a Scheduled Caste community, and Kannagi, 22, a commerce graduate hailing from a Vanniyar family, were residents of Puthukooraipetai. They fell in love while studying at Annamalai University. They secretly got married and registered their marriage on May 5, 2003, at Cuddalore.

Angered by this, Kannagi's family launched a hunt for them. On July 7 that year, they traced the couple, abducted them and forced them to drink poison on July 8. The bodies were burnt in the presence of over 300 people.

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IN BRIEF

No COVID-19 death for seventh day; 24 cases

NEW DELHI
The national capital reported no new COVID-19 deaths over 24 hours for the seventh consecutive day, according to a health bulletin released by the Delhi government on Friday. The total number of deaths stood at 25,085. Twenty-four new cases of the virus were reported over the past 24 hours, taking the total to 14,38,658.

Event organiser granted bail in hate speech case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI
The Delhi High Court Friday granted bail to Preet Singh, an organiser of the Jantar Mantar event where communal slogans were allegedly raised last month, saying his custodial interrogation in the hate speech case is not required any longer.

Justice Mukta Gupta directed that the accused be released on bail on a personal bond of ₹50,000 with two sureties of the like amount. "The petitioner has been in custody since 9/10.08.2021. The petitioner is no more required for custodial interrogation....," the judge stated.

North corporation has fired 687 teachers: AAP

'No primary education is being offered'

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI
The Aam Aadmi Party on Friday alleged that the North Delhi Municipal Corporation has dismissed 687 teachers in corporation-run schools.

"North body has stopped providing education to primary students by firing 687 teachers. About 70,000 students have dropped out of the schools because the BJP-ruled civic body is not providing education to children of Classes I to V," AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj said.

He said Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan is a Central government-led initiative under which the Central and State governments collaboratively pay the salaries of teachers in corporation-run schools. "It is shocking that on September 7, 2020, North body Education Department wrote a letter to the Delhi government, con-

veying that they were firing their primary school teachers because the schools were shut during the pandemic and they are not educating children during the pandemic. Subsequently, North body fired 687 teachers," Mr. Bharadwaj said.

He alleged that for the last one and a half years, the North body has not been providing primary education.

'Waiting for DDMA nod' Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said Mr. Bharadwaj lost all respect for political accountability while making statements. He said Mr. Bharadwaj should know that North body primary schools, like all primary schools, have not been opened for physical attendance due to lack of permission for the same from the Delhi Disaster Management Authority.

20 students coached at JMI clear UPSC exam

Academy provides free coaching to underprivileged sections

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

As many as 20 students coached at the Jamia Millia Islamia Residential Coaching Academy (JMI-RCA) have cleared the 2020 civil services examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. The results were announced on Friday.

A total of 761 candidates have been recommended by the UPSC for appointment to various services. JMI said 15 students from the RCA – run by the Centre for Coaching and Career Planning of the university – who appeared for the exam in January 2021, followed by personality tests taken in August and September 2021, have been selected.

Five other students who were provided coaching and guidance only for the personality test at the RCA have also been selected.

The Residential Coaching Academy at Jamia gave me the best environment for my preparation... it not only provided me with guidance but also introduced me to like-minded people

FAIZAN AHMED
Secured rank 58 in exam

Out of the students selected from the RCA, Faizan Ahmed secured rank 58. Shahid Ahmed, Shahansha KS and Shreya Singhal secured ranks 129, 142 and 176 respectively. One of the candidates who was trained for the personality test by the institute, Radhika Gupta, secured rank 18.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Ahmed, who came to Delhi from Kota, Rajasthan, in 2018 to start his prepara-

tion for the civil services examination, said: "The RCA at Jamia gave me the best environment for my preparation as it not only provided me with the facilities and guidance but also introduced me to like-minded people who were in different stages of their preparation and attempts. It is definitely the best holistic environment to ensure success."

JMI-RCA is funded by the University Grants Commission, it provides free coaching and residential facilities to students belonging to SC, ST, Women, and the Minorities categories.

Students are selected for the coaching on the basis of an all-India written test followed by interviews. The entrance test for the next batch, the university said, will be held on October 21 and the last date to fill the online form is October 6.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item rate tenders are hereby invited on form No 6 & 8 by the Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division Barsar on behalf of Governor of H.P for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors/firms enlisted in H.P.P.W.D. in the appropriate class so as to reach in this office on **08.10.2021** to **10.30 A.M.** and will be opened on the same day at **11.00 A.M.** in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representative. The tender application will be received in this office on **5.10.2021** up to **4.00 P.M.** and tender form can be had from this office against cash payment (Non Refundable) on **07.10.2021** up to **4.00 P.M.** The offer of the tender shall be kept open for **60** days.

- Name of work No. 1:-** C/O Funeral Ghat at Village Bakroh Mohal (G.P Kalaun) (SH:- C/O Funeral) (D.C. Deposit) (Under SDP Head) Estimated cost Rs. 1,56,383/- Earnest Money Rs. 3200/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No. 2:-** Repair of P.H.C. Building at Bijhari (SH:- Repair of Plastering, Ceiling, painting works & other repair etc.) (Deposit work) Estimated Cost Rs. 1,04,680/- Earnest Money Rs.2100/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No. 3:-** A/R & M/O on various road under H.P.P.W.D. Sub Division Barsar (Section Bhota) (SH:- S/S 50mm to 25mm, 10mm to 12mm & sand various roads) Estimated Cost Rs. 1,05,266/- Earnest Money Rs.2100/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.4:-**A/R & M/O on various roads under H.P.P.W.D Sub Division Barsar (Section Bijhari) (SH:- S/S 50mm to 25mm, 10mm to 12mm & sand various roads) (Estimated Cost Rs. 1,05,266/- Earnest Money Rs. 2100/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.5:-** A/R & M/O on various roads under Barsar Sub Division (Section Bijhari & Bhota) (SH:- Supplying and stacking hard fuel wood for patch work) Estimated Cost Rs. 1,02,600/- Earnest Money Rs. 2100/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.6:-** C/O link road to Village Dugiyar km. 0/0 to 0/900 (SH:- C/O R/Wall at Km. 0/850 to 0/864, U-shape Drain at Km. 0/840 to 0/900 and V-shape drain at km. 0/740 to 0/840) (under OTMNP Head) (Estimated Cost Rs. 3,91,617/- Earnest Money Rs. 7900/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.7:-** C/O link road to Village Badhan km. 0/0 to 2/0 (SH:- C/O wire crate R/Wall at Km. 0/210 to 0/232 and 0/320 to 0/350) (Under OTMNP Head) (Estimated Cost Rs. 4,89,440/- Earnest Money Rs. 9800/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.8:-** C/O Road from Balh Bihal to Sangia Da Tiyala via Garari Lakoh km. 0/0 to 2/700 (SH:- C/O B/Wall at RD 2/010 to 2/050) (Under OTMNP Head) (Estimated Cost Rs. 4,50,412/- Earnest Money Rs. 9000/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.9:-** R/R damages on Jalari Galore Salouni Bijhari Deotsidh road (SH:- C/O R/Wall at RD. 9/915 to 9/940) Estimated Cost Rs. 3,64,860/- Earnest Money Rs.7300/- Time limit Two month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.10:-** C/O link road to Village Balh Ratnu Choa Dhamani (SH:- P/L cement concrete pavement at RD.0/270 to 0/320, 0/450 to 0/550 & C/O B/Wall at RD 0/320 to 0/350) (Under MMGSY) Estimated Cost Rs. 4,50,604/- Earnest Money Rs.9000/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.11:-** C/O link road Khurpari to Bhaged (G.P. Kiara Bag) (SH:- P/L cement concrete pavement at RD. 0/750 to 0/980) (Under MMGSY) Estimated Cost Rs. 4,56,601/- Earnest Money Rs. 9200/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.12:-** C/O road Chalyara of Hareta Khad (SH:- P/L cement concrete pavement at RD. 1/00 to 1/140) (Under MMGSY) Estimated Cost Rs. 2,97,779/- Earnest Money Rs.6000/- Time limit Two month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.13:-** C/O road from Kathulag to Sasan Bali (SH:- P/L cement concrete pavement at Rd. 0/120 to 0/270) (Under MMGSY) Estimated Cost Rs. 2,97,779/- Earnest Money Rs. 6000/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.14:-**C/O Main road to Bahal & Ward No. 5 Trun (SH:- P/L cement concrete pavement at RD. 0/0 to 0/150) (Under MMGSY Estimated Cost Rs. 2,97,779/- Earnest Money Rs. 6000/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.15:-** C/O Main road to Machhayani (Actual Name Gadyani) (SH:- P/L cement concrete pavement at RD. 0/070 to 0/220) (Un MMGSY) Estimated Cost Rs. 2,97,779/- Earnest Money Rs. 6000/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.16:-** C/O road Makkar Harizan Basti to Balhi (SH:- P/L cement concrete pavement at RD. 0/0 to 0/150) (Under MMGSY) Estimated Cost Rs. 2,97,779/- Earnest Money Rs. 6000/- Time limit Two month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.17:-**C/O link road to Village Balh Ratnu Choa Dhamami (SH:- P/L cement concrete pavement at RD. 0/600 to 0/750) (Under MMGSY) Estimated Cost Rs. 2,97,779/- Earnest Money Rs. 6000/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.18:-** C/O road Bara Gram to Guru ka Ban (SH:- C/O B/Wall at RD.0/100 to 0/125 & P/L cement concrete pavement at RD. 0/0 to 0/165) (Under MMGSY) Estimated Cost Rs. 4,80,232/- Earnest money Rs. 9600/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No.19:-** Repair of Divisional Office at Barsar (SH:- P/F Tile, Wood work, Painting, Distemping & Sanitary work etc.) Estimated Cost Rs. 3,43,085/- Earnest Money Rs.6900/- Time limit One month Cost of Form Rs. 350/-
- Name of work No. 20:-** Repair of Residential building at P.W.D Barsar (SH:- Demolition work, Bick work, Painting, Polishing, white washing and Plain framed penelling work etc.), Estimated Cost Rs. 2,53,783.00 only, Earnest Money:-Rs. 5100.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 21:-** Repair and Maintenance of Govt.Degree College at Dhaneta, Tehsil Nadaun District Hamirpur (SH:- Repair and Maintenance of Door, Windows Tiles flooring and Plaster etc.) (Deposit Work) Estimated Cost Rs. 4,32,443.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 8700.00 only, Time limit:- Two Months and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 22:-** C/O link road Manjra Chapru Dhar road Km. 0/0 to 2/300 (SH:- formation cutting, 2.75/5.00 mtrs wide road at RD. 0/750 to 1/00) (Under Minor Head) Estimated Cost Rs. 94,344.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 1900.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 23:-** C/O link road Manjra Chapru Dhar road Km. 0/0 to 2/300 (SH:- P/L 900mm dia hume pipe culvert at RD. 0/560) (Under OTMNP Head), Estimated Cost Rs. 99,272.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 2000.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 24:-** C/O link road Manjra Chapru Dhar road km. 0/0 to 2/300 (SH:- Formation cutting 2.75/5.00mtrs wide road at RD. 0/0 to 0/255) (Under Minor Head), Estimated Cost Rs. 96,417.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 2000.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 25:-** SDP/2020/244. Repair of link road from Panchvati to Chilian km. 0/0 to 0/450 (SH:- P/L cement concrete pavement at RD. 0/0 to 0/050 and 0/30 to 0/450) (Deposit Work). Estimated Cost Rs. 3,15,991.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 6400.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 26:-** Boundary wall along with Gate H.S.C. Building at Jhallan (SH:- C/O Boundary wall and Gate) (Deposit work), Estimated Cost Rs. 2,41,440.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 4900.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 27:-** Special Repair to H.S.C. Building at Harsour (SH:- C/o Boundary wall i/c Gate painting, distemping and other repair etc.) (Deposit work) Estimated Cost Rs. 1,38,688.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 2800.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 28:-** Restoration of Rain Damages on Badaran Sarai road Km. 0/0 to 5/0 (SH:- C/O R/Wall at RD. 3/100 to 3/120). Estimated Cost Rs. 2,63,429.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 5300.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 29:-** C/O link road from Lower Jalari to Rakkar Sidh Mandi and Manjhar Namtra to Pakhrol km. 0/0 to 5/0, (SH:- C/O edge wall at RD. 2/375 to 2/475, 2/435 to 2/475, Both side & P/L 900mm dia RCC hume pipe culvert at RD. 2/300) (Under OTMNP). Estimated Cost Rs. 3,79,538.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 7600.00 only, Time limit:- Two Months and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 30:-** C/O link road to Village Tilla Km. 0/0 to 1/200 (SH:- C/O B/Wall at RD. 0/020 to 0/030, 0/210 to 0/225, 0/300 to 0/315, 1/090 to 1/120 and R/Wall at RD. 0/140 to 0/155) (Under OTMNP Head), Estimated Cost Rs. 4,47,787.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 9000.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 31:-** Imp. of Black Spot on Dhaneta Pansai road Km. 5/500 (SH:- C/O R/Wall at RD. 1/600 to 1/626. Estimated Cost Rs. 4,78,182.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 9600.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 32:-** Restoration C/O link road to Village Dhanoa km. 0/0 to 2/00 (SH:- formation cutting 5/ mtr wide road at km. 0/0 to 0/660 and C/o R.C.C hume pipe culvert with wing wall at RD. 0/375, 0/495 and 1/330) (Under OTMNP Head) Estimated Cost Rs. 4,28,012.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 8600.00 only, Time limit:- Two Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 33:-** Restoration of Rain Damages on Jalari Galore Salouni Road Km. 0/0 to 30/00 (SH:- C/O B/Wall at RD. 11/700 to 11/727). Estimated Cost Rs. 1,03,080.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 2100.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 34:-** Restoration of Rain Damages on link road Ukhali to Samtana road km. 0/0 to 4/0 (SH:- C/o R/Wall at RD. 3/375 to 3/401, (left hand side), Estimated Cost Rs. 2,74,146.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 5500.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 35:-** Restoration of Rain Damages on Kathiana to Godee road Km. 0/0 to 1/300 (SH:- C/O wire crate R/Wall at RD. 1/0 to 1/043). Estimated Cost Rs. 2,02,784.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 4100.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 36:-** Restoration of Rain Damages on Bijhari Dhangota Samtana Ukhli road Km. 0/0 to 16/0 (SH:- C/O wire crate R/Wall at RD. 7/945 to 7/972) . Estimated Cost Rs. 2,55,501.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 5200.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.
- Name of work No. 37:-** Repair and Maintenance of Govt. Degree College at Barsar (SH:- Repair and maintenance of window, Flooring and Distemping) (Deposit work) Estimated Cost Rs. 4,76,580.00 only, Earnest Money:- Rs. 9600.00 only, Time limit:- One Month and Cost of Form:- Rs. 350.00 only.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- No.1:-** The Earnest Money in the shape of National saving certificates /Time deposit Accounts/ Saving Account/ FDRs in any of the post office/ Nationalized Bank in duly pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Barsar must be accompanied with the application.
- The tender documents shall be accepted in two covers (Cover-1 shall contain EMD and Cover-2 shall contain application and other documents.**
- NO.2:-** Conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will out- rightly be rejected.
- NO.3:-** The contractor shall accompany his enlistment/ renewal order G.S.T. No. with latest clearance return and E.P.F. No. with latest clearance return with his application for obtaining the tender documents.
- NO.4:-** Executive Engineer Reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason.
- NO.5:-** The work will be completed by the contractor within the stipulated period .
- NO.6:-** Tender forms will not be issued to those contractors who are not registered under HPGST Act-1988 & photo copy of individual PAN No. allotted to them attached with their application at the time of applying for tender documents. Application will not be entertained without aforesaid documents.
- NO.7:-** The contractor/firms are required to insert the rate of each item in words as well as in figures falling which Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept / rejects any over all tender.
- NO.8** The tender shall be issued to only those contractors/firms who are found eligible suitable and competent .
- NO.9:-** The tender forms shall be issued to eligible contractor depending upon their past performance and work experience which shall be duly evaluated by the technical evaluation committee .
- NO.10** The tender forms of soling , wearing and tarring shall be issued only be those contractors who will produce proper documents of ownership of required machinery and completion certificate of similar work issued by the concerned Executive Engineer also required & tender forms for Masstick Asphalt wearing course shall be issued only to those contractor who will produce ownership document/bills of equipments i.e. Tar Boiler, Mastic cooker 7 Generator 62kv.
- No.11:-** Contractor/ firm having necessary documents past adequate experience shall be preferred.
- No.12** Contractors who have failed to start / complete the work in hand within reasonable time shall not be issued tender forms .
- No.13:-** One contractor should not have more than two major works in hand at a time.
- NO.14:-** If 08.10.2021 happens to be holiday the tender shall be opened on next working day at 11.00 A.M.

Sd/-

**Executive Engineer,
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'Cloud kitchens' are cooking up a storm

Pandemic-hit restaurants try to stay ahead of the curve

JAIDEEP DEO BHANJ NEW DELHI

Amid pandemic-induced closures, hygiene concerns and high retail costs, technology has come to the rescue of restaurant businesses in the city.

Restaurateurs and chefs are now able to move their kitchens to obscure locations and deliver food at the doorstep of their clients.

Known as 'cloud kitchens', these units have mushroomed across the city and have helped restaurants reinvent themselves by taking advantage of the growth of app-based food discovery platforms to reach out to their clientele and deliver quality food without having to bear the cost of skyrocketing overheads.

Some of the popular restaurants at Khan Market and other prominent markets have jumped on the bandwagon. CEO and MD of Impresario, Riyaz Amlani, known for his chain of 'Social' restaurants across the city, says COVID-19 has gently nudged the restaurant industry towards digitisation and people are approaching the business from many different sides.

Food delivery

Commenting on the food delivery boom, he says; "Earlier, dining-in restaurants had 5-10% of the delivery business but in COVID era, most of the restaurants have tripled their delivery business over the past 5-6 quarters. However, delivery is not competing with the dine-in business and dine-out will always continue to be a celebration for our guests. I am happy that both businesses have their own stakes and it's beautiful that both the businesses co-exist and are growing together."

In the delivery business, packaging plays a crucial role as that is the only way to enhance the customer's experience as it is a brand's



Restaurants have tripled their delivery business during the pandemic.

story-telling, he adds.

The National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) recently organised a workshop for those who want to start cloud kitchens or convert their existing businesses into cloud kitchens so that they can keep track of the fast-changing industry.

NRAI chief Kabir Suri says the biggest advantage of cloud kitchens is that it helps expansion into new markets. "We all spend years building a brand and hence, I believe that instead of launching new brands, one should always bank on existing brands and brand equity built over years."

Technology has played an important role in helping restaurants identify their target customers and chart their online growth while optimising their sales.

It is important for businesses to have control over the data of who is ordering, he says, adding that the association has been trying to resolve this issue with various partners.

About nine years ago, the restaurant industry realised that people want the convenience of quick food delivery, but it was difficult to set up restaurants in all corporate hubs, says Anshul Gupta, co-founder of Box8, an on-demand food delivery firm. "We thought of setting up cloud kitchens very early and that gave us an edge over other players. Technology has played a pivotal role in our growth, we invested in building our delivery fleet and app which has proved to be very advantageous in reaching customers directly," he adds.

Kejriwal initiates process to make bio-decomposer

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal initiated the process of making a bio-decomposer solution, created in collaboration with the Pusa Institute, at the Kharkhari Nahar village here on Friday.

Mr. Kejriwal appealed to all States to help their farmers in smelting stubble and bear the entire cost of

spraying the bio-decomposer in agricultural land just like the Delhi government.

The number of farmers who had applied for the spraying of the solution on their fields had almost gone up threefold compared to last year with the Delhi government scheduled to spray it on over 4,000 acres of land this time, he said.

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DELHI

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HC should pull up police chief over lapse: AAP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The shoot-out inside the crowded Rohini courtroom was a “big security lapse” and the High Court should take cognisance and “haul up” the Delhi police chief, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) said on Friday.

AAP spokesperson Saubh Bhardwaj said, “The Centre appointed their favourite officer Rakesh Asthana as police chief by bypassing all rules. The High Court should take note and haul up the top cop.”

Meanwhile, the Delhi Congress said ‘jungle raj’ prevails in the Capital as Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal are “absent”. “Mr. Shah and Mr. Kejriwal have totally failed in checking crime in Delhi,” said Delhi Congress chief Ch. Anil Kumar.

‘Shooting in court felt like a terror attack’

Advocate who was in the courtroom says assailants got close to the gangster before opening fire

HEMANI BHANDARI
NEW DELHI

Advocate Sunil Tomar was inside courtroom number 207 on the second floor of the Rohini Courts Complex when he saw gangster Jitender Mann alias Gogi being escorted by officers of Delhi Police and Central Reserve Police Force. Just a few minutes later, he heard several gunshots and witnessed the ensuing bloodshed.

Mr. Tomar had a bail matter in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Gagandeep Singh. While there, he saw a large group of police officers entering the premises.

“I thought some high-risk prisoner must be coming. Then I heard Gogi was coming,” he said.

“Within five minutes of Gogi being brought in for hearing, two men (wearing black suits and white shirts) entered the courtroom and got close to Gogi before they started shooting at him. The policemen retaliated and killed the shooters,” Mr. Tomar told reporters.

“The bullets hit Gogi’s chest. They must have fired off around eight bullets at him,” the advocate said.

He added that the court-



The injured being taken to hospital after the shoot-out at the Rohini Courts Complex on Friday. ■PTI

room is not very big and there were around 15-17 people present.

“There were four more accused and they thought they were being targeted. They leaped behind the judge’s seat, so did a few advocates. The Judge also managed to take cover behind his desk,” Mr. Tomar recalled.

“For the next 15 minutes, I didn’t know what was happening. I did not know who was dead,” he said. In the en-

suing retaliatory fire by the security officers, the two assailants were shot dead.

Advocate Rajiv Agnihotri, who was on the same floor when the incident took place, said: “When I heard the firing, I thought it was a terrorist attack.” As he attempted to see what was happening, CRPF officers swepted in to control and protect the crowd. “If the Delhi police officials had not shot the two assailants, they

Bloodbath

12.30 p.m. Two assailants seen going up the stairs to the second floor of the Rohini Courts Complex where Gogi is to be produced

1.00 p.m. Delhi Police reaches courtroom with Gogi

1.05 p.m. Assailants fire at Gogi. They are gunned down by the police in retaliatory fire

2 p.m. Senior officers arrive at crime scene. Bodies shifted to hospital



might have attacked more people,” he said.

When Gogi, 30, was arrested in March 2020 from an apartment complex in Gurugram, he had a reward of ₹10.5 lakh on his head.

He and his associates had been running an organised crime syndicate for nearly a decade and were involved in extortion, collecting ransom, protection money and committing car-jackings.

Bitter rivalry

The rivalry between Gogi and Tillu of Tajpur Kalan village dates back to 2010 when Gogi was new to the world of crime and his close associate Sunil Mann had joined the Tillu gang. Another turning point was Deepak alias Raju, an associate of Tillu, pursuing Gogi’s cousin and teasing

Gogi that he was his “brother-in-law”. Deepak was murdered by Gogi in 2015.

The same year, Tillu’s associates killed a close associate of Gogi, Arun alias Commando. The rivalry has been for supremacy ever since and over a dozen members from each side have been murdered.

In 2016, Gogi escaped Delhi Police’s custody when he was being taken to Haryana in a bus and managed to remain on the run till last year.

In 2018, he and his associates gunned down four residents of Tajpur village and two passersby in a shoot-out in north Delhi’s Burari.

A month before his arrest, Gogi and his associates waylaid a man who they thought was supporting his rivals and pumped 48 bullets into him.

Lawyers say scanners and metal detectors at gates defunct

Advocates of district courts to abstain from work today

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Advocates at the Rohini Courts Complex raised concerns over security inside the premises following the shoot-out in which gangster Jitender Mann was killed.

Advocate Ashish Sharma, who was on the premises at

the time of the incident, said there is no frisking of people coming to court.

“This is the fourth time a shooting has taken place. When it happened the first time, we had brought it to the notice of police officers,” he said, adding that none of the gates have ‘fully functional’ metal detectors.

“No one is frisked here. Anyone can come in with a weapon,” he said.

Another advocate Manoj

Kumar Nigam said the scanner machine inside the court is also not functioning.

“There is no checking for weapons. People in khaki and black coats are not checked at all,” he said.

Police sources said advocates in district courts discourage checking and frisking. “The lawyers create a ruckus if they are checked. Delhi Police also secures the High Court and Supreme Court where the advocates

and judges agree to checking,” an officer said.

When asked if advocates would now cooperate with frisking, the district court lawyers said: “From now on, we will... it should not be a matter of dignity but safety”.

The Rohini Court Bar Association has issued a notice asking members to cooperate with all security checks at the entry and exit gates.

Delhi Police said it regularly coordinates with the Rohi-

ni Court Administration and other stakeholders regarding security of the premises.

“The Joint Commissioner of Police is inquiring into the incident and is conducting a review for further strengthening the court’s security,” police said in a statement.

The Bar Council of Delhi announced that all district courts will abstain from work on Saturday to protest against the security lapse inside the court premises.

Restructure cadre to open up promotion options: DASS officers

CS meets officers after stir at Secretariat

NIKHIL M BABU
NEW DELHI

Mohan (name changed), a 51-year-old section officer, joined the Delhi government in 1998 as a Grade 2 officer. In 2007 he got promoted to Grade 1 – the last promotion he got in the past 14 years. “Every year, we get an increment, but there is no option for our cadre to get further promotion. After 2007, I have not got any promotion. Promotion is about dignity, about more respect at work and society. It feels good to be at a higher post,” the officer said.

Like Mohan, there are around 1,500 officials under the Delhi Administration Subordinate Services (DASS). The DASS Officers’ Association has been demanding that the government restructure the cadre so that they get an option for promotions. On Thursday, about 50 officials under the association protested outside the office of the Chief Secretary (CS) inside the Delhi Secretariat building. They put up banners asking ‘how many more years?’.

The CS met with the representatives of the association on Friday.

“The CS has promised to take up the matter with the Services Department. Our cadre was last restructured in 1967. It should be restructured to create more avenues of promotions and pay scales. This has been a long pending demand of ours,” said Manoj Kumar Ambasta, general secretary of the association.

CS Vijav Dev did not respond to calls and messages. The Centre had in July



DASS officials protesting inside the Delhi Secretariat building on Thursday.

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written to Chief Secretaries of different UTs and Delhi, directing them to review the cadres every five years.

Periodic review

“Cadre review of civilian cadres falls under the jurisdiction of the respective cadre-controlling authorities and is required to be undertaken periodically. However, it has been observed that proposals for cadre review for group B and group C categories are received in the Department of Expenditure after long periods of 20-30 years, or even for the first time. The delay is not in consonance with good HR management practices,” the letter written by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba read.

In Delhi, the Services Department, which looks into these matters, is under the ambit of the Centre. Around four years back, the then CS had formed a committee headed by S.N. Sahai, then Principal Secretary of Finance Department to look into the matter.

Mr. Ambasta said the committee had recommended more promotions and the Services Department should implement it at the earliest.



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PHARMACISTS : THE FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKERS KEEPING THE PANDEMIC AT BAY

Pharmacists around the world have continued to perform frontline duties for the communities during this pandemic, and thus reduced the burden on the healthcare system. During COVID-19, the pharmacists delivered medications to patients, educating them on telehealth services, clarifying misconceptions about COVID-19 treatments, and contributing to patient screening.

Alongside the ICU nurses, medical staff and physicians, pharmacists have been a part of the fight back efforts, and their role included management of drug shortages, development of treatment protocols, exploring new drugs to treat the Coronavirus and offer advice on medication management.

- The Pharmacy Council of India proudly pledges to partner with the Government of India in its initiatives for developing a healthy India and Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- The Pharmacy Council of India supports the ‘Jan Aushadhi’ scheme of the Government of India to realise the vision, “Access to medicines for all”.

Tikait asks Biden to focus on farm laws

ANUJ KUMAR
GHAZIABAD

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first bilateral meeting with the U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday evening, farmer leader Rakesh Tikait raised a social media storm by appealing to Mr. Biden to focus on the farm laws brought by the Modi government.

"These black laws should be repealed to save us. Please focus on our concerns while meeting PM Modi," tweeted Mr. Tikait, tagging @POTUS, the Twitter handle of the U.S. President.

Mr. Tikait is the national spokesperson of the Bharatiya Kisan Union and one of the foremost leaders of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha.

Mr. Tikait added, "We, the farmers of India are protesting against the 3 farm laws brought by PM Modi's govt. 700 farmers have died in the last 11 months protesting (sic)".

This is perhaps the first time that the farmer leader has tweeted in English from his handle.

The BKU had termed the UN Food Systems Summit hogwash and described it as a threat to people's food security.

Sri Lanka starts work on voluntary repatriation

'It is working with other agencies on the collection of data'

T. RAMAKRISHNAN
CHENNAI

The Sri Lanka Deputy High Commission has commenced work on voluntary repatriation of Sri Lankan nationals living in the rehabilitation camps of Tamil Nadu, according to Deputy High Commissioner D. Venkateshwaran.

The diplomat, who assumed charge in April this year, told *The Hindu* on Friday that the Deputy High Commission, together with the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Departments concerned of Tamil Nadu, including the Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non Resident Tamils, and non-governmental organisations, was also working on the collection of preliminary data for repatriation. The Deputy High Commission had proposed a "suitable" ferry service or passenger air service, accommodating the cargo in containers, for repatriation.

According to the Tamil Nadu government's document, 58,822 persons were staying in 108 rehabilitation camps as on July 31. Besides,



D. Venkateshwaran

34,087 refugees were living outside the camps.

The Deputy High Commissioner said that before the outbreak of COVID-19, his office had issued 1,500-2,000 special refugee repatriation passports every year. Roughly, 1,000-1,500 Sri Lankans had returned annually to Sri Lanka voluntarily with the assistance of UNHCR or on their own. The process of voluntary repatriation was suspended in March 2020 owing to international travel restrictions.

As for the issuance of consular birth certificates, Mr. Venkateshwaran recalled that special camps were held every week till March 2020. The registration of consular births had "declined dra-

stically" owing to the pandemic. "However, this Mission is constantly providing its uninterrupted consular services" amid the lockdown, he said, hoping for the resumption of the special camps shortly. The Deputy High Commission planned to clear all pending applications for consular birth certificates before December.

As for deepening the cultural ties, he said Sri Lanka's Ministry of Tourism would soon release the details of the development of the Ramayana trail and the Murugan trail, in addition to the Panchalinga Shiva temple trail, covering five locations. It had been proposed to facilitate the arrival of more tourists from Sri Lanka to places of religious importance. The Mission planned to organise cultural events in south India for the promotion of cultural relations.

Expressing Sri Lanka's gratitude to the Indian government for various assistance rendered during the pandemic, he said he had met the heads of several south Indian States to "enhance the bilateral relationship".

Cong. summons Punjab CM to Delhi again

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi was again called to Delhi by the Congress high command to discuss the expansion of the State Cabinet, just hours after he returned from the national capital, according to sources.

Mr. Channi has left for the national capital from here, they added.

Third visit

It is the CM's third visit to Delhi in the past few days.

Mr. Channi had gone to Delhi on Thursday evening where he discussed the formation of his Cabinet with Rahul Gandhi.

He had also held discussions with All-India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Harish Rawat.

After the meeting, Mr. Channi returned on early Friday morning.

Meanwhile, former Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar is learnt to have met party leader Rahul Gandhi.

There is now speculation that Mr. Jakhar, who narrowly missed out on succeeding Amarinder Singh as the CM, may be rehabilitated with some post.

Court acquits Uttarakhand Minister in Shaktiman horse assault case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DEHRADUN

A court in Uttarakhand has acquitted Cabinet Minister Ganesh Joshi and four other accused of causing injuries to police horse Shaktiman during a clash between the BJP protesters and the police here in 2016 due to lack of credible evidence.

The Uttarakhand Mount-

ed Police horse had sustained injuries during the clashes following which one of its hind legs had to be amputated. It was treated and given a prosthetic leg but it died of infection one month later.

Dehradun Chief Judicial Magistrate Lakshman Singh acquitted Mr. Joshi and four others on Thursday.

He and the four others were booked under different sections of the IPC besides section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act following the incident in March 2016.

On his acquittal in the case, Mr. Joshi said truth has finally won as he had all along been saying that he was innocent.

Badal demands hike in compensation for 'Bharat Mala' highway project

'Farmers have suffered loss of ₹25,000 cr. due to reduced rates'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

The Shiromani Akali Dal on Friday demanded at least a 100% hike in compensation to the farmers for the land being acquired under the "Bharat Mala" project for different highways in the State.

The party submitted a memorandum in this regard to Governor Banwari Lal Purohit here. Party president Sukhbir Singh Badal said Punjab farmers have been put at a loss of over ₹25,000 crore by the State government's "devious and surreptitious" decision to substan-



SAD president Sukhbir Badal presenting a memorandum to Punjab Governor Banwari Lal Purohit on Friday. ♦PTI

tially reduce the collector rates for their lands affected by the acquisition. Mr. Badal said the SAD would fight for justice for the farmers till it succeeded in getting the government to withdraw or suitably change its decision.

He announced that the party would organise a 'tractor march' to the residence of the Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on September 29 to put pressure on the government to heed to the just demands of the farmers.

Campaign launched for social accountability law

Rajasthan Congress had promised the legislation in its 2018 Assembly election manifesto

MOHAMMED IQBAL
JAIPUR

A State-wide campaign has been launched in Rajasthan for demanding passage of the social accountability law in the next Assembly session, while reminding the Congress government of its commitment to bring the legislation in the 2018 election manifesto. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had reiterated his resolve to enact the law in his budget speech in 2019.

Activists pointed out that countless citizens were suf-

fering from an inability to access their rights and have their complaints redressed in a time-bound manner, while there was "no accountability of errant government officials".

The State government is yet to take an action on the report submitted by a committee in February 2020 along with the draft of the proposed statute.

The committee, headed by former civil servant Ram Lubhaya, strongly emphasised the need for a legal fra-

mework to guarantee accountability to the citizens and highlighted the limitations in the existing administrative system which prevented timely delivery of services.

'Right based approach'

Representatives of Suchna Evum Rozgar Adhikar Abhiyan, who were members of the committee, also made representations. The Abhiyan activists felt that the State government should adopt a rights based approach and

ensure delivery of services and redress the citizens' grievances within a stipulated time frame.

Nikhil Dey of the Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) said the legislation, as a composite architecture, would empower every person to hold the government institutions and officials accountable to them to deliver their rights as citizens. "Our campaign will raise awareness about the law and take up a sustained advocacy for passage of the Bill in the next

Assembly session," he said.

The draft Bill has incorporated the suggested provisions for transparency in governance, citizens' participation, public hearing, social audit, information and facilitation centres, decentralisation of the process and establishment of an independent grievance redressal structure.

The mechanism for redressing grievances will start from village panchayats and involve public hearings at the block level.

Varavara Rao gets interim medical bail

He is an accused in Bhima Koregaon case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Friday extended the interim medical bail for 81-year-old poet Varavara Rao, accused in Bhima Koregaon caste violence case, till October 13.

On September 6, a Division Bench of Justices S.S. Shinde and N.J. Jamadar had granted an extension till September 24. On Friday, due to paucity of time the interim relief has been extended till October 13.

On February 22, 2021, Mr. Rao was granted medical bail on a cash bond of ₹50,000 by a Division Bench of Justices S.S. Shinde and Manish Pitale. Due to delay in obtaining a solvency certificate, Mr. Rao was

released on March 6.

Mr. Rao seeks an extension on grounds that he takes 13 medicines daily for neurological problems, cholesterol, blood pressure, prostate, acidity, gastroesophageal reflux, constipation, cardiac issues and pain relief.

A neurologist at Jaslok Hospital said he has asymptomatic parkinson's ailment and has retention problems, movement disorders with tremors and gait instability.

Previously, senior advocate Anand Grover, appearing for Mr. Rao, informed court that Mr. Rao was living in a rented flat in Mumbai with his wife. His plea urges the court to allow him to reside in Hyderabad with his family instead of Mumbai.

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5 Date / time for receipt of bids	29/09/2021 at 1.00 PM in Office of Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society, GVI Campus, Tata Road, Namkum, Ranchi - 834010
6 Date of Technical Bid opening	06/10/2021 to 16/10/2021 at 6.00 PM
7 Application fee (Non-refundable)	18/10/2021 at 1.00 PM
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The Entrance Examination for admission in the 4 yrs. Degree program in Cinematic Art and Technology (B. CAT) in three disciplines such as (i) Cinematography, (ii) Sound Recording & Sound Design and (iii) Film Editing in Biju Pattanaik Film and Television Institute of Odisha (BPFTIO), Cuttack will be held as per the following schedule.

Exam Date	Shift 1	Shift 2
30.09.2021	9.00 AM - 10.00 AM	2.30 PM - 3.30 PM
	Cinematography, Sound Recording & Sound Design	Film Editing

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IN BRIEF



2.4 lakh darshan tickets for Oct. booked in hours

TIRUMALA
There was an unprecedented response to the online booking of paid darshan tickets that the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) released for October. The quota of 2.4 lakh special entry darshan tickets of ₹300 each for the month (8,000 tickets a day) were exhausted in a couple of hours of their release on Friday.

Foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in Hassan

HASSAN
Over 150 cases of foot-and-mouth disease have been reported among cattle in Hassan district of Karnataka since September 1. As of Friday, cattle in 16 villages are being treated. One animal death has been reported. However, farmers claim more animals have died.

Three injured in factory blast

Police book owners of plant on Bengaluru outskirts; residents want it relocated

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Three workers were injured when a solvent vessel exploded accidentally on the premises of a chemical factory in the Attibele Industrial Area on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Friday. The blast resulted in a chemical leak, releasing a pungent odour within a radius of several hundred metres. The incident comes after two fire accidents in the city in the last four days.



Reason unclear: The factory at Attibele near Bengaluru where the blast occurred on Friday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The blast occurred at Lake Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., a pharmaceutical-related plant, around 1.05 p.m. "Eight workers were at the spot when the solvent vessel burst, splattering chemicals around. Two workers sustained significant injuries, while another person sustained minor injuries," said Mallesh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Bengaluru Rural.

The injured have been identified as Gnanavelu, 22, and Mune Gowda, 30, who, according to sources, suffered 30% burns. A third worker, Suryanath, 27, escaped with minor injuries. The injured are being treated at a private hospital nearby and are said to be out of danger.

"When we reached the spot, the injured had already been shifted to hospitals but there was a fire raging,

which we put out using two fire tenders," said P.M. Nagesh, district fire officer, who led the operation at the factory.

"The vessel was about eight feet high and eight feet wide. It had chemicals such as toluene, methanol, and hydrochloric acid. While we don't yet know the exact reason for the blast, unregulated pressure or temperature may have led to an adverse reaction and blast," he said.

An angry resident told mediapersons that they had been demanding that the factory be relocated as it emanated a foul smell, affecting quality of life. "Not only is there a foul smell every day, but it also causes irritation in the nose and throat," he said, alleging that a similar accident had occurred a while ago.

When contacted, sources in the Fire and Emergency Services said a minor fire accident had occurred at the factory 14 years ago and some workers were injured, but no fatalities were recorded.

The Attibele police have registered a case against the owners and management of Lake Chemicals under Section 337 of the Indian Penal Code for "causing hurt to any person by doing any act so rashly or negligently as to endanger human life, or the personal safety of others."

Jagan gives approval to fill 14,200 posts in hospitals

Ensure quality services in govt. hospitals, CM tells officials

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has cleared a proposal to fill 14,200 posts in hospitals – from primary health care centres, medical colleges to teaching hospitals – in the State. The process of recruitment will start in October and will be completed by November 15.



Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy

At a review meeting held on the prevailing COVID-19 situation and progress of vaccination at his camp office on Friday, the Chief Minister instructed officials to

ensure that there was no staff crunch in hospitals. Though the State government had been spending huge amounts to construct hospitals, lack of staff had become a major concern. It

needed to be addressed, he said. Mr. Reddy directed the officials to take steps to ensure best quality services in government hospitals.

Referring to COVID-19 vaccination, Mr. Reddy asked the officials to conduct a special drive in East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna districts by recruiting additional staff. "Also, continue night curfew and implement restrictions in districts with high positivity rate. Review the progress of works of new teaching hospitals," he said.

Nod for 100% occupancy at cinemas, with a rider

Karnataka relaxes COVID-19 norms

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Friday decided to allow 100% occupancy in cinemas and pubs from October in districts where there is less than one per cent COVID positivity rate.

Announcing this to reporters after consulting with an expert committee on coronavirus, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said cent per cent occupancy would be allowed in cinemas from October 1 and in pubs from October 3.

"From October 1, cent per cent occupancy will be allowed in the cinemas in

the districts where the positivity rate is less than one per cent and 50% occupancy if the positivity rate is more than one per cent," he said.

Job must for film-goers

The average positivity rate in the State is 0.66%. Barring a few, most of the districts see this rate, Mr. Bommai said.

He said at least one dose of the vaccine was mandatory for film-goers. However, pregnant women and children would not be allowed.

Also, it was decided to allow 100% attendance for Classes six to 12, which would be conducted five days a week.

A.P. man shoots video as wife ends life, arrested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NELLORE

A 38-year-old recorded a video as his wife ended her life allegedly due to harassment, at Atmakur in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. The husband then sent the video to a family member of the victim. The video later went viral on social media.

The police on Friday stepped up investigation to ascertain if any other member of her in-law's family had any role in the incident.

Acting on a complaint from the parents of the 31-year-old woman, her husband, identified as Penchaliah, working as a security guard at an ATM kiosk, was on Thursday arrested on charge of abetting the suicide.

In the video, Penchaliah was seen egging his wife on to resort to the extreme step even as she desperately looked towards him.

"A case has been registered under Section 306 of the Indian Penal Code. A probe is on to ascertain whether any other family members are involved," said Atmakur Station House Officer Sivasankar.

A probe revealed that suspecting her fidelity, Penchaliah had been harassing his estranged wife.

Promises help

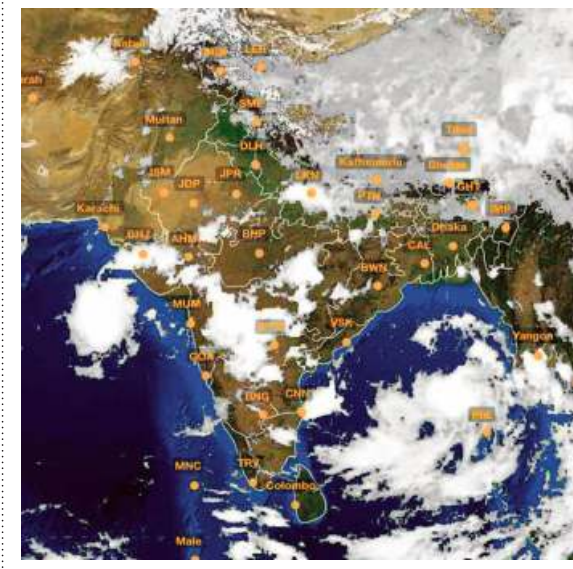
Meanwhile, State Women's Commission chairperson Vasireddy Padma met the bereaved family members, including the two children of the couple.

She assured them that the State government would take care of the education of the children.

(Those with suicidal tendencies can dial 100 for assistance).

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Saurashtra & Kutch, east Rajasthan, Odisha, west Madhya Pradesh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Telangana, Yanam, Karaikal and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.2	35.5	26.9	Kozhikode	1.0	32.2	24.8
Ahmedabad	0.2	33.9	26.0	Kurnool	0.2	34.3	25.1
Aizawl	15.0	31.2	21.4	Lucknow	9.0	28.6	24.7
Allahabad	0.3	33.4	24.8	Madurai	14.0	36.2	23.6
Bengaluru	0.3	28.8	20.7	Mangaluru	0.4	30.8	23.0
Bhopal	0.1	31.4	23.8	Mumbai	0.5	31.4	25.4
Bhubaneswar	1.6	33.7	25.4	Mysuru	0.1	30.7	21.4
Chandigarh	56.2	34.4	23.0	New Delhi	1.0	32.7	24.4
Chennai	0.2	33.9	26.3	Patna	0.1	35.2	26.2
Coimbatore	0.2	34.4	23.2	Port Blair	6.0	30.1	24.1
Dehradun	25.0	31.4	22.0	Puducherry	0.1	35.0	26.0
Gangtok	0.1	22.2	16.2	Pune	0.1	31.0	21.7
Goa	5.0	30.5	24.0	Raipur	0.1	32.5	23.7
Guwahati	2.0	35.3	26.0	Ranchi	10.0	30.6	23.2
Hubbli	0.1	28.0	22.0	Shillong	12.0	23.7	16.6
Hyderabad	0.8	31.4	22.2	Shimla	5.0	25.5	13.7
Imphal	0.1	30.3	20.4	Srinagar	6.0	26.4	14.2
Jaipur	0.1	33.0	24.6	Thiruvananthapuram	0.2	32.9	25.0
Kochi	0.1	30.8	25.8	Tiruchi	4.0	35.9	24.2
Kohima	20.0	27.0	16.2	Vijayawada	0.1	33.8	26.8
Kolkata	0.1	35.1	26.2	Visakhapatnam	32.0	34.2	25.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO ₂	NO ₂	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	CODE	Yesterday
Ahmedabad	6	133	40	109	106	100	In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 98 indicating a satisfactory level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 16
Bengaluru	6	48	65	32	86	100	
Chennai	16	17	35	64	76	100	
Delhi	8	49	66	45	114	100	
Hyderabad	3	81	16	21	28	100	
Kolkata	13	23	25	69	72	100	
Lucknow	6	32	65	59	90	100	
Mumbai	19	10	1	63	103	100	
Pune	133	17	62	41	34	100	
Visakhapatnam	20	33	35	45	69	100	

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Airfares to Gulf region continue to remain high

BIJU GOVIND
KOZHIKODE

High airfares to the Gulf region have put thousands of stranded expatriates from Kerala in a spot, depriving them of chances to return to their destinations.

Despite several Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations relaxing travel restrictions after a fall in COVID-19 cases, airline tickets from Kerala remain expensive. The decision of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to suspend passenger flights till September 30 has been cited as the reason for the high tariffs.

Airfares on international scheduled flights on selected routes have not cooled off even though India has established bilateral air bubbles with selected countries from July 2020.

Jobs at stake

Many NRIs are forced to buy tickets at exorbitant prices as their jobs are at stake. The airfare for a one-way trip to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Kerala is still above ₹25,000 for economy class. Some airlines such as the Emirates offer only first class or business class fares which are above ₹90,000. A direct flight to Bahrain would cost above ₹30,000.

However, the Dubai-based Emirates and the budget airline flydubai will provide free all-day passes to the Expo 2020 Dubai beginning October 1. Passengers travelling to or via Abu Dhabi with Etihad Airways will also get the offer.

The one-way ticket rate to Muscat and Qatar is between ₹40,000 and ₹50,000. Qatar Airways is charging ₹46,000 for Kozhikode-Doha trip. The fare to cities in Saudi Arabia is still hovering between ₹30,000 and ₹40,000

RTI activist shot dead in Bihar

He had filed applications seeking details of land encroachment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

A Right to Information (RTI) activist Bipin Agrawal was shot dead on Friday in East Champaran district of Bihar.

Mr. Agrawal had filed several RTI applications seeking details of government land encroachment in the district and last year too assailants had fired at his home. As many as 20 RTI activists have lost their lives in Bihar since 2008.

The RTI activist, said the police, was fired upon by some bike-borne unidentified assailants outside the Harsiddhi Block office in East Champaran district. He was taken to the government town hospital in Motihari but was declared dead after reaching there.

"The assailants will be arrested soon," said Harsiddhi police station in-charge Pramod Paswan.

Mr. Agrawal, 46, had filed

His RTI applications might have displeased some anti-social elements who killed him today. The assailants had also fired at our house in 2020

VIJAY KUMAR AGRAWAL
Victim's father

over 90 RTI applications seeking details of encroachment of government land in the district.

Protection denied

"His RTI applications might have displeased some anti-social elements who killed him today. The assailants had also fired at our house in 2020," said Mr. Agrawal's father Vijay Kumar Agrawal.

Following the incident last year he (Mr. Bipin Agrawal) had sought protection from the local police which was not provided to him.

"Had police protection was provided to him, he would have been alive today," his father said. The deceased RTI activist has three children and he is second among three brothers.

20 activists killed

As many as 20 RTI activists have been killed in Bihar since 2008.

"RTI activist Sashidhar Sharma of Begusarai district was the first RTI activist who was killed in 2008. He too had sought details of government land encroachment," veteran RTI activist Shiv Prakash Rai told *The Hindu* over phone.

"Since then many RTI activists were killed in the State. Mr. Agrawal became the latest target of criminals today. I just want to know how many more RTI activists will have to sacrifice their life for seeking information of public importance?," asked Mr. Rai.

Man carries wife's body on shoulder, roughed up

Telangana police say migrant from A.P. was hit by poverty

ABHINAV DESHPANDE
HYDERABAD

An impoverished man, Srinivas, was roughed up by locals at Hayatnagar here in Telangana while he was carrying his wife's body on his shoulders to a nearby lake for her last rites.

Suspecting something amiss, the locals roughed up Mr. Srinivas and his friend Vinod and handed them over to police, with whom he narrated his tale of woes.

A native of Nellore district in Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Srinivas along with his 35-year-old wife Lakshmi and two children – a nine-year-old girl and a six-year-old boy – had migrated to the city a

few months ago and was doing odd jobs for livelihood. The family was living in a rented house in the area.

None to help

For the past few weeks, Ms. Lakshmi was not keeping well. Around 20 days ago, she was admitted to a hospital. The woman breathed her last on Friday.

"As Mr. Srinivas had no money or relatives in the city, and didn't know how to perform the last rites, he called his friend Mr. Vinod, who suggested cremating the body on the lake shore," Assistant Commissioner of Police (Vanasthalipuram division) K. Purushotham Reddy said.

While Mr. Srinivas was carrying the body wrapped in a bedsheet on his shoulders, the locals suspected foul play and stopped them. When Mr. Srinivas and Mr. Vinod were unable to answer their string of questions, the locals roughed them up, before calling the police.

No foul play: hospital

Despite repeated pleas, the locals did not allow them to carry the body. Soon, police reached the spot and shifted Lakshmi's body to the Osmania General Hospital mortuary for autopsy. A report from the hospital ruled out any foul play in the death.



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Complex count

A precise caste census is difficult, but the data will be useful to drive social policy

The idea of a national caste census might be abhorrent when the stated policy is to strive for a casteless society, but it will be useful to establish statistical justification for preserving caste-based affirmative action programmes. It may also be a legal imperative, considering that courts want 'quantifiable data' to support the existing levels of reservation. Political parties with their base in particular social groups may find a caste enumeration useful, if their favoured groups are established as dominant in specific geographies; or they may find the outcome inconvenient, if the precise count turns out to be lower and has a negative bearing on perceptions about their electoral importance. In this backdrop, the Union government's assertion in the Supreme Court that a census of the backward castes is "administratively difficult and cumbersome" may evoke varying responses. There are two components to the Government's stand. First, it asserts that it is a policy decision not to have caste as part of the regular census and that, administratively, the enumeration would be rendered so complex that it may jeopardise the decennial census itself. Second, it cites the difficulties and complexities inherent in getting an accurate count of castes, given the mind-boggling numbers of castes and sub-castes, with phonetic variations and similarities, that people returned as their caste in the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) conducted in 2011.

The Government has said data from the 2011 SECC were not acted upon because of "several infirmities" that rendered them unusable. Even in the Censuses up to 1931, when caste details were collected, they were wanting in completeness and accuracy. Further, the data contained 46 lakh different caste names, and if sub-castes were considered, the ultimate number may be exponentially high. These points do merit consideration, and even those clamouring for a caste census cannot easily brush them aside. However, these need not mean that an enumeration of the social groups in the country is impossible. A caste census need not necessarily mean caste in the census. It may be an independent exercise, but one that needs adequate thought and preparation, if its ultimate goal is not for political or electoral purposes, but for equity in distribution of opportunities. A preliminary socio-anthropological study can be done at the State and district levels to establish all sects and sub-castes present in the population. These can be tabulated under caste names that have wider recognition based on synonymy and equivalence among the appellations that people use to denote themselves. Thereafter, it may be possible to do a field enumeration that can mark any group under castes found in the available OBC/BC lists. A caste census may not sit well with the goal of a casteless society, but it may serve, in the interim, as a useful, even if not entirely flawless, means of addressing inequities in society.

A flicker of hope

Expansion of vaccination must be accompanied by efforts to track virus variants

India's count of active COVID-19 cases has hit a six-month low with the number dropping to 3,00,162, according to a Friday bulletin from the Health Ministry. Helped by the nearly 56 crore tests done so far, positivity rates — or the percentage of those tested who turn out positive — have also been showing encouraging trends. The weekly positivity rate has been less than 3% for the last 91 days and the daily positivity rate has been around 2% for the last 25 days. But this is no time to be complacent. Last September, active cases in India appeared to have peaked at a little over 10 lakh after which there was a steady decline. Around December 20 it had gently descended to a little around 3,00,000 or the levels seen today. Around the same time, the first reports of the clinical trial successes of the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccine brought cheer. Even India's home-grown vaccines seemed to be around the corner, and all of these triggered an optimism that India may have passed the worst.

The lack of alacrity in hunting for new mutations, underlying dangerous new variants, meant that the insidious emergence of the Delta variant, which caused the catastrophic peak in April-May, was only understood in hindsight. The nature of the virus, its propensity to evade antibodies and the inevitable socialisation that normal life entails means that there is no absolute nadir in a country's pandemic trajectory at which it can be sure that a fresh threatening wave will not rise again. The 3,00,000 active cases last December, saw around 300 deaths being reported every day. Even today, those numbers are fairly similar. While the spread of infection can be controlled in limited ways, the availability of vaccines and the fact that many large countries now are getting closer to having half their population inoculated with at least one dose means that the biggest threat associated with the pandemic — severe disease and death — is much more tractable than last year. Because crores of Indians have been vaccinated, and Government officials have optimistic projections that most adults will be vaccinated with at least a single dose by the year end, there is again an air of optimism. This time, however, the Government messaging is more cautious with warnings that the second wave was yet to abate, and recommendations of continued behavioural caution. This is also accompanied by projections that say, at its worst, a possible third wave cannot be as catastrophic as the second wave peak, even accounting for significantly more infectious and lethal variants suddenly emerging. Thus, to expand vaccination and track new variants are the only real ways forward.

When global firms disengage, employment suffers

While inward FDI in India does create jobs, the magnitude and quality of job generation need scrutiny



M. SURESH BABU

The most recent labour statistics, for August 2021, released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) shows that the unemployment rate has increased from around 7% in July to 8.3% for August 2021. In absolute terms, employment shrunk from 399.7 million in July to 397.8 million, that is, 1.9 million jobs were lost in one month.

Sectoral analysis shows that most of the jobs lost were farm jobs; while non-farm jobs did increase to absorb some of these, the quality of new jobs generated is a matter of concern. While employment in agriculture fell by 8.7 million, non-farm jobs increased by 6.8 million, mainly in business and small trade, but the manufacturing sector shed 0.94 million jobs. Thus, much of the labour shed by agriculture has been absorbed in low-end service activities.

Employment sustainability

During normal times, seasonal labour released from agriculture gets accommodated in the construction sector, even though the ideal situation would be their movement to the factory sector. But, currently, the construction sector itself is shedding jobs, forcing workers to find employment in the household sector and low-end services. This non-availability of sufficient jobs in manufacturing and higher end services could be the dampener for economic recovery in the subsequent quarters of the current fiscal year.

Elementary economic theory suggests that raising the level of investments is the key to output and employment growth. While public investments are important, especially in the current context of sluggish aggregate demand, there is a dire need to complement public investments with even more private investments. The economy has been waiting for private investments to flow in for quite some time, but their levels have been very low, accentuating the unemployment situation. Resorting to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to augment domestic capital formation is an approach that India has been pursuing by making 'ease of doing business' more enticing. While inward FDI does generate jobs both directly and indirectly through an increase in production activities (which increases demand for labour), the magnitude of employment generated especially in the manufacturing sector, needs closer scrutiny. Further, the sustainability of increased employment is often threatened as it depends on the business avenues which other competing economies open up leading to corporate restructuring at the global level and firm exits from erstwhile locations.

An exit and disruptions

Trepid employment growth in the manufacturing sector is not a recent phenomenon in India. However, some sub-sectors within the manufacturing sector have generated both direct and indirect employment by attracting FDI and entering into global networks of production. A prominent segment, often projected as a driver of the manufacturing sector's output and employment growth, is the auto sector.

Estimates show that the automobile sector employs 19.1 million workers, directly and indirectly.



VELANKANNI RAJ.B.

Currently, more than 70% of the auto component companies are small and medium enterprises. It was expected that by 2022, the employment in this sector would reach 38 million with a higher generation of indirect employment.

However, three factors have created roadblocks to the expansion of the sector. First, due to the novel coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdown, aggregate demand in the economy is low, which is being reflected in vehicle sales. Second, the shortage of semiconductors continues to impact production even when customer sentiments are slowly turning positive. Third, the recent exit of Ford from the Indian market would release a large number of employees, who would be in search of jobs that are hard to find.

The exit of Ford raises some important issues regarding the unbridled attraction of FDI. While FDI might help in creating a manufacturing ecosystem in certain locations, the uncertainties of global corporate restructuring and changes in the economic environment in the lead firm's home economy are factors to reckon with. More frequent global production re-arrangements are becoming a part of the strategy of big firms in this phase of globalisation, as markets tend to be more volatile due to repeated demand fluctuations.

Other examples

We have had the experience of Nokia, which at its peak, in its Sripe-

rumbudur factory (Tamil Nadu) was one of the world's largest mobile phone plant, with 8,000 permanent employees working three shifts, producing more than 15 million phones a month and exporting products to over 80 countries. But in 2014, Nokia halted its production operations from this location, disrupting the livelihoods of thousands of workers.

Recently, Citibank announced that it would shut India retail banking business as part of a global decision to exit 13 markets. The U.S.-based bank wants to focus on a 'few wealthy regions' around the world. Citibank's exit from the retail segment is after more than three decades; the bank has 35 branches employing approximately 4,000 people in the consumer banking business. Closely following this, after 25 years of operations is auto manufacturer Ford deciding to exit India. This will affect about 4,000 direct employees as it stops making cars at its factories in Sanand, Gujarat, and Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Estimates show that another 35,000 indirect employees would also be lost at various levels, creating a massive disruption in the local economy.

Impact on job generation

The exits of high-profile global firms affect employment generation in two ways. First, it creates apprehensions among potential investors about choosing that location for greenfield investments or for scaling up existing facilities. Such circumstances generally lead to a 'wait and watch' approach, affecting private investments even if an economy claims to have the tag of investor friendliness. A downturn in private investments leads to slower employment growth. Second, the process of the 'destruction' of jobs through exits creates mismatches in the labour market. That is, there is a sudden release of

high skilled workers which could block possible new entrants who have already invested in their skills; this leads to a levelling down of wages which occurs when high-end services firms exit. When large assembly firms exit there would be a big influx of low-skilled workers to other sectors as the same sector might not be able to absorb the workforce released. This churn in the labour market aggravates an existing unemployment problem.

A waning of permanency

The euphoria on the inflow of FDI and associated benefits needs to be tempered with the reality of the emergence of modern transnational corporations (TNC) with 'agility, rapidity and mobility'. When these TNCs emerge as key players in an industry, a proliferation of mergers and consolidations across national and international borders might be frequent. These are efforts to open up new opportunities in new markets. Such waves of expansions and contractions are aimed at acquiring new markets and new trade opportunities. This process of an internationalisation of production is driven by the big firms by investing in and out of developing economies.

Growing scepticism towards more open trade policies and the rise of protectionism has increased the risk and unpredictability of policy environments, leading to deeper reflection on both existing and new investments by global firms. Thus, the 'next to near' permanency of large foreign firms operating for decades is slowly waning. It is here that domestic capital formation and private investments should step in. We are still waiting for it to happen.

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India is not a bystander in the AUKUS saga

Observers in New Delhi profess mixed feelings — some joy for Australia, but more commiseration with France



ABHIJIT SINGH

The announcement last week of AUKUS — a new security pact between the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia — is making waves around the world. The announcement is significant not only because it involves the transfer of nuclear submarine technology to Australia but also since it implies the cancellation of an ongoing U.S.\$90 billion project by France to manufacture conventional submarines for Australia.

Understandably, France is indignant. Paris has recalled its Ambassador to Australia, accusing Canberra of "backstabbing" and betrayal. When Australian and French Ministers met less than a month ago, French officials said there had been no talk of cancelling the deal. The two sides had even issued a joint statement indicating the continuation of the submarine programme. But Australia, it seems, had been secretly negotiating a deal with the U.K. and the U.S. Beyond Canberra's unceremonious termination of the submarine contract, France is angry because it was kept in the dark about the discussions surrounding the new pact.

For observers in India, the AU-

KUS saga evokes mixed feelings. Many are happy for Australia — a partner in the Quad (of India, the U.S., Japan and Australia) — to receive top quality nuclear submarine technology from the U.S. and the U.K., strengthening China deterrence in the Indo-Pacific. But there is no mistaking a sense of commiseration with France, India's foremost partner in the Indian Ocean. "Why couldn't France have been taken into confidence," many ask. "It would have prevented an unseemly spat between friends, all big players in the Indo-Pacific region." Some Quad-sceptics see this as a sign of what the future might hold for India. If Australia and the U.S. could deceive France, a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) partner, they ask, what is to prevent them from doing the same with lesser allies?

New Delhi is uncomfortable

There is another reason why Indian officials are seeing this differently. There is apprehension that the deal could eventually lead to a crowding of nuclear attack submarines (SSNs/submersible ship nuclear) in the Eastern Indian Ocean, eroding India's regional pre-eminence. The Indian Navy presently dominates the space, but its conventional underwater capability has been shrinking. An Indian plan to develop a fleet of nuclear attack submarines has elicited no offer of help from the U.S. that does not share its prized nuclear submarine technology with even its closest allies; all except Aus-



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tralia, evidently. Washington's willingness to help Canberra build SSNs raises the possibility that Australia could deploy nuclear submarines in the Eastern Indian Ocean well before India positions its own. This is not merely hypothetical. The Indian Navy, the principal security provider in the Eastern Indian Ocean, is not building submarines at a pace commensurate with needs. Notwithstanding shared concerns over China's growing submarine presence in the region, however, Indian officials are not comfortable with the prospect of friendly SSNs in India's backyard.

AUKUS versus the Quad

It does not help that AUKUS has taken the focus away from the Quad. Regardless of how the Joe Biden administration frames the argument, there is no denying a sense of wariness in New Delhi. There is for one thing more than a subtle hint of U.S. favouritism for Australia in the new deal. The agreement suggests preferential treatment on the part of Washington for a close Anglo-alliance partner. A senior American official who briefed the media about the AUKUS deal last

week underscored the "very rare" nature of the arrangement and the "extremely sensitive" technology that will be shared with Australia. "This is an exception to our policy in many respects," he observed. "I do not anticipate that this will be undertaken in any other circumstances going forward; we view this as a one-off." That leads some in Delhi to wonder why the U.S. should make an allowance for one Quad partner and not another.

The technology pursuit

While it has rarely received any submarine technology from the U.S., New Delhi has been accepting of American discretion on the matter. India has instead relied on Russia for nuclear submarine technology, including in the construction of the reactor of India's first SSBN/submersible ship ballistic missile nuclear (Arihant) and in the acquisition (on lease) of a nuclear attack submarine. The Indian Navy's indigenous SSN programme, however, requires a nuclear reactor more powerful than the one installed in the Arihant (a non war-fighting platform). Following the deepening of Quad ties, some in India were hopeful that the U.S. would consider providing the Indian Navy with nuclear submarine propulsion technology. The clarification by Washington that the deal with Australia is a "one-off" puts paid to Indian expectations.

There is now speculation that Delhi might consider seeking French help with nuclear subma-

rines. There is a view that New Delhi must seize the opportunity to push France to transfer its nuclear propulsion technology. Despite the less than satisfactory experience with the Project 75 'Scorpene' class submarine programme, India, some say, should accept French assistance with building an SSN reactor.

For the moment, however, India is being careful in its official response to AUKUS. The bottom line for New Delhi is that it cannot be seen to be taking sides in a feud among friends. France, the U.S., the U.K. and Australia are some of India's closest partners, and Indian officials would like to be spared the awkwardness of having to support one ally over the other. Despite worries over the prospect that Australia's nuclear submarine capability could overtake India's own in coming years, Indian officials recognise Canberra's need to reappraise its strategic environment and reinforce deterrence against China.

Likewise, many in New Delhi feel France's anguish. The deal Australia just cancelled was a critical part of France's struggle to maintain an indigenous naval industry, and a key component of its Indo-Pacific vision. India, by some accounts, would like to deepen bilateral strategic ties, and play a part in restoring French confidence and pride.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Crimes against women

It is sickening to read reports almost every day about incidents of assault against women which continue unabated despite more stringent laws (Page 1, "26 arrested for raping minor", September 24). While 99% of such cases go unreported, it is the undue delay in prosecution and the abysmally low conviction rate that take away from the effectiveness of such laws. The case also shows up one of the biggest flaws in our education system — the lack of focus on the instruction of moral values at the school level. Building the character of students and making them responsible citizens is nowhere to be found in our education system. It is time

the Indian education system is thoroughly revamped to give primacy to building the character and moral fibre of students and even incorporating sex education at an appropriate level in secondary education.

KOSARAJU CHANDRAMULLI, Hyderabad

■ I began to read the daily (Chennai edition) on Friday only to find four horrifying reports: "College [girl] student stabbed to death in Tambaram"; "26 arrested for raping minor" (both page 1 reports); "Youth arrested under POCSO Act in Ayapakkam" and "Child sex abuse victim found hanging [in Kerala]" (both inside page reports). Though the Indian judiciary cannot decree to

pronounce cruel punishment as in some parts of West Asia, there needs to be such stringent punishment that the perpetrators suffer deleterious repercussions.

MANI NATARAJAN, Chennai

■ The rise in such crimes shows that laws need to be cognisant of the complexities in sexual violence. For instance, an earlier court verdict that "groping a child through their clothing does not constitute sexual assault" is odd. It is high time the Supreme Court of India steps in to make amendments regarding the complexities and extend it to the marital and familial fronts. It might be necessary to have restrictions on media outlets and speeches that are

insensitive towards the topic and supporting "victim-blaming" through and in politics, in order to prevent their manifestation in misogynistic ideas.

HARITHA K.S., Chennai

■ What is even more terrifying is that people are becoming desensitised to such crimes. If we look into the matter more carefully, the problem also lies in the online representation of girls. A lot of people are into anime and manga, a Japanese form of entertainment. And though I am a fan, I cannot overlook the fact that it is hugely problematic — sexualising school-going children. Despite being a young, gender nonconforming

person, I have faced harassment in public and the effect it has on a person is, quite frankly, traumatising. It is time we hold men and boys accountable. Schools, government and private, need to have lessons on gender awareness. We need to teach teenagers what proper consent is.

RUPSA MARAK, Tura, Meghalaya

Cancer and surgery

I write this letter as Professor, Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary services, Department of Surgical Oncology, Cancer Institute (WIA), Chennai. Congratulations to the young doctor who overcame rectal cancer and won a medal in her postgraduate exams (Chennai, "After undergoing

robotic surgery for cancer, doctor wins gold medal", September 24). She has shown that there is life after cancer. However, the statement implying that 'conventional surgery leads to a colostomy whereas robotic surgery prevents a colostomy' is not only misleading but far from the truth and is not supported by good quality evidence. The decision to perform a colostomy in rectal cancer depends on many variables, least among which is the surgical approach. Moreover, a colostomy should not be seen as a deterrent to undergoing surgery for rectal cancer.

Dr. RAMAKRISHNAN A.S., Chennai

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A swanky makeover for weathered chawls

Developers are excited and occupants are largely worried about the execution of the Maharashtra government's proposal to redevelop the historic Bombay Development Department chawls, spread over 92 acres of prime real estate. **Alok Deshpande** reports on the ambitious plan and the varied concerns

In 1933, friends and relatives gathered at chawl number 14 of the Bombay Development Department (BDD) at Delisle Road to celebrate Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birthday. The event was organised by Comrade R.B. More, one of the important forces behind the Chavdar Tale Satyagraha, a protest against the practice of disallowing the so-called 'untouchables' from using water from a public tank. At the programme, balladeer M.K. Kamble sang a paean to honour Ambedkar, mentioning him as 'Babasaheb' for the first time. With this event, the Red Chawl, as it was known then, strode into the history books.

Constructed between 1920 and 1925, BDD chawls, standing in the heart of Mumbai, have been witness to many such historical events. They have seen the rapid development of Bombay and then Mumbai as a prosperous island city. They have watched Bombay, founded by the British rulers for setting up textile mills, become the financial capital of independent India. The inhabitants of these chawls – poor and lower-middle class Marathi migrant labour and their families – have been spectators as well as participants in not only the city's industrial growth, but also the freedom struggle, the Left-led labour movement, the Dalit Panther movement, and the Shiv Sena's growth.

But today, almost 100 years after they were built, the chawls are the last citadel of the Marathi population, which is shrinking in every corner of the city. Of the total 16,553 rooms in these chawls, 15,593 are on State government land and the rest are on the Bombay Port Trust land in Sewri.

On August 1, the tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government performed a 'bhoomi puja' greenlighting what many in the government believe is going to be one of the biggest redevelopment projects in Asia, worth more than ₹16,000 crore. (This amount does not include the commercial market sale of the space that this project will create.) The project involves razing a number of chawls – old, weathered and historic structures – and rebuilding them. The new, imposing structures will house commercial and residential tenants, who will be given ownership of their new apartments.

A total of 207 chawls are located at Sewri, Naigaon, N.M. Joshi Road (Delisle Road) and Worli in south Mumbai. The redevelopment project plans to demolish and rebuild 195 of these chawls. The families of the 15,593 rooms will get apartments of 500 sq ft each. While residents and stall owners have been promised in-situ rehabilitation within eight years, around 17 towers will be built for market sale and more than 20 lakh sq ft of commercial space will be made available in the heart of Mumbai. The Maharashtra government has appointed the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA) as the nodal and planning agency for this mammoth project which could transform the landscape of south and central Mumbai.

Need for housing

"In the later part of the 19th century, it was evident that as mills started running, labour was streaming into the city. The British government decided that it had to provide housing to these workers. It encouraged private landlords to build chawls. The government also began to contemplate building houses. So, Bombay City Improvement Trust (BIT) or BDD chawls was the State push to create housing," says Pankaj Joshi, Principal Director, Urban Centre Mumbai, which works on urban planning, research, design, advocacy and community outreach.

While the need for housing for single, male migrant labour is the widely accepted reason behind the housing push by the British rulers, documents suggest that the requirement especially arose after the 1896 epidemic. The bubonic plague, which broke out in Bombay, killed more than 29,000 people. In February 1898, the British Parliament discussed the plague. Records say that 30%-40% of the population was concentrated in barely 3%-4% of land. On February 14, 1898, Lord Sandhurst presented the City of Bombay Improvement Bill in the British Parliament. The aim of this Bill was to build new roads, repair old roads, restructure old buildings or rebuild them, and create more open space. Once it was passed, the BIT was formed on November 9, 1898.

"From 1898 to 1920, the BIT demolished 24,428 buildings and built 21,387 new ones, which came to be known as BIT chawls," notes *Chalitala Tower*, a book published by the MHADA on Bombay's chawls. But the BIT was largely focused on building and widening roads, land reclamation, etc. As a result, it ran out of funds and the city continued to face problems of housing.

Sir George Lloyd was appointed Bombay Governor in 1918. He sensed the need for housing and decided that the houses would be built by the government. He raised money through a deve-



A view of the BDD chawls in Worli. The BDD chawl redevelopment project started on August 1 after the Maharashtra government performed a 'bhoomi puja'. ■ EMMANUEL YOGINI



lopmental loan which was described as 'By Bombay, For Bombay'. A town duty of ₹1 was levied on each bale of cotton entering the city. The BDD was formed in 1920 for the purpose of housing. It constructed 217 chawls at Worli, Naigaon, N.M. Joshi Road and Sewri.

Chawls are ground-plus-three-storied structures spread over 92.70 acres. Each chawl has 80 rooms measuring 160 sq ft each. Typically, a building has 10 rooms on either side of the corridor and each room has a 'nahani' and a kitchen area with a loft above. Two toilet blocks – one for women and one for men – with three lavatories are provided at the end of the corridor along with a spiral staircase as a fire escape. The entrance to the building is at the end of the ground floor, while stairs run through the middle of the length of the building. "Historical records show that these chawls were constructed in black stone. It was difficult to drill a nail into the walls," says Vaishali Gadpale, Chief Public Relations Officer, MHADA.

Gadpale points out that over time, the quality of external infrastructure such as water supply pipes, and sewerage and storm water drainage deteriorated. Now, the Public Works Department (PWD) of Maharashtra maintains and safeguards the chawls. The residents of the chawls are tenants who pay a monthly rent of ₹70 to the PWD. The receipt carries the name of the leaseholder.

"These chawls and their tiny rooms gave shelter to nearly three to four generations of migrant labour coming to Mumbai in search of a better life. All of them may not have succeeded in life, but these chawls offered them safety. We have planned the redevelopment to ensure that these families get their rightful homes in-situ. They will not have to go anywhere. We are committed to that," promised Maharashtra's Housing Minister Jitendra Awhad, who spent his childhood in a chawl in the Tardeo area of Mumbai.

Plans for redevelopment

It was not only the MVA government that conducted a 'bhoomi puja' of the project on August 1; the previous Bharatiya Janata Party-led government, headed by Devendra Fadnis, performed an identical ceremony five years ago.

On December 27, 2016, the then Maharashtra government issued a modification to Regulation 33(9) of Development Control Regulations, which deals with the reconstruction or redevelopment of cessed buildings/urban renewal schemes on extensive areas in Mumbai

city. It read, "For reconstruction or redevelopment of cluster(s) of buildings under Urban Renewal Scheme(s) in the island city of Mumbai undertaken by the Planning Authority, the FSI shall be 4.00 or the FSI required for rehabilitation of existing tenants / occupiers certified by competent authority appointed by the government for this purpose."

Prashant Dhatrak, Executive Engineer, City, MHADA, says: "We will be rehabilitating the residents of 15,593 rooms in Naigaon, N.M. Joshi Road, and Worli, of which 374 are non-residential. Each eligible family will be getting a flat of 500 sq ft, stall owners will get the existing size stalls, and slum-dwellers will get a 269 sq ft flat which we propose to increase to 300 sq ft."

Worli, which is the largest among the three land samples, has 121 chawls spread over 54.70 acres and 9,689 rooms. Of these rooms, 9,394 are residential, while the rest are non-residential. A consortium of Capacite Infra-projects, Tata Projects and CITIC Construction will execute this redevelopment project worth ₹11,744.26 crore. A total of 33 towers will accommodate the eligible beneficiaries with each structure being 40 storeys tall, including a six-storey parking facility. On the commercial side, 3,224 rooms (flats available for commercial sale) with 807 sq ft of carpet area and 1,772 rooms with 1,076 sq ft of carpet area will be available for market sale in 10 towers of 66 storeys. In addition, 13,64,368 sq ft of commercial space will be available.

Naigaon has 42 chawls with 3,344 rooms spread across 15.93 acres. Of these, 3,289 are residential and 55 are non-residential. Larsen & Toubro is the contractor for the project worth ₹2,937.76 crore. A total of 20 towers will accommodate the beneficiaries. Each will be 22 storeys tall with three floors of basement parking. The project will give 1,408 rooms with 860 sq ft of carpet area and 448 rooms with 1,076 sq ft of carpet area for market sale in four towers of 60 storeys. It will also have one commercial tower with 2,57,256 sq ft area.

The N.M. Joshi road in Lower Parel has 32 chawls spread over an area of around 13.49 acres with 2,560 rooms. A consortium of Shapoorji Pallonji & Co

and SD Corporation are the contractors for the redevelopment project, estimated at ₹2,438.99 crore. A total of 14 towers, each 22 storeys tall, will accommodate the residents. For market sale, the project will give 728 rooms of 807 sq ft of carpet area and 540 rooms with 1,022 sq ft of carpet area. A commercial tower with 2,86,707 sq ft of area will be available as well.

"These chawls have been in existence for almost 100 years and residents have an emotional bond with their homes. They have open spaces, gardens, clinics, playgrounds, schools, community centres and religious centres which have been functioning for years," says Dhatrak. The redevelopment plan promises to replicate all of this with additional open spaces.

Aaditya Thackeray, the State's Environment Minister, who represents the Worli Assembly constituency, and Awhad have also promised to accommodate the families of policemen in the redevelopment project, who have been staying there for years. The demand for this has been pending for many years.

The MHADA has identified towers built on textile mill lands to make residential arrangements for the residents of BDD chawls once the demolition begins. It has identified approximately 3,200 rooms. In case more houses are required, the government agency will provide ₹22,000 as monthly rental to those families which will not be given a flat so that they can make arrangements themselves.

The space and rooms available for commercial use will be sold at the market rate, MHADA officials say.

Identifying the beneficiaries

In Worli, the task is to identify eligible flat owners. Residents have demanded an agreement guaranteeing a flat before moving to transit camps. "A permanent residential agreement gives a clear picture about future houses, amenities to be offered, etc. This is offered during any slum redevelopment project in Mumbai or any other reconstruction project. This is a legal protection to tenants which we must get," says Raju Waghmare, President, Akhil BDD Chawl Rahivashi Mahasangh, an umbrella body of residents of these chawls. He is al-

so the State Congress spokesperson.

Waghmare, who returned to India after studying in the U.S., has lived in Naigaon BDD chawl for years since his birth. His son is a fourth-generation resident of the chawl. He points out the "bizarre" condition put forward by the previous State government seeking documentary evidence of residence in the chawl from before 1996. "We pay rent to the PWD, which means they have all the receipts and papers from all these years. What is the logic of 1996," he asks, pointing out that almost 30% of the current residents purchased flats in chawls post-1996. "They wouldn't be able to produce papers from before 1996, making them ineligible for rehabilitation in the new towers," he says.

The present government has withdrawn that condition and has raised the eligibility deadline to January 1, 2021. This means that those who lived or have registration papers from before January 1 will be eligible for rehabilitation in the new towers. It has also proposed that the PWD check the authenticity of documents.

Disputes within family members are now arising with the announcement of the redevelopment project. Brothers who had parted ways in search of better living or because of little space now have to decide who will own the new house. A police officer with the Worli police station says the number of disputes regarding tenancy rights on BDD chawl rooms has significantly increased.

The MHADA, which cannot stall the redevelopment plan simply because there are family disputes, has now proposed that in case of disagreements between family members over ownership and failure to sort out such differences, the new flat will be registered in the name of the Director of the BDD. Once the family settles its differences, the flat will be transferred to the mutually agreed person's name.

As of now, the MHADA's plan is to have a transit agreement with eligible residents to move them to alternate accommodations and then have a lottery whereby tenants get their final flat number in a designated tower. Based on that, the permanent agreement will be signed. The State Cabinet recently announced that it will charge only ₹1,000 as stamp duty from the qualified residents when they get their flats.

One of the concerns of shifting families from lower-income groups to high-rise buildings is the inability to pay for maintenance once the construction is completed. The MHADA has announced that it will pay for upkeep for 10 years after construction is completed.

A shot in the arm for real estate

While residents worry about maintenance charges, the real estate industry is pleased. The project is likely to open up new avenues for development in the region. Anuj Puri, Chairman, ANAROCK Property Consultants, an independent real estate services company, says: "The acute shortage of land in the core parts of Mumbai has compelled the city to ex-

pand northwards into the adjoining districts of Navi Mumbai, Thane and Raigad and the peripheral suburban locations along the central and western rail network. Redevelopment of this scale in south Mumbai will free up land which will provide a fillip to the real estate sector in the city."

Ashok Mohanani, President, NAREDCO Maharashtra, says, "It is anticipated that property prices will drop with the completion of the BDD redevelopment project. Areas such as Worli, which are a luxury destination for investors and residents, have a price ranging from upwards of ₹50,000 per sq ft of carpet area. Post-BDD development, prices are likely to come down to ₹30,000-40,000 per sq ft of carpet area to accommodate the growth in the sector. This development can redefine the housing market of south-central Mumbai in the coming years."

Culture of chawls

However, many fear that redevelopment will end the unique culture of chawls. Sachin Rohekar, a journalist who spent more than three decades in the BDD chawl at N.M. Joshi, recalls how 12 family members used to live in a single room. "Textile mills were growing, and workers were given accommodation here. The first wave of migrants was from the Konkani region. Those from the Ghats (western Maharashtra) came later without their families and they lived in chawls around the BDD. The dabbawala service was started for them," he says.

Rohekar remembers how 'desi' games like kabaddi and kho-kho used to be played with huge fanfare. "Boys from the BDD used to play in the national and State kabaddi teams," he says. People from the chawls would also react to every social and political event, he adds.

Anand Bhandare, a fourth-generation resident of BDD chawl in Worli, says these structures are few of the last remaining areas in Mumbai with a concentrated Marathi population. "We always tend to glorify social integration, but the reality is that even these structures have caste-wise chawls. Our part celebrates Ambedkar's birth anniversary with fanfare, the others don't. Redevelopment might change this," he says. Bhandare says the State government isn't doing anyone a favour by giving free flats to the residents. "Nobody demanded 40-storey towers for rehabilitation. Has anyone given a thought to how poor families will pay for maintenance? Why should we depend on the government by demanding a corpus fund? In addition, the open spaces may significantly reduce (after redevelopment)," he says.

Culture survives only if the community endures, says Joshi. "Space does not create culture; it only promotes it. Ultimately it is the people who create culture. So, the focus should be on how people can remain here. We cannot say that the previous culture was better or that the present one is better. Only co-existence of different cultures and communities can make a city richer, not exclusion," he says.



Modi, Kamala Harris hold bilateral talks

PM says U.S. Vice-President has served as an inspiration to many people

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
WASHINGTON DC

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice President Kamala Harris had bilateral talks on Thursday afternoon after the former was received at the 150-year-old Eisenhower Executive Office Building, which houses the Vice President's ceremonial office in Washington.

The meeting started with comments at the top, with some of the press in the room. Not all the travelling Indian press were present - access has been a challenge - with officials saying only state-run media and at least one private news agency are allowed to attend on the Indian side. *The Hindu* was able to gain access at the last minute.

Ms. Harris spoke first, and Mr. Modi next, with interpreters translating between English and Hindi.

Mr. Modi spoke about the warmth of Ms. Harris's message in a phone call earlier this year when India was facing its second pandemic wave.

"Excellency, some months ago, we had an opportunity to talk to each other on the phone. We had a detailed discussion at that time. And the way you spoke to me so warmly and so naturally, I will always remember that. Thank you so much," he said, calling Ms. Harris a "true friend" and acknowledging the help of the U.S. government, its private sector and the Indian diaspora.

India and the U.S., being the largest and oldest democracies respectively, were "natural allies" and shared similar values and geopolitical interests. The strengthening of supply chains, technology and space were important areas for both



Narendra Modi and Kamala Harris on the balcony of the Eisenhower Executive Office building in Washington. • AP

countries and where cooperation was important, he pointed out.

Historic win

Mr. Modi called Ms. Harris's election an "important and historic event" and a source of inspiration for many, globally.

Ms. Harris, the first woman Vice President of the U.S., is of African American and Indian descent. Mr. Modi appeared to refer to this

India connection and invited Ms. Harris to visit the country.

"Excellency, continuing on your - this journey of victory, Indians also would want you to continue that in India and, therefore, they're waiting to welcome you. And, therefore, I extend to you specially an invitation to visit India," he observed. Ms. Harris could be seen breaking out in a smile, behind her face mask.

Ms. Harris emphasised India was a "very important" partner of the U.S. and the two countries had worked together to make the world safer and stronger. India was a source of vaccines for other countries early in the pandemic and that the U.S. was "proud" to support India's vaccination efforts. "The United States is very proud to support India and its need and responsibility to vaccinate its people, and I welcome India's announcement that we should be able to resume vaccine exports," she noted, commending the daily rate of vaccination in India.

India and the U.S. working together on climate change - a cause supported by the governments of both countries - could have a "profound" impact, she stressed.

It was "imperative" for India and the U.S. to strengthen democracy within their respective countries, defend democratic principles and institutions, she said.

Quad not a military tie-up: U.S. official

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WASHINGTON DC

Previewing the first in-person summit level meeting between Quad leaders later on Friday, a senior U.S. administration official, who spoke on background, highlighted the expected deliverables from the summit across a range of areas from vaccines to illegal fishing.

The official also repeatedly stressed that the Quad is an informal gathering and not a military or security partnership.

The official said U.S. President Joe Biden understands that the major challenges of this century will play out in the Indo-Pacific and the Quad engagement is part of the U.S. "doubling down" on diplomacy. Mr. Biden is also keen for Friday's discussions to not be scripted and wants an opportunity to have in-depth conversations, the official said.

"I do want to underscore that the Quad is an unofficial gathering, although we have a number of working groups and we are deepening cooperation on a very daily basis. It is also the case that it is not a regional security organisation," the official said, adding that at Friday's summit, Quad leaders wanted to focus on specific issues facing the Indo-Pacific at the moment.

In terms of deliverables, there will be detailed updates on the Quad Vaccine Initiative, announced in March. The Quad will supply at least a billion India manufactured COVID-19 vaccine doses across Asia by the end of 2022 under this initiative.

Quad leaders will also announce a supply chain initiative on semiconductors.

India rejects China's accusations on clash

20 soldiers had died in border incident

ANANTH KRISHNAN

India on Friday said it rejected comments made by China's Foreign Ministry blaming it for "trespassing" across the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and causing last year's clash in the Galwan Valley. It was China's "provocative behaviour" that led to the worst violence on the border in decades, it stated.

On Friday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, in response to a question on whether there was a need for new border management protocols in the wake of last year's LAC crisis, blamed India for sparking the tensions.

"Over the years, a series of treaties and agreements signed by China and India on maintaining peace and tranquility along the LAC have played an important role in upholding stability along the China-India border. The Galwan Valley incident last year was caused by the Indian side's illegal trespass of the LAC to encroach on Chinese territory, in violation of previously-signed treaties and agreements. We hope that the Indian side will strictly abide by relevant treaties and agreements signed by the two countries," spokesperson Zhao Lijian said.

Twenty Indian soldiers and at least four Chinese troops died in the Galwan Valley clash.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) dismissed the comment, saying it "reject[s] such statements." "Our position with regard to developments last year along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh has been clear and consistent," an MEA spokesperson said. "It was the provocative behaviour and un-



A satellite image of Galwan Valley dated May 22, 2020.

ilateral attempts of the Chinese side to alter status quo in contravention of all our bilateral agreements that resulted in serious disturbance of peace and tranquility. This has also impacted the bilateral relations."

Chinese envoy's remarks

While India has made it clear that relations cannot continue as normal in trade and other areas amid the disturbed situation on the border, China's envoy to India, Sun Weidong, in remarks delivered to a virtual Track II dialogue on Thursday and published by the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi on its website on Friday, offered a different view, saying that both sides "should place the border issue in an appropriate position in bilateral relations and seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution through dialogue and consultations." He said, "We should avoid taking a part for the whole, or losing sight of the forest for the trees. For example, peace and tranquility in the border areas is important, but it is not the whole story of the bilateral relations."

Indian officials have rejected the view, pointing out that China, too, for instance, recently told the United States that it could not cooperate on issues such as climate change while other areas of relations remained on confrontation.

Mizoram fears fresh influx from Myanmar

Govt. renews plea for assistance

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

A fresh offensive by the Myanmar military in areas near the border with India has triggered fears of more people crossing over to Mizoram.

Officials in the northeastern State said more than 11,500 Myanmar nationals have taken refuge since February when the country's military staged a coup. Some of the refugees have been moving back and forth depending on the situation in Myanmar, but recent airstrikes by the armed forces have made it one-way traffic over the last few days.

According to intelligence officials, violence escalated after the Chinland Defence Force and Chin National Army, in a joint operation, captured a Myanmar Army camp close to the Mizoram border and detained 12 soldiers. The military retaliated by strafing the border areas with helicopters and fighter jets.

The Chins of Myanmar are ethnically related to the Mizos of Mizoram. Militias of the former have sided



Refugees cooking food at a basic shelter at Farkaw camp in Mizoram. • AFP

with the pro-democracy forces, specifically the National Unity Government, Myanmar's government in exile.

"We expect a fresh influx of Myanmar nationals into Mizoram due to the armed conflict. There are already about 11,500 refugees on our State," Mizoram's lone Lok Sabha member C. Lalrosanga said.

Earlier this week, Mr. Lalrosanga and a senior official from Mizoram met Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla and other top government officials in Delhi, apprising them of the situation and seeking assistance for the refugees on humanitarian grounds.

Assam eviction: families mourn loss of their sons

Chief Minister says the drive is set to continue

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

Sheikh Farid would often jog to school about 2 km from his house at Dhalpur No. 2 village in northern Assam's Darrang district. But when the 17-year-old went to another nearby village on September 23, he was to return no more.

Farid was one of two persons killed in police firing during a drive to free government land of alleged encroachers. Maynal Haque, 27, of Dhalpur Hill village was the other.

"We did not know when he slipped out of the house during the day and where he went. When we found out, it was too late," Abdul Khaleque, Farid's father said.

Farid and a few others had gone to Dhalpur No. 3 village where, according to the police, a large crowd armed with stones, sharpened bamboo sticks, machetes and spears had gathered to resist the eviction drive.

His friends watched helplessly as he slumped to the



No place to go: Villagers taking shelter on a road after their house was demolished during an eviction drive in Assam. • PTI

ground after catching a bullet in the chest.

"They killed my son illegally. The government must give us justice so that other fathers do not lose their sons for their right to have a roof over their heads," Mr. Khaleque said, grieving the death of the youngest of his four sons.

Several kilometres away at Dhalpur Hill, Mokbul Ali said his son Maynal paid the price of being perceived as a foreigner despite their being "genuine Indians". "My son may have shown aggression

in the heat of the moment, but did he deserve death and treatment like vermin (referring to a photographer stomping on his son's body)?" he asked. Maynal was also shot in the chest.

A day after the violence that left 11 policemen injured, besides civilians, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma hardened the government's stand and said the eviction drive would continue. But he admitted that it may "not be important to involve the police while evicting people".

IIT-B graduate tops Civil Services exam

Ranks 3 and 21 went to sisters Ankita and Vaishali

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Friday announced the results of the Civil Services Examination 2020, in which 761 candidates were recommended for appointment to various services.

Shubham Kumar, a B. Tech (Civil Engineering) graduate of the Indian Insti-

tute of Technology-Bombay, topped the list. He qualified with Anthropology as his optional subject, a UPSC press release said. Mr. Kumar was followed by Jagriti Awasthi in the second place. Ms. Awasthi, who had Sociology as her optional subject, was a graduate of B.Tech (Electrical Engineering) from MANIT, Bhopal, it said.

Third-rank holder Ankita Jain, from Delhi, was undergoing training as an Indian Audit and Accounts Service officer after having been selected in 2018 when she was preparing for the 2020 ex-



Shubham Kumar

amination. Her sister, Vaishali Jain, also cleared the exam, securing rank 21, said Ms. Ankita Jain.

Thirteen men and 12 women comprised the top 25, the UPSC said. Out of the 761

candidates selected, 545 are men and 216 women. The top 25 candidates have a range of educational qualifications in Engineering, the Humanities, Commerce and Medicine from some of the top institutions in the country. The selected candidates include 25 persons with benchmark disability.

Of the 761 successful candidates, 263 belonged to the general category, 86 to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS), 229 to the Other Backward Classes, 122 to the Scheduled Castes, and 61 to the Scheduled Tribes.

Toppers share tales of overcoming setbacks

DAMINI NATH
JAIDEEP DEO BHANJ
NEW DELHI

The toppers of the Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2020, the results of which were announced on Friday, not only faced uncertainty when the exam was postponed due to COVID-19, some even contracted the disease, but they said they came out strong on the other side with determination, planning and positivity.

Shubham Kumar, who secured rank one on the Union Service Public Commission (UPSC) list, said he managed the performance in his third attempt as he had more time to prepare as well as read newspapers. He was undergoing training as an Indian Defence Accounts Service officer in Pune while prepar-



Ankita Jain

ing for the exam.

"I want to tell UPSC aspirants who are going through bad times that all toppers go through bad times. You have to be confident. There is a right plan for everything. You may not achieve 100% of your plan, but work towards it and you may be able to achieve 75% or 80%," he said.

The 24-year-old who hails from Kathifur district in Bihar said his first preference

would be to join the Indian Administrative Service and work for the upliftment of the rural areas of his home State.

For Ankita Jain, who secured rank three, this was her fourth attempt.

Battling COVID

"A month before the Mains, I got COVID-19. But I focused on my training and then whatever time was left, I prepared for the exam. I was well-supported by my family," she said.

Ria Dabi, who secured rank 15, is the younger sister of IAS officer Tina Dabi, the UPSC topper in 2015 and the first Scheduled Caste candidate to top the examination. Ms. Ria Dabi, who finished her BA in Political Science from Lady Shri Ram College,

Delhi University in 2019, said that there was a lot of pressure on her to secure a good rank after her sister made headlines for her success, but her parents helped ease the expectations and told her to just give her best shot.

Satyam Gandhi, who secured UPSC rank 10 in his first attempt, graduated from Dayal Singh College, Delhi University in 2020. Mr. Gandhi said that he is from Dighra village in Bihar. "I put in 10-12 hours of work every day in my final year of graduation consistently to prepare for the examination but I give the credit to Delhi University for exposing me to various thoughts, ideas and giving me a platform to pursue extra curricular activities that broadened my horizons," he said.

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PRESS NOT. NO. 26 (21-22)
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Item No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement system	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Repair and maintenance of building and boundary wall including covering of wet sump of Sec-6 SPS Haiderpur Rohini. Tender ID 2021_DJB_208729_1	49,21,622/-	Exempted vide Office Endorsement No. DJB/2020-21/MSC-4(PT)971 dated 23/12/2020 of Jt. Director (FA&A), DJB	500/-	23-09-2021	14-10-2021 Up to 03:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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Notice Inviting E-Bid

SHORT TERM E-bids are invited upto 6.00 PM of 11.10.2021 for SHORT TERM E-BID FOR RATE CONTRACT CUM SUPPLY AND EMPANELMENT OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES. Details of NIB may be seen in the Bidding Documents at our office or at the website of State Public Procurement Portal <http://sppp.ra.nic.in> (UBN-MSC2122GLOB00081) www.diponline.org, <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://rmsh.health.rajasthan.gov.in> and may be downloaded from there.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(Consulting Services-Firm Selection)

The Government of Uttarakhand is being financed from the World Bank toward the cost of Public Financial Management Strengthening Project (UKPFMS) in Uttarakhand (8928-IN) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for following consultancy services:-

S. No.	Consultancy Services	Method of Procurement	Last date of Submission
1.	Consultancy Services for Financial Management Support for Urban Development Directorate.	Consulting Services-Firm Selection (OCBS)	16 th October 2021 16 th 09 hrs IST

The Term of Reference (TOR) for these assignments can be found at Website <http://www.uttarakhandaudit.uk.gov.in>. Further information can be obtained during office hours from 10:00-17:00 hrs IST. EOIs must be delivered in a document form (hard copy or electronic pdf) at the address or e-mail id given above (in person, by post or by e-mail). All documents must be signed, stamped and certified by the authorised person of the firm.

PROJECT DIRECTOR

TOURISM CORPORATION OF GUJARAT LIMITED (TCGL)
(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Gandhinagar

E-Tendering

Tenders are invited by TCGL for following works:

- 1) Selection of agency for Conceptualization, Design, Execution and Supervision of Temporary Infrastructures and Event Management for Tourist Facility During 2021-22 at White Rann and Dhordo, Kutch.
- 2) Selection of Agency for Temporary 3D Project Mapping Show at Rann Utsav 2021-22.
- 3) Selection of Agency Land Adventure Activities at White Rann, Dhordo during Rann Utsav 2021-22.
- 4) Selection of Agency for Land & Water Adventure Activity at Mandvi 2021-22.

Interested bidders/agencies may download the tender document from the website: www.nprocure.com from Dt.27/09/2021 onwards. Tender document may also be referred on www.gujarattourism.com. Managing Director of TCGL reserve the right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Managing Director

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(UNDER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) WITH DPR'S) NOTICE

TTD, Health Office, Tirumala is inviting proposals from the interested persons with the Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for complete mechanized cleaning of both ghat roads including road side drain and its surrounding areas (areas of road shoulders) under the guidelines of Solid Waste Management Act of 2016.

Last date for submission of DPR's within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice or by 11-10-2021.

The Expression of interest along with DPR's may be sent to this mail ID: ttdhealthoffice@gmail.com and contact phone number 98661 32451, during office working hours.

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E-Auction No: EA-01/GGSSTP-21 Dated: 21.09.2021

Controller of Stores & Disposal (North), PSPCL Ludhiana, 66 KV Sub Station, Near Old Subj Mandi, G.T.Road, Ludhiana will conduct the forward e-auction on 28.10.2021 for the dismantlement and disposal of decommissioned Stage-4 Units of GGSSTP, Ropar, PSPCL, Consisting of KWU make 2x210 MW Units, Including Stage-I Plant & Machinery, Civil Structure, Pipe Lines, Cables, surplus spares of Stage-I units etc. (EXCEPT THE LISTED EXCLUSIONS) being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS & NO COMPLAINT BASIS". The floor price is Rs.135 Crores and Pre-bid EMD is of Rs. 2 Crores (No interest payable). The interested bidders will have to register with PSPCL and its authorized service provider M/S Synrise Technologies limited, Pune. For more details on registration procedure and detailed terms and conditions of e-auction please refer to PSPCL website www.pspcl.in/e-auction-notice/ OR www.indiaengineering.com/pspc/ from 27.09.2021 from 11:00 am onwards.

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e-TENDER NOTICE (Running Contract)

Online bids are invited for the supply and installation of the following equipment for various Government healthcare institutions across Kerala

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Online Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of Online submission
1.	T414/2021	Fowlers cot, Iron Cot, Patient trolley, Dressing trolley, IV Stand, Examination Table, Executive chair, Television, X-ray lobby Single, Nebulizer.	04.10.2021	21.10.2021 11.00 a.m.
2.	T415/2021	BP Apparatus, Stethoscope, Weighing machine, Pulse Oxymeter fingertip.	04.10.2021	

State Public Sector undertakings and MSMEs registered in the State or registered outside the state satisfying the policy of Government of India are exempted from remittance of tender document cost and EMD subject to the submission of valid documents, provided all the offered products are manufactured by them. Tender documents and all other information related to tender and bidding process can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in. Quotation documents and all other information related to quotation and bidding process can be downloaded from the website: www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in.

Sd/- Managing Director (Tender Inviting Authority)



IN BRIEF
Diesel turns costlier by 20 paise a litre

NEW DELHI
Diesel price was hiked by 20 paise a litre on Friday, the first increase in over two months, as international oil prices neared their highest since 2018. The price of diesel was hiked to ₹88.82 a litre in Delhi and to ₹96.41 in Mumbai. PTI

Maharashtra schools to reopen on October 4

MUMBAI
The Maharashtra government on Friday announced its decision to reopen schools from October 4. The decision was taken after the SOPs were cleared by the Chief Minister's Office, the State's Paediatric Task Force on COVID-19, and the Health Department, said School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad. She said Classes V to XII in rural and VIII to XII in urban areas will commence from October 4.

Govt. releases drone interactive airspace map

NEW DELHI
The Ministry of Civil Aviation on Friday released an interactive drone airspace map. The map is available on digitalsky.dga.gov.in. The map highlights red and yellow zones, and anyone planning to operate a drone should check the latest airspace map for any changes in zone boundaries.

Officials appointed as per new IT rules: Twitter

NEW DELHI
The Centre has informed the Delhi High Court that Twitter has appointed a Chief Compliance Officer, a Resident Grievance Officer and a Nodal Contact Person in compliance with the new IT rules. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said Twitter had said that the personnel were appointed as the company's employees and not as "contingent workers". PTI

NIA names Mahato in Rajdhani Express case

KOLKATA
The National Investigation Agency has named Trinamool Congress member Chhatradhar Mahato and 12 others in its chargesheet in the 2009 Rajdhani Express hostage case. It named Mahato, who was the convener of People Against Police Atrocities, as the prime accused along with his brother, Shashadhar Mahato, and the late Maoist commander Kishenji. PTI

ED arrests two in bank fraud case

NEW DELHI
The Enforcement Directorate has arrested two persons for allegedly facilitating bogus transactions, in connection with the ₹3,269.42 crore bank fraud case against Shakti Bhog Foods Limited and others. The accused have been identified as Ashok Kumar Goel and Devki Nandan Garg.

MoD strikes ₹22,000 cr. deal with Airbus

First of the 56 C-295 transport planes to be delivered to IAF in 2 years; they will replace ageing Avros

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI**

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Friday signed an estimated ₹22,000-crore deal with Airbus Defence and Space S.A., Spain, for 56 C-295MW transport aircraft to replace the Indian Air Force's ageing 56 Avro aircraft that were procured in the 1960s.

This is the first project of its kind in which a military aircraft will be manufactured in India under technology transfer by the private sector.

"For the first time, an Indian private company will be wholly manufacturing an aircraft in India. Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), in partnership with Airbus, will



Taking wings: Officials during the signing of a contract between the Ministry of Defence and Airbus Defence. PTI

literally take raw aluminium ingots on one end and convert it into a flyaway aircraft on the other end," Sukaran Singh, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, TASL, told a small group of journalists. "It's certainly a matter of great privilege to be able to say that Tata's

have now extended themselves from salt and software to cars to making planes now."

Ratan Tata's initiative

It had been 11 years since the Tata Group decided to partner with Airbus for the programme. This was one of the last projects that former Chairman of Tata Sons Ratan Tata helped put together, Mr. Singh pointed out.

However, TASL was yet to decide on the location of the manufacturing facility. Tata and Airbus together had looked at more than 100 locations very closely and evaluated for a range of factors such as the length of airstrip, availability of infrastructure among others. A final deci-

sion was yet to be taken, he stated.

Of the 56 aircraft, 16 will be delivered in flyaway condition from Spain within 48 months and the remaining will be manufactured in India by the Tata Group within 10 years from the date of contract.

Rémi Maillard, President of Airbus India, said the first aircraft would be delivered to the IAF in two years.

The C295, having 5-10 tonne capacity, is used for tactical transport of up to 71 troops or 50 paratroopers, and for logistic operations not accessible to current heavier aircraft. It also has a proven capability of operating from short or unprepared airstrips.

ICMR stops use of ivermectin, HCQ for COVID-19 treatment

Revised guidelines point to risk of adverse reaction

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI**

The Indian Council of Medical Research-led COVID-19 National Task Force has dropped the use of the drugs ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) from the revised "clinical guidance for management of adult COVID-19 patients".

The revised guidelines also suggests the use of drugs Remdesivir and Tocilizumab in specific circumstances.

While stressing the need to wear masks, maintain distancing and hand hygiene, the guidelines added that symptomatic patients may take antipyretic and multivitamins and seek immediate medical attention if they experience difficulty in breath-

ing or high-grade fever or severe cough, particularly if lasting for more than five days.

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) national task force for COVID-19 and the Joint Monitoring Group made the recommendation following a meeting on August 20. The previous clinical guidance was issued on May 19.

"HCQ may be considered for removal from guideline, with recommendation to use with caution only in clinical trial setting (since there is some genuine uncertainty regarding the possible benefit for severe cases and in low dose). Many studies

showing increased mortality risk (10/13) and low mortality benefit of HCQ(2/13)," said the revised guidelines for Covid management.

Experts add that the reasons behind dropping HCQ also included no mortality benefit, increasing the risk of adverse drug effect (ADE) when co-administered with azithromycin.

Meanwhile cautioning that the upcoming festival season is a critical period, Director, AIIMS, Delhi, Dr. Randeep Guleria said the next 6-8 weeks are going to be critical and the community has to come together to ensure people follow all COVID appropriate rules and aggressively encourage vaccination.

Women can now apply for NDA exam

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI**

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has allowed unmarried women to apply for the National Defence Academy (NDA) and naval academy exam, an official statement said on Friday.

The move follows a Supreme Court directive on the issue last month.

The UPSC has decided to open the application on [upsconline.nic.in](https://www.upsconline.nic.in) for this exam to enable "unmarried women candidates only", the statement said.

Number of vacancies would be notified after it is received from the Ministry of Defence, it said. The application window will remain open from September 24 to October 8 (till 6 p.m.), said the statement.

CBI to probe Mahant Narendra Giri's death

Team visits Prayagraj to gather details

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI**

The CBI has taken over the probe into the mysterious death of Mahant Narendra Giri in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj on Monday. This follows a notification from the Central government.

A team has been sent to Prayagraj to gather details and interact with the police officers who investigated the case initially.

Mahant Narendra Giri, who headed the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, was found dead on the premises of the Baghambari Gaddi Math. A note purportedly written by him was seized from there.

The police registered an alleged abetment to suicide case. The name of Anand Giri, a follower of Mahant

Centre notifies medical device parks' scheme

Production costs likely to come down

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI**

The Union government on Friday notified a scheme to promote medical device parks at a financial outlay of ₹400 crore till financial year 2024-2025.

The scheme aims to ensure easy access to testing and infrastructure facilities. It is expected that this will bring down the cost of production of medical devices, thereby making them more affordable for domestic consumption, the Department of Pharmaceuticals said in a statement.

The financial assistance for a selected medical device park would be 90% of the project cost of common



The scheme aims at ensuring easy access to testing and infrastructure facilities.

infrastructure facilities for the northeastern and hilly States. For the rest, it would be 70%. However, a maximum assistance under the scheme for one such park will be ₹100 crore.

Gujarat drug seizure case likely to go to NIA

DRI recently seized 3,000 kg of heroin, worth ₹21,000 crore, originally shipped from Afghanistan

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD**

The Central government may enlist the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for undertaking a comprehensive probe into the country's largest drug seizure by the Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) at Mundra Port in Gujarat.

The DRI recently seized almost 3,000 kg of heroin that was originally shipped from Afghanistan and its market value is pegged at around ₹ 21,000 crore. After the seizure, the probe was widened to Andhra Pradesh, as one Vijaywada-based couple had imported the consignment. They had connections in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and other places.

Such a large-scale smuggling of the expensive drugs via sea route in the country has stunned the Union government.

The seizure is also said to be one of the largest seizures in the world.

Now, *The Hindu* has reliably learnt that the Centre is contemplating to rope in the NIA to probe the case, as terror forces from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran are involved in the smuggling of banned substances in the country.

"It will probably go to the NIA," a senior official told *The Hindu*, adding only a federal agency could probe the case since it involved multiple States and also stakeholders.



Adani Group officials said they had no authority to check cargo at Mundra Port.

Earlier, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said it would also join the probe and lodge a case for money laundering in the matter. Both the DRI and the ED are the Finance Ministry wings, while the NIA functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Gujarat's Anti Terrorist

Squad (ATS) has also begun collecting details of the seizure at the Mundra Port and people involved in its import and arranging its logistics.

Import party

One Aashi Trading Company has been identified as the importer firm and is alleged to be run by M. Sudhakar and his wife, G. Durga Purna Vaishali, both arrested and currently under the DRI custody in Kutch.

The couple was arrested from Chennai after the consignment was seized and they were brought to Kutch where a local court granted 10 days custody of the two to the DRI.

Meanwhile, when contacted, officials at Adani

Group, which operates the Mundra Port, stated that their role was limited to port operations and they were not empowered to inspect or check the cargo handled at the port terminal.

Secondly, the terminal where the cargo landed at the port was also not operated by the Adani Group, which has leased out terminals to other private players.

"The law empowers the Government of India's competent authorities such as the Customs and the DRI to open, examine and seize unlawful cargo. No port operator across the country can examine a container. Their role is limited to running the port," the group said in a statement.

3 more accused held in Mumbai gang-rape case

Mobile phones sent for forensic tests

**STAFF REPORTER
MUMBAI**

The Manpada police on Friday arrested three more accused in the Dombivli gang-rape case. With this, the number of total arrests touched 29, including two juveniles. The three accused were produced in court, and remanded in police custody till September 30.

The investigating team seized mobile phones, and sent them for forensic examination for video evidence which, the victim had claimed, was used to blackmail her. "We are also visiting the places where the victim claimed she was raped," a police officer said.

According to the victim,

the incidents happened in Dombivli, Murbad and Badlapur in Thane district, and Rabale in Navi Mumbai. Till now, the police have visited the spots in Dombivli and Badlapur. All the places are either rooms rented by the accused or under-construction sites, the police source said.

Of the 33 accused named by the victim, four are yet to be nabbed. All the accused are aged between 16 and 23 and are either students or daily wagers.

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed to probe the case which is being headed by Assistant Commissioner of Police (Administration) Sonali Dhole.

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 - 9 Larger than usual tailored suit procured by lightweight engineer (7)
 - 10 Exceed capacity of kitchen gadget, collecting unlimited curry on the counter (7)
 - 11 Golden hammer, bearer's pen (6)

- 12 Open marriage? Promiscuous European has replaced Gussalufz, love! (8)
 - 14 Trumpet concerto's last two pieces got cut, initially (4)
 - 15 National pride leads to profound atrocities through insecure, shallow men embracing public violence (10)
 - 18 Tickets she arranged? Of extremely questionable authenticity (10)
 - 19 Recycled twisted jokes (4)
 - 22 Ignore mistake in edited video (8)
 - 24 Anagram of CHARGING WIRE? Not according to Cham., oddly (6)
 - 26 I'm bored of drug-laden drunk husband attached to nothing (5-2)
 - 27 Intricate art or setter's endless pastime with setter? (7)
 - 28 Go with the set, fixed food plan (4,5)
 - 29 Exquisite ether engulfs those under treatment by dentists (5)
- DOWN**
- 1 Having a couple of pieces of pie, gorging without a hint of propriety (3-4)
 - 2 The atom, on splitting out? (3,2,4)
 - 3 Stand and stumble (too many drugs) (6)
 - 4 Cocaine dealer turns up, provides ultimate happiness (4)
 - 5 Reverend's intercourse with wretched miser, following snuggle (10)
 - 6 Lift malfunctioning, leave peak! (8)
 - 7 Pack up, in some chest or attaché (5)
 - 8 Another word for something extremely sexy, quite the opposite of extremely manly, perhaps (7)
 - 13 Work out log(prime) and subtract 1000 to get 14, perhaps (10)
 - 16 Cast a shadow over millions concealed by fancy urbanite (9)
 - 17 Moves very fast and gets a goal after receiving coach's tips (8)
 - 18 Settled in Hyderabad, eh? Too surely, from the south! (7)
 - 20 Foreign dessert alien rejected (7)
 - 21 Unusual brief on account deletion (6)
 - 23 Throw out fabric, rejecting a couple of tons (5)
 - 25 Artist regularly seen in protests (4)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Solution to puzzle 13360

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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8	3	5	9	1	7	4	2	6
2	7	9	5	4	6	8	1	3
4	6	3	2	8	5	7	9	1
7	5	1	6	3	9	2	4	8
9	8	2	4	7	1	3	6	5

Quad will find no support, says China

'A closed, exclusive clique targeting other countries runs counter to the trend of the times'

ANANTH KRISHNAN

China on Friday repeated its increasingly frequent denunciations of the India, U.S., Australia and Japan Quad grouping ahead of the four countries' first in-person leaders summit in Washington, saying the group would "find no support".

"China always believes that any regional cooperation mechanism should not target or harm the interests of a third party. A closed, exclusive clique targeting other countries runs counter to the trend of the times and the aspirations of regional countries."



Bolstering relations: Members of the Quad grouping — India, Australia, U.S. and Japan — meeting virtually in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington on March 12. •AFP

Doomed to fail
It will find no support and is doomed to fail," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said in Beijing, calling on "relevant countries" to

"view China's development in a correct light and do more to promote solidarity and cooperation among countries in the region."
China's Ambassador to India, Sun Weidong, also took

aim at the Quad in remarks made at a virtual Track II dialogue held on Thursday, and published on Friday on the website of the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi.
"At present, some coun-

tries, with their ideological bias and Cold War mentality, vigorously seek closed and exclusive 'small cliques' with the aim of containing a third party, stoking bloc confrontation and geopolitical

games," Mr. Sun said.
In remarks apparently aimed to serve as a warning to India on its increasingly close ties with the U.S., Mr. Sun added, "Once getting on someone else's ship, one is no longer able to have the steer in control." "Twenty years ago, when the U.S. started the Afghan war, many countries boarded its chariot. Twenty years later, what benefits have these countries gained? We should uphold true strategic autonomy, not only in words, but more importantly, in deeds," he said, adding that "both sides should remove disruptions to mutual trust, refrain from interference in each other's internal affairs or engagement in any 'alliance' or 'quasi alliance' targeting the other, and avoid being alienated by third party."

China's central bank rules all crypto transactions to be illegal

PBOC fears crypto will pave way for fraud, money laundering

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE BEIJING
China's central bank on Friday said all financial transactions involving cryptocurrencies are illegal, sounding the death knell for the digital trade in China after a crackdown on the volatile currencies.

said in an online statement on Friday, adding that offenders would be "investigated for criminal liability in accordance with the law".
The notice bans all related financial activities involving cryptocurrencies, such as trading crypto, selling tokens, transactions involving virtual currency derivatives and "illegal fundraising".

ing, fraud, pyramid schemes and other illegal and criminal activities."
This was "seriously endangering the safety of people's assets," the PBOC said.
While crypto creation and trading have been illegal in China since 2019, further crackdowns this year by Beijing warned banks to halt related transactions and closed much of the country's vast network of bitcoin miners.

The global values of cryptocurrencies including Bitcoin have massively fluctuated over the past year partly due to Chinese regulations, which have sought to prevent speculation and money laundering.
"Virtual currency-related business activities are illegal financial activities," the People's Bank of China (PBOC)

Widespread fraud
The People's Bank of China said that in recent years, trading of Bitcoin and other virtual currencies had become "widespread, disrupting economic and financial order, giving rise to money laundering, illegal fund-raising,

The crypto crackdown also opens the gates for China to introduce its own digital currency, already in the pipeline, allowing the central government to monitor transactions.

U.S. House approves \$1 bn to resupply Iron Dome

The Bill was passed on a 420-9 vote

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE WASHINGTON
U.S. lawmakers green-lit \$1 billion on Thursday to resupply Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system after funding was controversially stripped from a separate Bill following a revolt from the Democrats' left flank.
The money had originally been included in legislation addressing a looming government shutdown and a potential October debt crisis.

mately advanced from the House on a comfortable 420-9 vote.
"Passage of this Bill reflects the great unity in Congress... for Israel's security," Nancy Pelosi, the leader of the House Democrats, said in a speech on the chamber floor.

'Vital to U.S. security'
"Assistance to Israel is vital, because Israel's security is an imperative for America's security," Ms. Pelosi said.
Iron Dome has destroyed thousands of short-range rockets and shells launched by Hamas militants. The system has been backed by the United States since it was launched a decade ago to the tune of \$1.6 billion.

But a group of progressives in the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives said they would tank that unless Iron Dome funding was yanked from the wording.
The cash transfer ultimately advanced from the House on a comfortable 420-9 vote.

Taliban orders crackdown on abuses by its commanders

Miscrants to be kept out after complaints from residents

REUTERS PESHAWAR

The Taliban's new Defence Minister has issued a rebuke over misconduct by some commanders and fighters following the movement's victory over the Western-backed government in Afghanistan last month, saying abuses would not be tolerated.



Reneging on word: There have been reports of reprisals against former government and military personnel. •AP

Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob said in an audio message that some "miscrants and notorious former soldiers" had been allowed to join Taliban units, where they had committed a range of sometimes violent abuses.
"We direct you keep them out of your ranks, otherwise strict action will be taken against you," he stated.
"We don't want such people in our ranks," he added.

The message from one of the Taliban's most senior Ministers underlines the problems Afghanistan's new rulers have sometimes had in controlling fighting forces as they transition from an insurgency to a peacetime administration.
Some Kabul residents have complained of abusive treatment at the hands of Taliban fighters.

There have also been reports of reprisals against members of the former government and military or civil society activists, despite promises of an amnesty by the Taliban.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male **Age** : About 60 years, **Height** : 5'2", **Complexion** : Shallow, **Build** : Normal, **Face** : Oval, wearing yellow colour T-shirt, was found dead on 17.09.2021 at Jag Pravesh Chand Hospital Premises Area, New Usmanpur, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 31-A dated 17.09.2021 has been lodged at P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi. The deadbody has been preserved for identification in the mortuary of Jag Pravesh Hospital, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased person may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO : P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-22172410, 22175468

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Khushboo D/o Sanjay Choudhary R/o Plot No.-669, Near Samsan Ghat Kuldeep ka Makan, Village Pooth Khurd, Delhi.** Age 16 years, Height 5'1", Complexion Shallow, Round Face, Thin Built, Wearing Red Colour Salwar-Suit has been missing since 04.09.2021 from her house. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl, but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a case FIR No. 730/2021 dated 05.09.2021 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Bawana, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218
DP/1073/NE/21

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Namely: Pooja, W/o: Samarjeet, R/o: House No. 448, Ramapal House, Nai Basti Gali No. 1, Kishan Ganj, Delhi, Age: 23 Years Approx., Height: 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Eyes: Black, Hair: Long Black, Nose: Small** has been missing from the above address. In this regard **FIR No. 214/2020, U/s 365 IPC, Dated 11.11.2020**, has been lodged at **P.S. Gulabi Bagh, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about this missing lady please inform the undersigned.
Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in>
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नीलामी सूचना
सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 27.09.2021 को अपरहाण 12:30 बजे से केन्द्रीय विद्यालय वीरपुर, देहरादून के परिसर में पुराने निष्प्रायोज्य सामान की नीलामी संपन्न की जानी है।
शर्तें :- 1. रु. 5000/- अंतिम राशि का बैंक चोरी से पूर्व जमा करना है।
2. अधिकतम बोलीदाता को संपूर्ण राशि तुरंत जमा करनी होगी, यदि जमा नहीं करा पाया तो रु. 5000/- जमा कर लिये जायेंगे।
3. नीलामी 'जेसा है जहां है' के आधार पर संपन्न होगी।
4. नीलामी का समय खत्म होने के बाद कोई अनुसूच स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा।
5. अधिकारिणीय बोली को स्वीकृत या अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार रखते हैं।
6. यदि अन्य कोई शर्तें होंगी तो नीलामी के वक्त या पूर्व बता दी जाएगी।

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Virtual / Personal Interview
Applications are invited for selection of JRF (Pharmacognosy) - 1 No., at SCRI, Chennai for IIMR project / Program Assistant - 1No., at Peripheral Pharma Covigilance Centre, SCRU, New Delhi through Virtual / Personal Interview which will be held on the date to be notified later. Last date for submission of online application is 10.10.2021 (05.00 PM.) Details are available in the website www.siddhacouncil.com and www.crisiddha.tn.nic.in
Director (Scientist-III) / IC

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR
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E- NIT NO: ED-J/E-NIT/43 DATED. 22.09.2021

1. INVITATION:-
For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer Electric Division-4 JPDCI Parade Jammu, hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from the original equipment manufacturer, their authorized dealer/ local representative or local SSI Units or registered firms/suppliers already "Supply, Erection, testing & Commissioning of 11 KV CT/PT Unit (Dry Type) along with trivector meter including dismantling of existing 11 KV CT/PT Unit at I/III, Canal Road, Jammu under the jurisdiction of Electric Division-4 (JPDCI) Jammu for the financial year 2021-22 on Turn Key basis"

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	22.09.2021; 10:00 AM
B	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	13.10.2021; 02:00 PM
C	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	23.09.2021; 10:00 PM
D	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	13.10.2021; 02:00 PM
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee	13.10.2021 up to 04:00PM
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	16.10.2021; 02:00 PM
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time of the technically qualified Bidders	Will be communicated to the (Only Technically Qualifying Bidders).
H	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Soft Copy Electronically & Hard copy in the Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division-4 JPDCI Parade Jammu.
I	Tender Value	Say Rs. 1.33 Lacs
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 500.00 (Five hundred only) (Non-Refundable)

DIP/J-3145-P Executive Engineer JPDCI, Electric Division-4 Parade Jammu

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS FOR TRACK MACHINES

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description of Items	Quantity	Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	SECRHQT/212230	Bearing	As per tender	11.00 Hours of 08.10.2021
2.	SECRHQT/212231	Hydraulic Motor & Pump	As per tender	11.00 Hours of 08.10.2021
3.	SECRHQT/212232	Wear plates	As per tender	11.00 Hours of 12.10.2021

For full details of tender notice and tender documents, tenderer may logon to the website: www.ireps.gov.in. No manual tenders will be entertained against E-Tender.
CPRI/10/183
Dy. Chief Engineer/TM/BI/aspur.
South East Central Railway @secrail

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Anita D/o Shiv Pujan Ram R/o Kuldeep Ka Makan, Near Rashan Ki Dukaan, Vill. Tikri Khurd, Delhi** has been Missing/kidnapped from the area of PS: Narela Ind. Area, Delhi since 28.08.2021 In this regard, a case **FIR No.547/21 dated.30.08.2021** has been registered at **P.S. Narela Ind. Area, Delhi.** The description of the missing girl as under
Age: 14 Years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 4'5", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** White Colour Surt and White Colour Salwar and Chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the been missing/kidnapped girl then please inform P.S. Narela Ind. Area Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639



Sd/- S.H.O.
Narela Ind. Area Delhi
Phone: 011-27787593
DP/1265/ON/2021

SAINIK SCHOOL KODAGU
(Under Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India)
PO Kudige Dist: Kodagu, Karnataka PIN: 571232

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION
Applications are invited for various vacancies at Sainik School Kodagu and the details are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts Type of Post	Age as on 01 OCT 2021	Category
1	TGT-Hindi	01 (Contractual)	21-35 Years	General
2	Counsellor	01 (Contractual)	21-35 Years	General
3	Craft Instructor	01 (Contractual)	21-35 Years	SC/ST
4	Band Master	01 (Contractual)	21-35 Years	General
5	Wardens (Male)	02 (Contractual)	18-50 Years	SC/ST-01 General-01
6	General Employees (Male)	04 (Regular)	18-50 Years	SC/ST-01 General-03

How to Apply. For detailed Notification including reservation criteria, salary and Application Form, visit School website www.sainikschoolkodagu.edu.in from 25 Sep 2021 (Saturday). The School administration reserves the right to cancel any or all vacancies due to administrative reasons. Last date of receipt of filled in applications is **16 October 2021 (Saturday).**
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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE No. EL-MWS-GKP-2021-22-09
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Workshop, N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur for & on behalf of President of India invites "OPEN" E-Tender through online (e-tendering) for the following work: **EL-MWS-GKP-2021-22-09, Provision of additional Mobile Charging Point in LHB AC & LHB Non AC Coaches of NE, NC & EC Railways in Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur.** Approx. Value (₹) : 3.52,69,795.57, E.M.D. Money (₹) : 0.00, Cost of Tender Form (₹) : 0.00. Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter: 12 Months. E-tender online will be submitted upto 15:30 Hrs on dated 18.10.2021. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway IREPS official website www.ireps.gov.in
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (WS) CPRO/EL-48 Gorakhpur
About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955
DO NOT TRAVEL WITH INFLAMMABLE ARTICLE IN TRAIN

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Tendering Tender Notice No. 45/2021
Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) N.E. Railways Iztanagar For and behalf of president of India invites "OPEN" e-tender through on Line (E-tendering) for the following work: **S.N.-1. Description of works: Providing and fixing permanently colour coated trapezoidal profiled sheet at LHS under jurisdiction of ADEEN/IJZN section. (Exclude LKU-Exclude KSJ Section) (09 Nos.).** Approx. Value: ₹ 1,32,25,031/-, E.M.D Money: ₹ 0.00, Cost of Tender Forms: ₹ 0.00, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter: 05 Months.
1. Online e-tender can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs of dated 18.10.2021
2. For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in
Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), CPRO/W-187 Iztanagar
About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955
"Never travel on roof and foot boards"

MARKET WATCH

	24-09-2021	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,048	0.27
US Dollar	73.68	-0.05
Gold	45,141	-0.57
Brent oil	77.82	0.84

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	744.80	-9.70
Asian Paints	3448.60	127.95
Axis Bank	798.05	-14.10
Bajaj Auto	3809.80	10.60
Bajaj Finserv	18526.00	22.15
Bajaj Finance	7793.40	-105.65
Bharti Airtel	739.40	12.60
BPL	414.80	-5.15
Britannia Ind	4042.90	0.55
Cipla	967.65	-0.45
Coal India	166.10	-1.25
Divis Lab	5108.55	-103.55
Dr Reddys Lab	4790.35	-6.95
Eicher Motors	2931.00	73.95
Grasim Ind	1629.75	22.90
HCL Tech	1358.20	29.90
HDFC	2839.00	21.60
HDFC Bank	1601.55	31.55
HDFC Life	725.80	1.15
Hero MotoCorp	2833.45	-19.60
Hindalco	478.75	-4.50
Hind Unilever	2746.65	-35.65
ICICI Bank	722.95	5.95
IndusInd Bank	1163.05	-6.10
Infosys	1763.85	21.30
Indian Oil Corp	117.25	-0.75
ITC	238.45	-4.05
JSW Steel	659.15	-18.10
Kotak Bank	2028.10	4.10
L&T	1768.75	-0.95
M&M	779.45	21.00
Maruti Suzuki	6952.25	105.55
Nestle India Ltd.	19864.25	25.25
NTPC	124.25	-1.95
ONGC	136.10	-1.65
PowerGrid Corp	176.15	-2.10
Reliance Ind	2482.70	-7.20
SBI Life	1222.05	3.75
State Bank	440.75	-9.05
Shree Cement	29411.80	-507.45
Sun Pharma	770.45	0.60
Tata Consumer	836.75	-13.90
Tata Motors	317.95	-3.55
Tata Steel	1272.10	-46.60
TCS	3871.30	2.05
Tech Mahindra	1514.75	-6.75
Titan	2092.90	-12.15
UltraTech Cement	7521.50	-98.20
UPL	718.65	-8.20
Wipro	676.50	2.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 24

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	73.50	73.82
Euro	86.25	86.62
British Pound	100.64	101.11
Japanese Yen (100)	66.54	66.83
Chinese Yuan	11.37	11.42
Swiss Franc	79.64	80.03
Singapore Dollar	54.34	54.57
Canadian Dollar	57.96	58.21
Malaysian Ringgit	17.54	17.63

Source: Indian Bank

IN BRIEF



Hero ties with Massive to set up charging stations

NEW DELHI: Hero Electric said it has joined hands with EV start-up Massive Mobility to set up 10,000 charging stations in India in one year. Through this, Hero looks to ramp up the charging infrastructure to help drive adoption of electric mobility. PTI

Shilpa arm to make Zycov-D drug substance

HYDERABAD: Cadila Healthcare has signed an agreement with a Shilpa Medicare arm for the production and supply of Zycov-D vaccine drug substance from the latter's integrated biologics R&D-cum-manufacturing centre in Karnataka. Cadila will be responsible for filling, packaging, distribution and marketing of the vaccine, the company said in a filing.

Economy on sustained revival path: FM

Minister cites rise in GST collections, direct taxes as evidence; says confidence in stock market growing

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA CHANDIGARH
Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said the Indian economy was on a sustained path of revival and cited rise in GST collections and direct taxes to support her assertion.

She further said that the confidence in the Indian stock market was growing as retail and small investors were keenly investing money in the market.

"I can see very clearly signs of revival and good signs of revival," Ms. Sitharaman told mediapersons. "Otherwise my revenue collection would not be where it is, both the GST and direct taxation," she said while replying to a question on whether the economy had come back on track.

She said the half-yearly target had already been



Bigger picture: Rise in GST, direct tax receipts are not small or sporadic indicators, says Sitharaman. ■ NAGARA GOPAL

achieved in direct taxes. "And GST's collections on an average per month is somewhere in the range of ₹1.11 lakh crore and ₹1.12 lakh crore. Probably it can safely be said it will be somewhere in the range of ₹1.15 lakh crore per month," the Finance Minister disclosed.

'Not sporadic'
"These are not small indicators, these are not some sporadic indicators. They clearly show that the economy is on a sustained path of revival," she said.

Gross direct tax receipts 17% higher than 2019-20

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Net direct tax receipts for the current fiscal had crossed ₹5.7 lakh crore by September 22, rising 74% from a year earlier, and 27% over the pre-COVID levels of 2019-20, the finance ministry said on Friday. Gross receipts grew 17%

over the same period of 2019-20. ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar said the 17% rise in gross tax collections, was an "enthusiasm signal of the waning impact" of the pandemic and expected the upturn to sustain in the second half as well, albeit at a slower pace.

The Finance Minister said there was transparency in the listing process of companies and related regulations.

She said "today retail and small investors are taking keen interest in the stock market and investing in it. Earlier, retail investors were

participating through mutual funds".

"Now they are going through mutual funds and also go directly and participate through demat accounts... and all of it is happening in a transparent manner," Ms. Sitharaman added.

CCI fines UBL, Carlsberg for cartelisation in beer

Anti-trust body slaps ₹873-cr. penalties

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Competition Commission on Friday imposed penalties totalling more than ₹873 crore on United Breweries Ltd. (UBL), Carlsberg India, All India Brewers' Association (AIBA) and 11 individuals for cartelisation in the sale and supply of beer.

In its 231-page order, that comes almost four years after ordering a detailed probe, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has also directed the companies, association and individuals to 'cease and desist' from anti-competitive practices in the future. The regulator did not im-



pose any fine on Ab InBev, while lesser penalties have been slapped on others.

The fines on UBL and Carlsberg India are almost ₹752 crore and ₹121 crore, respectively. A fine of more than ₹6.25 lakh has been imposed on AIBA and various individuals have also been fined by the regulator.

Ford India MD to step down by month-end

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Weeks after declaring stoppage of vehicle production in India, U.S. auto major Ford on Friday announced a leadership change in its operations in the country with Anurag Mehrotra, currently president and managing director of Ford India, set to leave the company by the end of the month.

Post announcement of transformation of its business in India, Balasundaram Radhakrishnan, director, manufacturing, has been appointed to the role of transformation officer of the company, a spokesperson of Ford India said.

Anti-dumping duty likely on pharma API from China

'Ceftriaxone Sodium Sterile exported at dumped prices'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

The Commerce Ministry has recommended the imposition of anti-dumping duty on a pharma raw material - Ceftriaxone Sodium Sterile - from China to guard local players from cheap imports.

Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has recommended the duty after concluding in its probe that the API (active pharma ingredient) from China has been exported at dumped prices into India, impacting the domestic industry.

"The authority recommends the imposition of the

The Finance Ministry will take the final decision on imposing the duty

anti-dumping duty on the imports of subject goods," the Directorate has said in a notification.

Ceftriaxone Sodium Sterile is an API used in formulation for treating diseases such as lower respiratory tract infection, skin and surgical prophylaxis.

DGTR had conducted the probe following a complaint from Nectar Life Sciences and Sterile India about the dumping of the chemical.

Sensex scales 60,000 as stocks continue to rally

'Inflation, Fed's taper need watching'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

The S&P BSE Sensex on Friday scaled the 60,000 mark to close at 60,048.47, gaining 163.11 points, or 0.27%, led by bank and IT stocks.

The index has risen about 10,000 points in a few days short of eight months, since closing above 50,000 on February 3. The market had been performing well over the last few quarters owing to 'huge liquidity, upward earnings cycle, economic revival owing to fading COVID-19 effect', said Piyush Garg, CIO, ICICI Securities.

"However, market participants should be wary of rising inflation and resulting removal of liquidity from the system. During 2021, some central banks, namely Russia, Korea, Ukraine have raised rates," he said. "Ris-



ing inflation risk and hence withdrawal of ultra-easy monetary policy by global central banks (mainly the U.S. Federal Reserve) may trigger a sharp rise in bond yields which can cause risk assets to correct sharply," Mr. Garg cautioned. "One can remain invested with a vigilant eye on the move in yields world over which can result in sharp 10-15% correction from the current levels," he added.

RBI issues new norms on bad loan transfers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

The RBI has effected major changes to the norms governing the transfer of bad loans and standard assets by lenders.

On Friday, the central bank issued Master Circulars on 'Transfer of Loan Exposure' and 'Securitisation of Standard Assets' to bring in transparency in the process and improve liquidity besides corporate governance.

It has made it mandatory for lenders to put in place a comprehensive board-approved policy for transfer and acquisition of loan exposures under these guidelines.

Consumer-durable firms eye festive season for sales boost

Third wave, short supply, price rise may play spoilsport

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA NEW DELHI

Consumer durable firms are expecting sales to recover from the pandemic lows with markets fully open and positive sentiment.

While the sector is looking at 20% growth, hurdles such as a potential third wave, short supply and price hike may play spoilsport.

"Consumer sentiment seems positive, post the second wave," Kamal Nandi, president, Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association (CEAMA) told *The Hindu*. "There is pent-up de-



mand which will boost sales during the season." Consumers are encouraged by the rise in the pace of vaccination, he added.

Rohit Mathur, president, electric fans, water heaters and pumps, Usha International, said, "We are optimistic there will be the typi-

cal festive upsurge in demand across categories. The onset of wedding season will also help sales."

Deepak Bansal, VP, corporate planning, LG Electronics India, said, "As far as the demand is concerned, we are optimistic." He, however, cautioned that as raw material cost continued to increase, there is a possibility of a further rise in prices.

"Additionally, the rural economy is doing really well in these last few months and this has made the demand and therefore spends more evenly distributed," Mr. Mathur added.

FinMin notifies RoDTEP duty credit process

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

The finance ministry has notified the procedure to issue duty credit for goods exported under the tax refund scheme Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP).

The rates for 8,555 products were announced under the RoDTEP scheme in August this year.

The value of goods for calculation of duty credit to be allowed under the scheme will be the declared export freight on board value or up to 1.5 times the market price of that item, whichever is less, a notification of the revenue department said.

DoT seeks TRAI views ahead of 5G auction

Spectrum pricing, quantum in focus

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

The Telecom Department has approached TRAI seeking its recommendations on pricing, quantum and other modalities pertaining to radio waves in multiple bands as it prepares the groundwork for holding 5G spectrum auction in the coming months.

The last round of spectrum auction, held in March, had raked in winning bids of more than ₹77,800 crore for 855.6 MHz. When contacted, TRAI Secretary V. Raghunandan confirmed TRAI had received a reference from Department of Telecom



(DoT) on 5G spectrum but declined to divulge details.

The regulator is currently examining the reference made by DoT, he said. The reference is with regard to multiple bands and Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) will seek further information, if needed.

Govt. borrows 58%, despite tax mop-up

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MUMBAI

Despite collecting a whopping 74% more direct taxes so far this fiscal on an annualised basis at ₹5.7 lakh crore, the Centre has borrowed a massive 58% of the budgeted amount during the same period by selling ₹70.2 lakh crore worth debt securities in the market.

At the weekly auction of G-secs on Friday, the Centre mopped up ₹31,000 crore in long-term and short-term debt at an average price of 6.15%.

Total market borrowings so far this fiscal are ₹7.02 lakh crore, which is 8% less than it had mopped up this time last fiscal.

SPORT

SLC ropes in Jayawardene



Jayawardene. ■ FILE PHOTO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO

Mahela Jayawardene has been roped in as the consultant of the Sri Lankan team for the first round of the upcoming T20 World Cup in UAE and Oman.

The decision by Sri Lanka Cricket has been taken keeping in mind Jayawardene's tremendous track record with Mumbai Indians. His tenure with the national side will last for a period of seven days between October 16 and 23.

Ankita upsets Chae-young

Abhishek sees off Bosansky; Jyothi Surekha stays in contention

ARCHERY

SPORTS BUREAU YANKTON (USA)

Three Indian archers - Ankita Bhakat, Abhishek Verma and V. Jyothi Surekha - made it to the individual quarterfinals and stayed in the hunt for a medal at the World Archery championships here on Thursday.

Ankita, ranked 20th, was the lone recurve archer from the country to keep alive her hopes. She got a first-round bye before beating Jindriska Vaneckova of the Czech Republic 7-3, Alexandra Mirca of Moldova 7-1 and fourth-ranked Korean Kang Chae-young - who had eliminated World junior champion Komalika Bari in the previous round - 6-4 to reach the last eight in the women's individual competition.

Komalika exited the competition in the third round,



Abhishek Verma in action in Yankton. ■ TWITTER/WORLDARCHERY

while Ridhi lost in the second.

Among men, Parth Salunkhe and Atul Verma's journey ended in the first and second rounds respectively. Aditya Choudhary lost to Miguel Garcia of Spain 6-0 in the fourth round.

In men's compound, seventh-ranked Abhishek beat Turkey's Furkan Oruc 150-149. Abhishek then defeated Jozef Bosansky of Slovakia 145-142.

Jyothi Surekha stayed in search of her third medal in women's compound.

Archana loses in quarters

WTT

SPORTS BUREAU DOHA

India's Archana Kamath lost 11-9, 11-13, 8-11, 6-11 to second seed Doo Hoi Kem of Hong Kong in the World Table Tennis Star Contender women's singles quarterfinals on Friday.

Archana beat three higher-ranked players on her way to the last eight.

Archana felt happy after having pulled off her best performance in a major international event.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, she said: "This was a good tournament where I got an opportunity to play some good matches and it was definitely a great learning experience. I need to improve and get better. I would love to thank Manav Thakkar for helping me [as coach] in my matches here.

Barca woes mount after Cadiz draw

Ronald Koeman gets a two-match suspension

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE MADRID

Barcelona made it three games without a victory on Thursday as a goalless draw with Cadiz further weakened Ronald Koeman's position as coach.

Frenkie de Jong was sent off in the 65th minute at the Ramon de Carranza stadium but holding on for a draw will earn little credit for Koeman, who was also shown a red card in injury-time.

Koeman was handed a two-match ban by the Spanish soccer federation. He will miss Barcelona's home match against Levante on Sunday as well as the team's visit to defending champion Atletico Madrid next weekend. Barcelona is already seven points behind LaLiga's early leader Real Madrid, albeit having played a game



On target: Victor Osimhen bundles in Napoli's first past a flailing Sampdoria goalkeeper Emil Audero. ■ AFP

fewer, to go with a poor start in the Champions League after last week's 3-0 opening defeat by Bayern Munich.

Victor Osimhen scored twice as Napoli crushed Sampdoria, 4-0, on Thursday to remain perfect in Serie A and return to the top of the table. Meanwhile, Ciro Immobile converted an added-time penalty to give Lazio a 1-1 draw at Torino.

The results: LaLiga: Granada 2 (Sanchez Barahona 9, Milla 70-pen) lost to Real Sociedad 3 (Elustondo 52, 82, Merino 60); Osasuna 1 (Kike 39) lost to Real Betis 3 (Hermoso 21, Juanmi 80, Willian Jose 90+3); Cadiz 0 drew with Barcelona 0.

Serie A: Sampdoria 0 lost to Napoli 4 (Osimhen 10, 50, Fabian 39, Zielinski 59); Torino 1 (Pjaca 76) drew with Lazio 1 (Immobile 91-pen); Roma 1 (Abraham 36) bt Udinese 0.

Bravo, openers deliver as Super Kings regain top spot

Royal Challengers innings fizzles out after Kohli-Padikkal flourish as Dhoni's men concede just 66 runs in the last 10 overs



Change of fortune: Padikkal's 50-ball 70 promised much for RCB before Bravo triggered a slide. Dhoni and Kohli share a light moment after a sandstorm delayed the toss. • SPORTSPICS/IPL



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IPL 2021

SPORTS BUREAU

Brilliant bowling performance led by Dwayne Bravo (3/24) helped Chennai Super Kings restrict Royal Challengers Bangalore to just 156/6 and set up a comfortable six-wicket win here at Sharjah on Friday.

With this win, CSK once again moved to the top of the table with seven wins from nine matches.

Asked to bat first, RCB started strongly in the first ten overs making 90/0 before fizzling out.

A sandstorm delayed the start of the match by 15 minutes before Virat Kohli (53) and Devdutt Padikkal (70) put on 111-run stand for the opening wicket.

Good start
In reply, CSK openers Ruturaj Gaikwad (38) and Faf du Plessis (31) started well with a quick 71-run stand. RCB had

a small chance when the spinners removed the openers in successive overs, but Ambati Rayudu (32) and Moeen Ali's (23) valuable contributions ensured CSK stayed on course.

Earlier, on a day when there was no swing, Deepak Chahar came under pressure as Kohli and Padikkal went after the pacer, picking five boundaries in his first two overs.

Kohli was exquisite with his shotmaking as he used

his powerful wrists to flick deliveries that were on the stumps through midwicket and wide off long-on.

Shot of the day
The shot of the day came in the fifth over when Kohli whipped Shardul Thakur over the long-on fence.

At the other end, Padikkal played some elegant strokes, hitting Josh Hazlewood and Ravindra Jadeja down the ground effortlessly.

However, after the Power-Play, the openers did not take the attack to the CSK bowlers and let the Men in Yellow get in some quiet overs through Jadeja.

Bravo gave the breakthrough removing Kohli as he applied the squeeze with his slower ones and well-executed wide yorkers.

RCB lost momentum as Bravo, Chahar and Thakur chipped in with crucial wickets to bring CSK back into the game.

The Bengaluru side man-

aged only 66/6 in the last ten overs with just six runs coming off the last two and, in the end, did not have enough on the board to give a tougher fight.

Innings scan		
RCB	CSK	
40	36	Dots
11	13	Fours
6	7	Sixes
55/0	59/0	PP
7.80	8.64	RR

SCOREBOARD

ROYAL CHALLENGERS

Virat Kohli c Jadeja b Bravo 53 (41b, 6x4, 1x6), Devdutt Padikkal c Rayudu b Shardul 70 (50b, 5x4, 3x6), AB de Villiers c Raina b Shardul 12 (11b, 1x6), Glenn Maxwell c Jadeja b Bravo 11 (9b, 1x6), Tim David c Raina b Deepak Chahar 1 (3b), Harshal Patel c Raina b Bravo 3 (5b), Wanindu Hasaranga (not out) 1 (7b); Extras (lb-3, w-2); 5; Total (for six wks. in 20 overs): 156.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-111 (Kohli, 13.2 overs), 2-140 (de Villiers, 16.5), 3-140 (Padikkal, 16.6), 4-150 (David, 18.2), 5-154 (Maxwell, 19.2), 6-156 (Harshal, 19.6).

SUPER KINGS BOWLING

Deepak Chahar 4-0-35-1, Hazlewood 4-0-34-0, Shardul 4-0-29-2, Jadeja 4-0-31-0, Bravo 4-0-24-3.

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS

Ruturaj Gaikwad c Kohli b Chahal 38 (26b, 4x4, 1x6), Faf du Plessis c Saini b Maxwell 31 (26b, 2x4, 2x6), Moeen Ali c Kohli b Harshal 23 (18b, 2x6), Ambati Rayudu c de Villiers b Harshal 32 (22b, 3x4, 1x6), Suresh Raina (not out) 17 (10b, 2x4, 1x6), M.S. Dhoni (not out) 11 (9b, 2x4); Extras (lb-1, w-2, nb-2); 5; Total (for four wks. in 18.1 overs): 157.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-71 (Ruturaj, 8.2), 2-71 (du Plessis, 9.1), 3-118 (Moeen, 13.6), 4-133 (Rayudu, 15.4).

RCB BOWLING

Siraj 3-0-23-0, Saini 2-0-25-0, Hasaranga 4-0-40-0, Harshal 3-1-0-25-2, Chahal 4-0-26-1, Maxwell 2-0-17-1.

Toss: CSK; MoM: Bravo.

CSK won by six wickets with 11 balls to spare.

Next assignment

CSK: Sept. 26 vs KKR, Abu Dhabi, 3.30 p.m. IST

RCB: Sept. 26 vs MI, Dubai, 7.30 p.m. IST

Tyagi — killing it at the death!



Kartik Tyagi. • SPORTSPICS/IPL

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Earlier this week in Dubai, Kartik Tyagi bowled one of the great last overs of the IPL.

Punjab Kings needed just four runs to win with eight wickets in hand, but the 20-year-old seamer bowled Rajasthan Royals to a stunning two-run victory.

He said when Mustafizur Rahman began the penultimate over, he didn't think the match would go into the final over. "A left-hander was batting, a left-arm fast bowler was bowling and it was the shorter end," Tyagi said on Friday. "But he gave away only four runs. There was pressure on me, but I was also excited," Tyagi said.

He was not sure if he could defend the total when he began his final over. "But after three balls (off which only one run was conceded), I started to believe that I could do it."

Tyagi was delighted when his feat was acknowledged on Twitter by Jasprit Bumrah. "On the Australian tour, I was nervous, but he came up to me and discussed things, put me at ease," revealed Tyagi.

Points Table

Team	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Chennai Super Kings	9	7	2	14	1.185
Delhi Capitals	9	7	2	14	0.613
Royal Challengers	9	5	4	10	-0.720
Kolkata Knight Riders	9	4	5	8	0.363
Rajasthan Royals	8	4	4	8	-0.154
Mumbai Indians	9	4	5	8	-0.310
Punjab Kings	9	3	6	6	-0.345
Sunrisers Hyderabad	8	1	7	2	-0.689

After the RCB-CSK match on Sept. 24

DC looks to seal playoff spot

Royals eye another win to get back into contention

SPORTS BUREAU

A win away from the playoffs, Delhi Capitals will look to achieve its primary objective at the expense of Rajasthan Royals in Abu Dhabi on Saturday.

Fresh from snatching a dramatic last-over victory from Punjab Kings, even RR has reasons to be hopeful of repeating the dose it handed out to DC in Mumbai in the first phase of the competition. A win will get RR back into the top-four bracket.

DC, the clear favourite, has only complacency to guard against. With an Indian top-order and a pair of South African speedsters ready to fire, DC looks good to start well — whether batting or bowling.

The team can afford to give all-rounder Marcus Stoinis a much-needed rest after he left the field against Sunrisers Hyderabad with a suspected hamstring injury. A trustworthy middle-order and variety in bowling leaves wicketkeeper-captain Rishabh Pant in much better mind space than his counterpart, Sanju Samson.

Dealt a setback by the quartet of withdrawn players — Ben Stokes, Jos



Getting closer: Capitals need just one more victory to make it to the climactic phase. • SPORTSPICS/IPL

Buttler, Jofra Archer and Andrew Tye — RR has to hit the ground running. There is not much time for its fresh imports to settle down.

Sanju's form holds the key for RR. After his 119 on captaincy debut, he has not done much of note this season. How he shows up against DC's quality bowling will be interesting to watch.

The contest in the afternoon is sure to test the preparedness of the players in warmer conditions.

Kings look for a turnaround

Take on Sunrisers who have just one win in eight games

SPORTS BUREAU

Sunrisers Hyderabad, on the brink of elimination, will take on Punjab Kings in Sharjah on Saturday.

Sunrisers have just one win in eight matches, and Kings three wins in nine. They occupy the bottom rung of the table, indicative of the problems the two have endured, particularly with the bat.

While the Punjab side has been guilty of not closing out matches from commanding positions, Hyderabad has been pining for an uptick in batting form.

The Sunrisers batting integrated against Delhi Capitals on Wednesday. David



Let's move on: Rahul and Kumble will be keen to put behind the heart-breaking loss against RR. • SPORTSPICS/IPL

Warner's horror time in the IPL continued as he was dismissed for a three-ball duck, and the absence of Jonny Bairstow has increased the pressure on the likes of Kane Williamson.

Sherfane Rutherford, Bairstow's replacement, has left the IPL bubble to return home after the death of his father. His exit is a big blow. Sunrisers may consider sending Manish Pandey to open. Since IPL 2019, Pandey has been striking at nearly 149 in PowerPlay.

Umran for Natarajan

The bowling has been a problem for Sunrisers. Their pace looks ill-equipped for UAE conditions and spin is

inadequate with the exception of Rashid Khan. They have signed medium-pacer Umran Malik as a short-term COVID-19 replacement for T. Natarajan.

Meanwhile, in the last match against Rajasthan Royals, Kings needed only four off the final over with eight wickets in hand, but fell short.

The Punjab side has relied on K.L. Rahul and Mayank Agarwal for brisk starts. It has got depth in its batting, but must steer clear of a panic-stricken approach.

Punjab left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh will be one to watch out for after a five-wicket haul against Rajasthan.

Hardik being handled with kid gloves

AMOL KARHADKAR

Mumbai Indians bowling coach Shane Bond said Hardik Pandya had been kept out of action in the second leg of the IPL so far keeping in mind his utility value for India in the T20 World Cup.

"We are obviously balancing the needs of our team with Team India's. The one thing that this franchise does really well is look after its players with an eye on not only winning this competition but also on the T20 World Cup that follows," said Bond after MI's loss against KKR on Thursday.

"Hopefully, Hardik will be fit for the next match. He



Hardik. • SPORTSPICS/IPL

trained today and trained pretty well by all counts," he said. "I think we are doing the right thing and, hopefully, we will get him back shortly and he'll have an impact on the back-end of the tournament," said Bond.

India loses last-ball thriller, Mooney helps Australia seal series

Smriti's fluent 86 goes in vain

INDIA IN AUS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MACKAY

India and its premier bowler Jhulan Goswami failed to keep their nerves in a dramatic final over as Beth Mooney's brilliant unbeaten hundred ensured a five-wicket win for Australia in the second women's ODI here on Friday.

Australia took an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match ODI series.

The contest was in India's favour till the 25th over of the Australian innings, but Mooney, with an unbeaten 125, swung the hosts' way in what was the third highest chase of all-time in women's cricket by overhauling the target of 275.

The Indians celebrated when Jhulan's waist high full-toss was hit straight to the midwicket fielder by Carey, but to their horror, it was called a no-ball. With two needed off the last ball, Carey and Mooney scampered home, sparking celebrations in the Australian camp.

Earlier, Smriti Mandhana hit a fluent 86 to guide India to a competitive 274/7.

Smriti hit 11 boundaries to register her 19th half-century after the visitors were sent in to bat. She shared two crucial partnerships — 74 with opening partner Shafali Verma (22) and 76 with Richa Ghosh (44).

India were off to a flying start with the openers Smriti and Shafali racing to 68 in the first 10 overs, their best



Cruel twist: Jhulan had Carey caught off the last delivery of the 50th over, but the no-ball call changed everything. • TWITTER/BCCI WOMEN

in the 10 ODIs they have played this year. However, it was Mooney and Carey who won the day for Australia.

■ Third and final ODI: Sept. 26, 5.35 a.m. IST.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Smriti Mandhana c Mooney b McGrath 86 (94b, 11x4), Shafali Verma b Molineux 22 (23b, 4x4), Mithali Raj run out 8 (23b, 1x4), Yastika Bhatia c Gardner b Brown 3 (14b), Richa Ghosh b McGrath 44 (50b, 3x4, 1x6), Deepti Sharma c Perry b McGrath 23 (34b, 2x4), Pooja Vastrakar b Molineux 29 (37b, 1x4), Jhulan Goswami (not out) 28 (25b, 3x4); Extras (b-5, lb-9, w-17); 31; Total (for seven wks. in 50 overs): 274.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-74 (Shafali, 11.1 overs), 2-88 (Mithali, 16.3), 3-95 (Yastika, 19.4), 4-171 (Smriti, 32.1), 5-199 (Richa, 36.6), 6-221 (Deepti, 42.1), 7-274 (Pooja, 49.6).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING

Perry 5-0-32-0, Brown 10-0-63-1, Gardner 6-0-30-0, Molineux 8-0-28-2, Carey 8-1-26-0, Darlington 4-0-36-0, McGrath 9-0-45-3.

AUSTRALIA

INDIA

Alyssa Healy b Jhulan 0 (3b), Beth Mooney (not out) 125 (133b, 12x4), Meg Lanning c Rajeshwari b Meghna 6 (21b, 1x4), Ellyse Perry run out 2 (7b), Ashleigh Gardner c Yastika b Pooja 12 (24b, 2x4), Tahlia McGrath c Yastika b Deepti 74 (77b, 9x4), Nicola Carey (not out) 39 (38b, 2x4); Extras (b-3, lb-4, w-7, nb-3); 17; Total (for five wks. in 50 overs): 275.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-0 (Healy, 0.3), 2-11 (Lanning, 5.5), 3-34 (Perry, 9.4), 4-52 (Gardner, 15.5), 5-178 (McGrath, 38.3).

INDIA BOWLING

Jhulan 8-0-40-1, Meghna 9-2-38-1, Rajeshwari 10-0-49-0, Pooja 8-0-43-1, Poonam 6-0-38-0, Deepti 9-0-60-1.

Toss: Australia; Player-of-the-Match: Mooney.

Australia won by five wickets off the final delivery and took a 2-0 lead in three-match series.

An incredible innings from Mooney: Smriti

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Smriti Mandhana batted her way back into form on Friday with a 94-ball 86, but the Indian women could not deny Australia a 26th victory on the trot in ODIs.

The Indian opener said she would have loved to bat till the end of the innings. "I could have added 15 or 20 runs more. I was timing the ball well," she said after the second ODI at Mackay.

She praised Australia opener Beth Mooney, whose unbeaten 125 proved the difference in the thrilling match.

"It was an incredible innings," Smriti said. "Chasing 275 for your team (after being 52 for four) and scoring a century is the best knock



Mooney gets a hug from Carey. • CRICKET AUSTRALIA

(possible) for an opener." She said India had a perfect game till the final 20 overs. "We did a great job with the bat and started well with our bowling too; the pacers looked really good. It was perfect a game over for us till the 30th over. Things changed for us in the last 20 overs."

Bedi, a throwback to a utopian past, turns 75

He praised generously, criticised without concealing the hard edge and laughed with abandon



Master of deception: Bedi's deliveries camouflaged the fatality which awaited the batters. • FILE PHOTO: K.N. CHARI

75 NOT OUT

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
CHENNAI

In the slow-art of spin, Bishan Singh Bedi remains a high-priest. Arguably the finest left-arm spinner to grace cricket, Bedi, with B.S. Chandrasekhar, E.A.S. Prasanna and S. Venkatraghavan, constituted a magical quartet of diverse strengths.

It is a reflection of Bedi's larger-than-life stature that though he was one among the four greats, he was seen as a leader of that unit and, at times, deemed the oldest too. In reality it is only on Saturday (Sept. 25) that he will join the '75 Club' in which his former team-mates are already members with Prasanna being the senior-most at 81!

Donned many hats

Bedi donned many hats, as a player, a captain under whom Kapil Dev made his Test debut, or later as a coach. But Bedi wasn't just about cricket. He had a world-view and his friendships cut across nationalities as evident in his enduring



Seasoned pro: As a mentor, Bedi was both tough and fatherly. • FILE PHOTO: V.V. KRISHNAN

bond with former Pakistan captain Mushtaq Mohammed. As a mentor, Bedi was both tough and fatherly in his affections, a facet that wards like Sunil Joshi, Murali Kartik and England's Monty Panesar would vouch for.

The rules of the game were sacred and if they were breached as when England bowler John Lever was perceived guilty of using Vaseline on the ball in 1977, Bedi spoke his mind. Decades later during the 2008 Sydney Test's 'Monkeygate' controversy, he texted Indian skipper Anil Kumble: "As a cap-

tain, take a decision you will be proud of when you look back in history."

His deliveries may have seemed like polite enquiries but they were actually euphemisms that masked the fatal conclusion which awaited the willow-wielder. In life, Bedi, of the 'how-are-you-son?' query, could equally reveal a sharp tongue. He praised generously, criticised without concealing the hard edge, laughed with abandon and his humour was tongue-in-cheek.

Once at Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bedi

asked Prasanna, "How was Calcutta?". Prasanna had briefly relocated to the Bengal capital and while he answered, Bedi cut in: "So *dadagiri*?" There was instinctive laughter at the obvious reference to Kolkata's *Dada* - Sourav Ganguly.

Quest for perfection

Bedi saw in sport both art and a quest for perfection. This obsession made him question Muttiah Muralitharan's bowling action when he said: "He looks like a good javelin thrower." Perceived as anti-establishment, Bedi ruffled feathers when he requested the Delhi District Cricket Association (DDCA) to remove his name from a stand in the Feroz Shah Kotla Ground after its nomenclature evolved into Arun Jaitley Stadium and the late political leader's statue too was installed.

In a universe that has blurred lines between sport, commerce, politics and showbiz, Bedi remains a throwback to a utopian past. And as he clocks 75 while recovering from a health crisis, here is wishing him many more summers.



No sweat for FC Goa

DURAND CUP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Former Indian Super League (ISL) runner-up FC Goa proved too strong for second division side Delhi FC, winning 5-1 in the quarterfinals of the Durand Cup football tournament on Friday.

Devendra Murgaoakar opened the scoring for the Gaurs while Mohammed Nemil and Brandon Fernandez

added two more before the break. Leander D'Cunha and Romario Jesuraj netted once each after resumption to complete the FC Goa's tally.

Delhi failed to match FC Goa's strength and could manage only one reply through Nikhil Mali.

The result (quarterfinals): FC Goa 5 (Devendra Murgaoakar 15, Mohammed Nemil 18, Brandon Fernandes 45+3, Leander D'Cunha 84, Romario Jesuraj 90+2) bt Delhi FC 1 (Nikhil Mali 82).

TV PICKS

IPL 2021: Star Sports 1 & 5S Select 1 (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 5 p.m., 7.30 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Golf: Ryder Cup, day 2, Eurosport (SD & HD), 8.15 p.m.
World Archery Championships: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 8.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)
Australia Women vs India Women: 3rd ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD), 5.35 a.m. (Sunday)

IN BRIEF

Actor Felton collapses at celebrity Ryder Cup

SHEBOYGAN (US)
British actor Tom Felton, known for his portrayal of Draco Malfoy in the "Harry Potter" movies, collapsed while playing a celebrity golf exhibition at the Ryder Cup. Organisers only said that Felton experienced "a medical incident" at Whistling Straits and was taken to a local hospital for treatment. Felton was on the 18th hole when he went down. AP

Roma to challenge Pellegrini red card

ROME
AS Roma will do everything possible to have Lorenzo Pellegrini's red card rescinded before Sunday's Rome derby against Lazio. Jose Mourinho said on Thursday. The Roma captain was shown a second yellow in the dying minutes of the 1-0 Serie A win over Udinese for raising his arm while jumping to compete for a header. REUTERS

New WFI rules for coaches

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has introduced some new regulations for coaches at National-level championships.

As per the WFI circular issued on Thursday, coaches will need to fill in name, date of birth, father's name and Aadhar number in the entry form. The WFI will issue license books, at ₹500 per copy, to all coaches selected by State associations for National championships.

Also the WFI will issue T-shirts to coaches so that authorised coaches may be easily identified.

A meeting with coaches at all National championships will be convened before the referees' clinic. Other than selected coaches, no other coach will be allowed to enter the arena.

The new regulations will be applicable from the National championship, to be held at Nandini Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, from November 19 to 21.

Double delight for Farhat Aleen Qamar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JHAJJAR

Farhat Aleen Qamar fought her way past Anjali Rathí 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 to clinch the title in the ₹One lakh AITA women's ranking tennis tournament at the Joygaon Academy on Friday.

It was a double crown for Farhat Aleen as she combined with Kashish Bhatia to clinch the doubles title.

The results (finals): Farhat Aleen Qamar bt Anjali Rathí 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. **Doubles:** Kashish Bhatia & Farhat bt Anjali Rathí & Renee Singh 6-2 (ret.).

Bhushan's day out

JALANDHAR: Bhushan Akut beat Nishit anand 7-5, 6-3 to win the over-55 title in the ITF seniors' tennis tournament on Friday.

It was a double crown for Bhushan as he won the doubles with Nishit Pandey, beating Ajeet Bhardwaj and

Sanjiv Mehra 6-0, 2-6, 10-4.

The results: Over-35 (final): Narendra Singh Choudhary bt Sachin Patil 6-4, 6-0. **Semifinals:** Narendra Choudhary bt Rewant Datta 7-5, 5-7, 6-1; Sachin Patil bt Arjun Uppal 2-6, 7-6(3), 6-1.

Doubles (final): Vipin Sirpaal & Arjun Uppal bt Narendra Choudhary & Avinash Kunwar 6-2, 1-6, [10-3]. **Over-45 (final):** Himanshu Bhatia bt Dinesh Laungani 6-1, 6-1. **Doubles (final):** Akhil Mathur & Sheetal Sharma bt Himanshu Bhatia & Dinesh Laungani 0-6, 6-4, [12-10].

Over-55 (final): Bhushan Akut bt Nishit Pandey 7-5, 6-3. **Doubles (final):** Bhushan Akut & Nishit Pandey bt Ajeet Bhardwaj & Sanjiv Mehra 6-0, 2-6, [10-4].

Over-65 (final): Murthathi Suresh bt Vinay Gujrathi 6-4, 6-4.

Ranjeet in final

GURUGRAM: Top seed and former National champion V.M. Ranjeet cruised into the

final with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Raghav Jaisinghani in the ₹One lakh AITA men's ranking tennis tournament on Friday.

The results: Semifinals: V.M. Ranjeet bt Raghav Jaisinghani 6-2, 6-1; Chinmay Dev Chauhan bt Neeraj Yashpaul 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles (final): Parikshit Somani & Jagmeet Singh bt Amit Bzad & Mohit Bhardwaj 7-6(11), 7-5.

Niyati enters final

GURUGRAM: Niyati Kukreti beat Sonal Patil 7-5, 7-5 to make the girls' final of the AITA National series junior tennis tournament on Friday.

The results: Boys: Semifinals: Aditya Nandal bt Pragathesh Shivashankar 6-2, 6-3; Parv Nage bt Abhay Chhabra 6-4, 7-5.

Girls: Semifinals: Niyati Kukreti bt Sonal Patil 7-5, 7-5; Lakshmi Gowda bt Radhika Mahajan 6-1, 6-4.

Sania-Shuai duo in semis

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU
CZECH REPUBLIC

Sania Mirza and Shuai Zhang of China beat Anna Danilina and Lidziya Marozava 6-3, 3-6, [10-6] in the doubles quarterfinals of the \$565,530 WTA tennis tournament here on Friday.

Other results: \$52,080 Challenger, Columbus, US: (quarterfinals): Mikael Torpegaard (Den) bt Praj-

nesh Gunneswaran 6-1, 6-4.

€44,820 Challenger, Biel, Switzerland:

Quarterfinals: Liam Broady (GBR) bt Ramkumar Ramanathan 7-6(2), 6-2. **\$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia:** Quarterfinals: Clara Vlasselaer (Bel) bt Zeel Desai 7-6(3), 6-4.

\$15,000 ITF women, Cairo, Egypt: Doubles (quarterfinals): Jasmijn Gimbrere & Demi Tran (Ned) bt Yasmin Ezzat (Egy) & Ashmitha Easwarimuthi 7-6(2), 7-6(2).

Tanwar wins mixed bronze in seniors Worlds



Well done: Jagdish Tanwar and Michelle Paroubek, winners of the over-45 mixed doubles bronze. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPORTS BUREAU
UMAG (CROATIA)

India's Jagdish Tanwar and Michelle Paroubek of Switzerland won the over-45 mixed doubles bronze in the World seniors tennis championships here.

It was the second medal in the Worlds for Tanwar. He had claimed the mixed doubles silver in the last edition in the USA.

Tanwar and Michelle lost 3-6, 7-6(5), 10-5 in the semi-

nals to second seeds Stefanie Kolar and Toby Mitchell of Germany.

The results: Over-45 mixed doubles (semifinals): Stefanie Kolar & Toby Mitchell (Ger) bt Michelle Paroubek (Sui) & Jagdish Tanwar 3-6, 7-6(5), [10-5]. **Quarterfinals:** Paroubek & Tanwar bt Sonja Vogt Sven Schultz (Ger) 6-0, 6-3.

Pre-quarterfinals: Paroubek & Tanwar bt Alina Agafonova (Rus) & Ryan Pang (USA) 6-2, 6-4.

Prolific Kushagra and Prachi voted the best

SWIMMING

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Kushagra Rawat and Prachi Tokas of Jugla Singh Tairak Sangh emerged the best swimmers in the men's and women's sections respectively in the 56th Delhi State swimming championship at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee swimming pool here on Friday.

Kushagra added the 400m freestyle gold to the gold medals he had won in the 200, 800 and 1500 events. Prachi Tokas added the 50m and 400m freestyle gold to the 100, 200, 800 and 1500 events she had won.

The results: Men: 50m freestyle: 1. Vishal Grewal 23.68s, 2. Samit Sejal 24.04, 3. Sameer

Sejal 24.75; **400m freestyle:** 1. Kushagra Rawat 3:59.90, 2. Vishal Grewal 4:06.33, 3. Sanskar Tokas 4:24.70.

200m backstroke: 1. Siddhant Sejal 2:09.79, 2. Tanmay Das 2:13.92, 3. Bhavya Singh 2:44.73; **50m breaststroke:** 1. Aditya Dubey 31.95, 2. Ritish Malik 32.25, 3. Kartik Sharma 34.29; **200m butterfly:** 1. Vinayak Parihar 2:11.46, 2. Sanskar Tokas 2:17.00, 3. Parth Lakhina 2:35.24.

Individual championship: Kushagra Rawat (32 points).

Boys: Group-1: 50m freestyle: 1. Madhur Aggarwal 24.57, 2. Rakshit Chitkara 25.90, 3. Mayank Solanki 26.53; **400m freestyle:** 1. Tejasvi Arora 4:36.64, 2. Aditya Kumar 4:38.95, 3. Neerav Kumar 4:39.23; **200m backstroke:** 1. Madhur Aggarwal 2:20.05, 2. Ishaan Rathi 2:31.31, 3. Aditya Kumar 2:33.49.

50m breaststroke: 1. Abhinav Gogoi 34.34, 2. Utkarsh Sarkar 34.73, 3. Gaurav Chauhan 34.88.

200m butterfly: 1. Pratham Sharma 2:11.57, 2. Divyansh Arora 2:22.90, 3. Lakshay Vashisht 2:30.00; **Individual championship:** Madhur Aggarwal (35 points).

Group-2: 50m freestyle: 1. Bhhagya Gahlaut 26.880, 2. Prateek Singh 27.36, 3. Mihir Ramchandani 28.14; **400m freestyle:** 1. Yuvraj Singh 4:56.80, 2. Ravit Kharb 5:22.11, 3. Prakhay Mohan 5:24.84; **200m backstroke:** 1. Pranav Singh 2:37.05, 2. Ravit Kharb 2:48.18, 3. Rehaan Sejal 2:57.07; **50m breaststroke:** 1. Bhhagya Gahlaut 33.69, 2. Akshat Kumar 35.99, 3. Aryan Joon 38.58; **200m butterfly:** 1. Robin Sen 2:57.31, 2. Prakhay Mohan 3:09.78, 3. Lakshay Badhwan 3:33.72; **Individual**

championship: Robin Sen and Dhruv Sejal (33 points).

Women: 50m freestyle: 1. Prachi Tokas 29.79, 2. Pallavi Sejal 30.05, 3. Rinki Bordoloi 30.06; **400m freestyle:** 1. Prachi Tokas 4:37.25, 2. Surbhi Sharma 5:36.47, 3. Gungun 7:30.26; **200m backstroke:** 1. Yashwani Suhag 2:45.54, 2. Deepali Malhotra 3:24.57, 3. Surbhi Sharma 6:41.36; **50m breaststroke:** 1. Vaishali Grewal 38.86, 2. Simran Badhwar 41.13, 3. Mehak Hasija 42.49; **200m butterfly:** 1. Rinki Bordoloi 3:06.55; **Individual championship:** Prachi Tokas (35 points).

Girls: Group-1: 50m freestyle: 1. Muskan Kaur 29.55, 2. Saanvi Sood29.77, 3. Ananya Bisht 29.98; **400m freestyle:** 1. Bhavya Sachdeva 4:48.03, 2. Simran 5:56.89, 3. Vanshika Chowdhary 6:44.13; **200m backstroke:** 1. Saanvi Sood 2:38.04, 2. Utsav 2:43.00; **50m**

breaststroke: 1. Saisha Sehrawat 39.82, 2. Koushiki Singh 40.83, 3. Prajna Jadhav 43.27; **200m butterfly:** 1. Hema 2:39.93, 2. Nandini Sharma 3:21.30, 3. Vanshika Chowdhary 4:23.30.

Individual championship: Bhavya Sachdeva (35 points).

Group-2: 50m freestyle: 1. Titiksha Rawat 31.52, 2. Suhani Sharma 31.64, 3. Harshita Lakhina 33.01; **400m freestyle:** 1. Ananya Rawat 4:58.62, 2. Sanya Zutshi 5:25.07, 3. Nitika Saini 5:25.18; **200m backstroke:** 1. Ananya Chauhan 2:54.84, 2. Manya Bisht 2:57.68, 3. Sanya Zutshi 3:07.31; **50m breaststroke:** 1. Suhani Sharma 38.13, 2. Amandhaa Singhpho 46.18, 3. Unnati Garg 47.10; **200m butterfly:** 1. Nitika Saini 3:05.23, 2. Yajusha Dahiya 3:21.40, 3. Ebha Dudi 3:46.70.

Individual championship: Ananya Rawat (35 points).

Bottas bests teammate Hamilton in practice

Verstappen to start at the back after taking new engine

RUSSIAN GP

REUTERS
SOCHI

Valtteri Bottas led teammate Lewis Hamilton at the top of the time-sheets as Mercedes dominated the opening day of Formula One practice for the Russian Grand Prix, with Red Bull's Max Verstappen set to start Sunday's race from the back of the grid.

Bottas, who led Hamilton in both of Friday's sessions, ended the day with a fastest time of one minute 33.593 seconds, with the Briton just 0.044 seconds behind.

Inviting a penalty

Hamilton's hopes of finally clinching a landmark 100th



Man with a mission: Bottas, searching for a maiden win this season, made his intentions clear on Friday. • GETTY IMAGES

win and possibly retaking the championship lead received a boost, with Red Bull opting to fit title rival and championship leader Verstappen's car with a fresh engine that triggered penalties. The Dutchman, who leads

Hamilton by five points in the overall standings and was already carrying a three-place grid penalty for a crash that took both drivers out of the last race in Monza, was third and sixth quickest, respectively, in Friday's two

sessions.

Bottas, a Sochi specialist who took his maiden Formula One victory at the track in 2017, is targeting his first win of the season. But the 32-year-old, who is joining Alfa Romeo next season and has not won since last year's race in Russia, said he would be prepared to "take one for the team" and let Hamilton win if the situation arose.

Mercedes, 18 points clear of Red Bull in the constructors' championship, has won all seven races held in Sochi since the 2014 Winter Olympic venue first hosted a grand prix that year.

Pierre Gasly was third quickest ended Friday's running third quickest for Al-

phaTauri, but he lost his front wing after going over the kerbs in the closing seconds of the session.

Lando Norris, who completed a one-two for McLaren behind race winner Daniel Ricciardo at the last race in Italy, was fourth quickest ahead of Alpine's Esteban Ocon.

Carlos Sainz was seventh for Ferrari.

Giovinazzi crashes

Antonio Giovinazzi crashed his Alfa Romeo heavily at the Turn 9 complex, forcing a nine-minute halt to the session. Hamilton also ran into one of his pitcrew after overshooting his marks while stopping.