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RBI'S CUSTOMER-CENTRIC SCHEMES

RBI initiatives will expand scope of investment in country: PM Modi

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched two customer-centric schemes with a view to strengthen financial inclusion by ensuring participation of small retail investors in the government securities market as well as to improve grievance redressal mechanism. The launch of these two schemes -- Reserve Bank's Retail Direct Scheme and Integrated Ombudsman Scheme -- will expand investment opportunities in the country and ensure easier access to capital markets with simple and secure mechanism, he said while launching schemes through video conferencing.

At the same time, he said, Retail Direct Scheme will also help in garnering funds for development works. Retail direct scheme has given small investors in the country a simple and safe medium of investment in government securities. Similarly, One Nation, One Ombudsman System has taken shape in the banking sector with the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme today, he said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses at the launch of the RBI Retail Direct Scheme and Reserve Bank-Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, through video conferencing, in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

> "Retail direct scheme has given small investors in the country a simple and safe medium of investment in government securities. Similarly, One Nation, One Ombudsman System has taken shape in the banking sector with the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme today," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said

The Integrated Ombudsman Scheme seeks to merge other ombudsman schemes making it a One Nation, One Ombudsman System for the entire financial sector. Observing that one of the biggest touchstones of any democracy is the strength of its grievance redressal system, he said, the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme will go a long way in that direction.

"Similarly, the Retail Direct Scheme will give strength to the inclusion of everyone in the economy as it will bring in the middle class, employees, small businessmen and senior citizens with their small savings directly and securely in government securities. As government securities have the provision of guaranteed settlement, this gives assurance of safety to the small investor," he said.

Stressing that a strong banking system is essential for an economy, Modi said the government has taken several measures to strengthen the financial health of the public sector banks. PTI

Army agrees to grant permanent commission to eligible women officers

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

After warning from the Supreme Court, the Army on Friday agreed to grant permanent commission (PC) to 11 women officers within 10 days, in accordance with its judgment, and also those women officers, who haven't moved before the top court but meet the criteria. A bench comprising Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and A.S. Bopanna, noted in the order, "The 11 women officers will be granted PC within a period of 10 days. The ASG (additional solicitor general) states that officers, who are not before the Supreme Court in contempt proceedings, but meet the criteria will be granted PC within the period of three weeks."

Earlier during the day, the bench had told the Army that it will hold it guilty of contempt for not granting PC to women officers, in accordance with its order.



The Army's counsel had said the decision regarding the remaining women officers will be taken speedily and sought some time to take instructions in the matter.

As the bench started dictating the order in the matter, the counsel representing the Army told the court that it was ready to grant PC to 11 officers who had moved the top court.

The bench noted that the Army may be supreme in its authority, but the constitutional court is also supreme. The bench said, "We have given you a long rope.... The remarks we had made in the judgement allowing you to file an affidavit on the consideration taken was to ensure that you say what you are doing."

In the post lunch hearing, the bench noted that it has been clarified that those officers, who do not have disciplinary and vigilance proceedings, will also be eligible for grant of PC in accordance with its judgment. It further added that two Lt. Colonel Akansha Shrivastava and Himalini Pant would also be duly considered for PC, as per the criteria laid down, within one month.

ASG Sanjay Jain and senior advocate colonel R. Balasubramanian, appeared for the Centre and Ministry of Defence in the matter. They submitted before the top court that the Army is also keen for this matter to achieve finality. The bench noted that out of 72 officers, one had applied for premature release, 39 have been granted PC and a letter has been issued on October 29, 2021 in compliance with its verdict.

A total of 36 officers were not considered for PC. After a review, 21 out of the 36 officers were granted PC and the case of one is under consideration. And, out of the remaining 14 officers, three are considered medically unfit. In March this year, the top court, in a judgment, had invalidated certain terms in the evaluation criteria adopted by the Indian Army for grant of PC to women officers as "arbitrary and irrational". The top court had held that the evaluation criteria perpetuated gender stereotypes based on patriarchal notions and amounted to "systemic discrimination". IANS

Covaxin 77.8 pc effective against COVID-19: Lancet

NEW DELHI/HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 12

Two doses of Covaxin, India's indigenous COVID-19 vaccine, offer 77.8 per cent protection against symptomatic disease and present no serious safety concerns, according to an interim analysis of its phase 3 trial published in The Lancet on Friday. Covaxin, an inactivated whole virus vaccine developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, recently received emergency use approval from the World Health Organization (WHO) for people aged 18 and above.

The phase 3 trial findings indicate that Covaxin induces a robust antibody response with no severe vaccine-related adverse events or deaths reported among the trial participants, the authors of the study said. The majority of the adverse events, including headache, fatigue, fever, and pain at the injection site, were mild and occurred within seven days of vaccination, they explained.

The vaccine is administered in a two-dose regimen, 28 days apart, and can be stored and transported between 2-8 degrees Celsius.The trial took place from November 16 to May 17 this year, with participants aged 18 and older randomly assigned to receive two doses of the vaccine or a placebo.



The researchers recorded 24 positive cases among 8,471 people in the vaccine group and 106 positive cases among 8,502 people in the placebo group, suggesting an overall vaccine efficacy of 77.8 per cent , the authors said. They also noted that the data is preliminary and more research with larger sample size is needed to determine efficacy against severe disease and hospitalisation.

Participants considered to be at risk of acquiring COVID-19 were prioritised with 2,750 participants above 60 years of age and 5,724 participants who reported at least one pre-existing medical condition, such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or obesity, across ages.

This study was conducted with participants from diverse geographic locations across 25 hospitals in India. PTI

No nation can be built without rule of law: NSA Doval

HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 12

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Friday said that no nation can be built where rule of law has failed, where people cannot feel safe and secure and where law enforcers are weak, corrupt and partisan. Addressing the trainee officers of Indian Police Service (IPS) at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) here, he said they have a vital role to play in nation building through enforcement of laws. "Quintessence of democracy does not lie in the ballot box. It lies in the laws made by people who are elected through those ballot boxes. You are the enforcers of laws. Laws are not as good as they are made. Laws are as good as they are executed and implemented and the service that people are able to get out of it," he said after reviewing the colourful Dikshant Parade.

He told the IPS probationers that if they fail to enforce laws in letter and spirit in which they were made they are as good or as bad as they were made. A total of 132 officer trainees of 73rd batch of IPS and 17 officers of Bhutan, Maldives and Nepal passed out of the academy after 46 weeks of phase-1 training.



Darpan Ahluwalia, a Punjab cadre woman IPS probationer led the passing out parade. Hailing from Mohali and an MBBS degree holder from the Government Medical College, Patiala, she is the sixth woman to lead the parade at the academy in more than seven decades. Academy Director Atul Karwal said Darpan Ahluwalia is also the overall topper of the basic course phase-1 training that include indoor and outdoor courses.

Doval advised the trainee officers to develop a national perspective to really contribute their mite. "Do not forget that you are for India and India is for you. Interest of India should be supreme," he said. The NSA said that service of people was the greatest service not only from the point of view of nation building but also from the point of view of national security. "Wars ceased to have become effective instruments for achieving their political and military objectives.

They are too expensive and unaffordable and at the same time there is uncertainty about their outcome. It is civil society that can be subverted, can be divided and manipulated to hurt the interests of a nation." He also emphasised the need to maintain internal security. "If internal security fails, no country can be great and if people are not safe and secure and can't rise to their potential, no country can grow," he said. IANS

Retail inflation reverses 4-month down trend, rises to 4.48 pc in Oct

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

Retail inflation after remaining on downtrend for four months moved a tad up in October to 4.48 per cent due to an uptick in food prices and higher cost of motor fuel. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation was 4.35 per cent in September and 7.61 per cent in October 2020. The annual inflation had declined to 6.26 per cent in June from 6.3 per cent in May. Later it further eased to 5.59 per cent in July, 5.3 per cent in August and 4.35 per cent in September. According to the data by the National Statistical Office (NSO), 'oils and fats' prices zoomed 33.5 per cent while inflation in the fuel and light category rose to 13.63 per cent in October 2021.

Inflation in food basket was 0.85 per cent in October, marginally up from 0.67 per cent in September. PTI

Pilot meets Sonia Gandhi amid Cabinet reshuffle buzz in Rajasthan

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

Amid speculation over cabinet reshuffle and political appointments in Rajasthan, former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot met Congress chief Sonia Gandhi here on Friday and expressed confidence that a decision on it will be taken "very soon" keeping in mind factors such as credibility, performance, regional balance and caste combination. His nearly hour-long meeting came a day after Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot met Gandhi here and the two leaders are learnt to have discussed the political situation as well as the impending cabinet reshuffle in the state.



Speaking with reporters after meeting Gandhi at her 10 Janpath residence, Pilot said, "Whatever the Congress party wants me to do, I am more than happy to do. In the last 20 years, whatever job has been assigned, I have done it diligently and now also whatever the party decides, what role I should have...I am happy to do it."

"Extensive discussions took place about Rajasthan, about the government, party organisation, and I put forward my points about the political situation in the state. I am happy that the Congress president is constantly taking interest in Rajasthan and is taking feedback about the work of the government and on the organisation," Pilot said. PTI

No more custodial interrogation of Dera chief

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, November 12

In an interesting development in the Baba Ram Rahim case, no reply regarding the status of interrogation was submitted in the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Friday as per the last order dated 28-10-21 nor any oral prayer for interrogation was sought by the state counsel engaged by the state of Punjab and compromised order was passed for an adjournment to 17-12-21 in routine.

This is seen as a breather for the Dera Sacha Sauda chief, suggesting no urgency in the case which was been hanging fire for a year after nominating Baba as accused on 6-7-20. Thus there may be no progress in investigating the case further for more than a month



It may be recalled that the former Advocate General A.P.S. Deol had earlier appeared in this case and got an order justifying his nomination as accused and a further requirement to be interrogated in Rohtak jail at first instance.

A one-line order passed by the Hon'ble Court on Friday read: "Learned State counsel prays for time to file response. Adjourned to 17.12.2021".

Cong ideology alive, vibrant but overshadowed by BJP: Rahul

- Congress has 'pathological hatred' for Hinduism: BJP

WARDHA, NOVEMBER 12

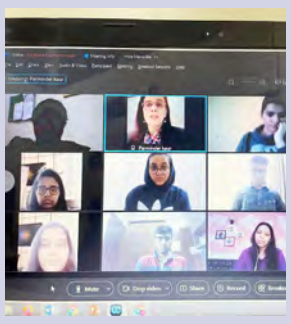
Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said his party's ideology is like a "beautiful jewel" with an unending power inside it, but has been overshadowed by the BJP, and maintained Hinduism and Hindutva are different concepts. If crystalized, the Congress ideology which is alive and vibrant will envelope that of the BJP-RSS, he said and emphasised on strengthening his party's ideas within the organisation and spreading them across the country. Gandhi was addressing online a four-day 'AICC orientation programme' organised at Sevagram Ashram in Wardha. Congress representatives from across the states are participating in the programme.



His remarks came amid a controversy over Congress leader Salman Khurshid's book on Ayodhya - specifically two lines comparing "Hindutva" with radical Islamist terror groups. Gandhi said, "We have to accept that there are two ideologies in India - the Congress ideology and the RSS ideology. We have to accept the BJP-RSS has spread hatred in today's India." PTI

Webinar organised to create awareness about PAN India Awareness and Outreach Programme

BALINDER SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Patiala, November 12



As per the directions of NALSA, PAN India awareness and outreach programme is being celebrated from 2nd October, 2021 to 14th November, 2021 as a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and Legal Services week from 8th November to 14th November, 2021 as a part of this campaign.

Further there were directions to hold awareness programmes with the students of the university. So under the able guidance of Justice Ajay Tewari, Executive Chairman, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar-cum-Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court Chandigarh and under the supervision of Rajinder Ag-garwal, Ld. District & Sessions Judge-cum- Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Patiala, a webi-nar was organised with Law students of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala by Parminder Kaur, CJM/Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Patiala. During this session, they were made aware about PAN India Awareness and Outreach Programme and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

They were also made aware about the categories of persons who are entitled for Free legal Services under section 12 of Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 i.e. a member of SC/ST, a victim of trafficking in human beings or beggar, a woman, a child, a victim of a mass disaster, industrial workman, a person in custody, person suffering from mental or physical disability and persons whose annual income is not more than three lacs. Besides they were made aware about the mode of legal services and how can legal services be availed.

They were also made aware about NALSA(Legal Services to the victims of Ac-id Attack) Scheme, Permanent Lok Adalat(PUS), advantages of mediation, benefits of lok adalats and upcoming National Lok Adalat to be held on 11.12.2021.

On this occasion, Dr Abhinandan Bassi, Dr Ivneet Walia, Dr Sangita Taank and Dr Renuka Soni were also present. Total 143 students attended this webinar.

LPU organises 'free legal assistance camp'

ASHOK KAURA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Kapurthala, November 12



The School of Law at Lovely Professional University (LPU) organised an important legal conduction 'free legal assistance camp' at its Uni-Auditorium, under National Legal Services Authority's (NALSA's) PAN India legal awareness and outreach programme. Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (Kapurthala), Mahesh Kumar Sharma chaired the session.

On this occasion, practical knowledge about legal rights and remedies were imparted to the hundreds of participating villagers residing around the campus, students and staff-members. They were made aware of the various machineries of the justice delivery system available for redress of their grievances.

While addressing all attendees, Mahesh Kumar Sharma took the examples of the area and elaborated about human rights in detail. He emphasized: "Utmost need is to be alert and awakened about our rights". He also shared that this conduction is to sensitize common people about their rights as provided under the various laws including the Indian Penal Code.

It will make them aware of the procedure of approaching and utilizing various channels available for the redress of their grievances such as the police, the executive and the judiciary. He added that it has become essen-tial for all to be aware of the rights bestowed upon them by the Constitution and the procedure to remedy the situation or seek justice if they are infringed upon in any way.

4,694 beneficiaries to get 5 Marla plots in Jalandhar as district-level committee accepts applications in 559 villages

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Jalandhar, November 12

As many as 4,694 beneficiaries have been identified for the allotment of 5-5 marla plots across 559 villages in Jalandhar district as the district level committee has accepted their applications thereby paving way for the allotment of land to them, said Deputy Commissioner Ghanshyam Thori.

The DC further added that the administration has identified government lands in 559 villages that would be allotted to all these eligible beneficiaries. He also said that the administration has further intensified its efforts to provide the benefit of this scheme to needy and homeless people. He added that the verification process was already completed by the authorities concerned on a fast track mode.



Terming this scheme a path-breaking initiative of the state government, Thori said that the administration was duty-bound to facilitate beneficiaries under this scheme as all-out efforts were being made by the officials to complete the allotment process within the stipulated time frame.

He added that it was a humble gesture initiated by the state government to provide shelter to homeless people by allotting 5-5 marla plots to their names. The DC said that the state government had fixed the targets for each district to identify beneficiaries under this scheme adding that land availability was also ensured in the 559 villages where these plots are to be allotted to beneficiaries.

He further directed the SDMs to accelerate the allotment procedure in their respective jurisdiction and submit a regular progress report to him. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Rajat Oberoi said that all eligible beneficiaries will be given the ownership rights as per the government directions at the earliest.

Int'l Conference' on Food Science-Nutrition organised

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, November 12

Dr. Rajiv Arora, Associate Professor, Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University, Ferozepur represented India at Int'l Conference on Food Science-Nutrition held at the amazing city of Imperial Palaces in Vi-enna, Austria on November 12 and 13, sponsored by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi.

Professors, Deans, Educational researchers, Industrialists, Nutritionists, Dieticians, Doctors, Young Sci-entists, Students, Delegates, Health experts and fitness trainer also experts from research labs from more than 25 countries took part in day Food Science & Nutrition convention. Dr. Rajiv Arora has already 30 research papers to his credit and is the recipient of numerous national awards. His innovation 'Low-Cost Nutrients from 'Rice Bran', has been placed, among the top 10 innovations of 2017 by 'Millennium Alliance'.



A stupendous keynote talk on "Highly nutritious products from low-cost Rice Bran" was presented by Dr. Rajiv Arora, during the inaugural session of the conference on November 12. He has already filed the patent for the technology developed for producing low-cost nutrition powder from rice bran.

Dr.Rajiv Arora said Nutrients worth Rs.35,000 crore can be produced per year using the waste rice bran In India. He was facilitated by Dr.Elvy Suhana Mohd Ramli from University Keebangsaan Malaysia. Dr.Buta Singh, Vice-Chancellor, SBS State University congratulated Dr.Rajiv Arora for his achievements.

KMSC condemns attack on farmers in Ferozepur

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, November 12

The Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee condemned the attack on farmers in Ferozpur here on Thursday. The meetings of the Ajnala, Gaggomahal and Guru Ka Bagh zones were held under the chairmanship of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, Punjab. Addressing today's meeting, state general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher and state office secretary Gurbachan Singh Chabba said convoys of thousands of farmers and labourers would march towards the Delhi morcha on November 24.

He said the committee not only condemned the attack on farmers but also demanded action against the culprits. Farmer leader Gurlal Singh Mann, Kanwardlip Sadolehal said that BJP has lost the trust of people all over the country.

GNA University inaugurates Community Radio

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, November 12

GNA University proudly inaugurates the GNA Community Ra-dio- GNA Radio 90.0 'Duniya Badal Denge' un-der the benign presence of the chief guest Pargat Singh, Cabinet Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs, NRI Affairs and Higher School Education Punjab, Indian Hockey Captain.

GNA Radio 90.0 'Duniya Badal Denge' will be a non-commercial radio set up purely beneficial to the local residents within 20 km radius. The people of the nearby vicinity can listen to the GNA Radio 90.0 'Duniya Badal Denge'at a frequency of 90.0 fm on the University webpage.

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The objective behind the GNA Community Radio is to impart the necessary life skills, the apt education & hands on training making the targeted audience self-reliant & self- sufficient.

The Community Radio will focus on Naturopathy, Ayurveda, career counselling sessions for grade 12th passed outs, personality de-velopment sessions, ample of motivational lectures, unleashing of hobbies, thus making these all the at-tached self-sufficient for a happier life ahead. Dr Disha Khanna, Dean Faculty of Liberal Arts, the Master of the Ceremony, in her Welcome Address ap-prised the august gathering about the motive of launching this Community Radio in the Sprawling campus of the University amongst the gathered audience.

Bhargo Camp SHO held for taking bribe

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Jalandhar, November 12

The Jalandhar unit of Vigilance Bureau today arrested Inspector Gurdev Singh, SHO, Police Station, Bhargo Camp, red-handed for seeking a bribe of Rs10,000 from a person seeking verification required to run a travel agency. Complainant Daljinder Singh is a resident of New Model House locality here. Having retired as a technician from the Indian Army, he wanted to start a travel agency for which police verification from the concerned police station was required.

As per the reports, the cops initially denied his request and negative report was sent by Inquiry Officer-cum-SI Balbir Kumar to the SHO, who further sent it to the licensing branch of Commissionerate, Jalandhar. After a long delay in matter, the complainant enquired himself and came to know that his application had been denied. The complainant again requested the SHO to reconsider his application, being a genuine case. The SHO demanded bribe money of Rs10,000 for favourable fresh report, said SSP (Vigilance) Diljinder Singh Dhillon.

Ranking for 13 GNDU scientists

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, November 12

There are around 13 scientists from Guru Nanak Dev University who are included in the prestigious ranking of the most productive scientists in science in the world till date. The top two per cent list contains overall and subject wise ranking. The list includes nearly around 1,90,000 scientists throughout the world.

Among the scientists from Guru Nanak Dev University name of Dr Narpinder Singh, Department of Food Science and Technology is at the top in the list with a world rank of 6,373. Dr Amritpal Kaur and Dr Maninder Kaur from Department of Food Science and Technology of the university are placed 25 and 44 positions, respectively. Dr Vandana Bhalla, Department of Chemistry and Dr Amritpal Kaur, Department of Food Science and Technology have overall world ranking at 78,810 and 80,757, respectively. Other scientist in the list are Dr Jatinder Kumar (1,20,479), Dr Maninder Kaur, Department of Food Science and Technology (1,23,644), Dr Renu Bhardwaj, Department of Botanical and Environment Sciences (1,23,769), Dr Manoj Kumar, Department of Chemistry (1,27,989).

World Pneumonia Day celebrated

DALJEET AJNOHA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, November 12



World Pneumonia Day was celebrated on Friday, under the leadership of Civil Surgeon Dr Parminder Kaur at Civil Surgeon Office Hoshiarpur. Giving information in this regard, Civil Surgeon Dr Parminder Kaur said that pneumonia is a serious respiratory disease that affects the lungs. Pneumonia is caused by many infec-tious microbes, including viruses, bacteria. The main symptoms of pneumonia are chest pain when breath-ing or coughing, discharge of green or yellow mucus, fatigue, fever, sweating, shortness of breath, etc. Medical expert Dr Sarabjit Singh said that the guidelines issued by the health department should be followed to prevent pneumonia, mainly smoking should not be used as it increases the risk of pneumonia in a person with cold and flu. Patients suffering from cold and flu should be kept away from because the germs of pneumonia infect others by inhalation.

We should keep our surroundings and hands clean. Children's expert Dr Rajwant said that pneumonia affects children a lot, so to protect the child from this disease, new born babies should be fed breast milk within an hour of birth and only breast milk for 06 months. Also clean drinking water and hands should be kept clean. Completely vaccinate children, cover the child's body with warm/wool clothes in changing weather to protect against cold, do not allow children to walk barefoot on the ground at home.

Nurmahal murder accused still at large even after three months

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Nurmahal, November 12

More than three months after the crime the Nurmahal police have failed to arrest the accused murdering a local resident.

Rohit(22) son of Ram Lubhaya a resident of Mohalla Khatikan was shot dead on August 10 morning by Jaswindar Singh Bunty son of Mohindar Singh a resident of Lohar village under Jamsher sadar police station. The police had registered a case under Section 302(murder) of the Indian Penal Code against Jaswindar Singh Bunty.

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The Station house officer G.S.Nagra said that raids are being conducted to nab absconding accused.

Free eye check-up organised

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Barnala, November 12



Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan situated at Barnala organised an eye check-up camp with the prime aim of making Punjab cataract- free.

Sanyojak Barnala branch Jeevan Goyal said on this occasion that a blood donation camp was also organ-ised at the Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan a few days ago where SMO Jasveer Aulakh had approached Sant Nirankari Mission to organise this eye check- up camp with the primary aim of making Punjab cataract- free.

Along with this, a free vaccination drive to work towards eradicating the corona virus was also organised. In this drive, 130 residents received first and second vaccination doses. Goyal humbly stated that these services for the welfare of the humanity have been made possible under the aegis of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Maharaj. He added that every time the government runs a campaign for the welfare of humanity, Sant Nirankari Mission contributes wholeheartedly to it.

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Action against police officials if drugs found selling in their jurisdiction: Randhawa

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Bathinda, November 12



Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on Friday, appreciated the Punjab Police citing that the force has been doing great job in preventing crime and breaking drug supply besides ensuring security of people in the state.

Randhawa, who also holds charge of Home Department, was chairing a crime review meeting at Lake View here. He was accompanied by his Special Principal Secretary Varun Roojam and Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Iqbal Preet Singh Sahota.

Deputy Chief Minister Randhawa, while interacting with media, said that the Union government is en-croaching on the rights of the Punjab Government by expanding the border area in the state and they won't let it happen.

Replying to another question, he said that no one would be spared in cases of sacrilege to Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

On Aam Aadmi Party, Randhawa said that AAP had no base in the state as three of it's MLAs belonging to Bathinda Parliament including Rupinder Kaur Ruby, Nazar Singh Manshahia and Jagdev Kamalu have joined the Congress party and more leaders are expected to join the Congress party.

He said that the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi has been taking his-toric decisions for the state and every section of society is happy with the revolutionary decisions. "Congress Government is in fact the government of the common man," he added.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister Randhawa held a special meeting with IGs, DIGs and District Police Chiefs of Bathinda, Ferozepur and Faridkot Police Ranges to review the crime situation. He also reviewed the work being done on crime and drug prevention in these ranges.

Randhawa strongly instructed the officers that if any drug smuggler was caught selling or selling drugs in their jurisdiction, strict action would be taken against the concerned police personnel. He also directed the authorities not to use any laxity in ensuring the safety of the people and curbing crime.

Randeep Nabha demands to expedite the supply of allocated DAP

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, November 13



Acceding the demand of the Punjab Agriculture Minister, the Union Government has assured to expedite the supply of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and other fertilizers to Punjab and the rakes of DAP will be moved on priority for the state in coming days.

Earlier Punjab Agriculture Minister Randeep Singh Nabha had requested to speed up the supply of DAP and informed that the state has the total due allocation of 5.50 Lakh Metric Tonne (LMT) DAP for Rabi 2021-22 but we were received only 1.51 LMT of DAP. Divulging more, the Minister said that the State had demanded 2.75 LMT of DAP during October-2021, out of which only 1.97 LMT was allocated by the Government of India, for the month of October but we received 1.51 LMT.

Thereby, it has created an imbalance & shortage of 1.24 LMT of DAP in October only. He added that the state had already demanded a quantity of 2.50 LMT DAP for November 2021.

Housing Dept simplifies procedure for issuance of NOCs: Sarkaria

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, November 12



Giving a major relief to large number of people who have purchased plots/buildings in unauthorized colonies, Housing and Urban Development department on Friday decided that no NOC is required for getting sale deed registered for the plots/buildings purchased by way of sale deed in the colonies that came into existence before 08.09.1995.

Divulging the details, Housing and Urban Development Minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria instructed to the concerned officers to take decision on pending applications of NOCs received under the policy issued in 2018 within two months positively.

PSLSA launches Short Film on Free Legal Aid

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, November 12



Punjab State Legal Services Authority has launched a short film on the concept of free legal aid and ser-vices being rendered by the State Legal Services throughout the State during the Legal Awareness Exhibi-tion organized under the patronage of Chief Justice of the High Court in the premises of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Chandigarh.

Punjab State Legal Services Authority Member Secretary-cum-District & Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar Arun Gupta said that the Legal Awareness Exhibition was organised under the "PAN India Awareness and Out-reach Programme-Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav-2nd October to 14th November 2021".

The short film was also viewed by all the Hon'ble Judges of Punjab & Haryana High Court and also played in the Bar Rooms and waiting areas of the High Court. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Mr Justice Ajay Tewari, Judge Punjab and Haryana High Court & Executive Chairman conveyed his regards through Video Confer-encing to all the Judicial Officers of State of Punjab and the Advocates specifically those who are rendering their services on Pro Bono basis, and making this Pan India Awareness Campaign successful throughout the state.

SAD declares two more candidates for Punjab Assembly polls



CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 12

The Shiromani Akali Dal on Friday announced names of two more candidates for the Punjab Assembly polls next year, with the party's senior leader Prem Singh Chandumajra to contest from Patiala's Ghanaur.

The SAD also gave ticket to Dilraj Singh Bhundar, who will be contesting from the Sardulgarh Assembly constituency. Chandumajra had unsuccessfully contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Anandpur Sahib. With the announcement of two more seats, the party has so far named 81 candidates.

"SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal announced senior party leader Prof Prem S Chandumajra from Ghanaur & S Dilraj Singh Bhundar from Sardulgarh Assembly constituency. Total announced 81," said party leader Daljit Singh Cheema in a tweet.

For the Assembly polls, the SAD had forged an alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in June this year.

As per the seat-sharing arrangement, the Mayawati-led BSP will fight 20 of the 117 Assembly seats in Punjab while the rest will be contested by the SAD. **PTI**

Diwali bumper illuminates life of Muktsar farmer

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Rajinder Singh, a farmer from village Kotbhai of Sri Muktsar district, has turned crorepati overnight as he won the second prize of Rs 1 Crore of Punjab State Dear Diwali Bumper. The results of the bumper were announced on November 8.



Rajinder Singh has won this prize for lottery ticket number A-875367. The lucky winner today submitted the lottery ticket and other required documents for encashment of the prize money at the State Lotteries De-partment's office at Chandigarh.

Rajinder Singh said he has two daughters and a son. He will use the prize money for his daughters' wed-ding, building a house and fulfilling other basic needs.

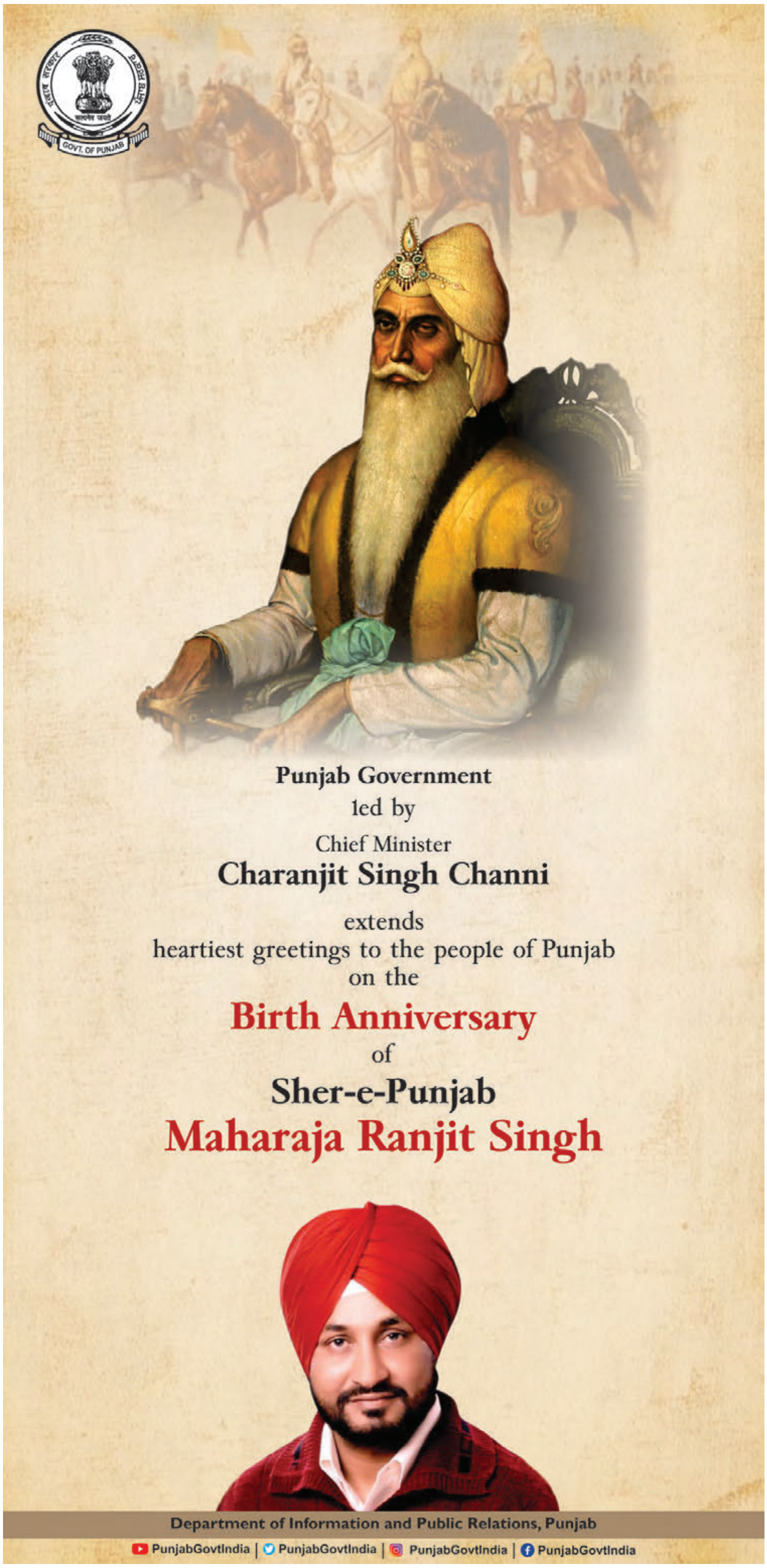
PUDA's Executive Engineer gets promotion as Chief Engineer after intervention of SC Commission

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Chandigarh, November 12

Executive Engineer of Punjab Urban Development Authority (PUDA) got promotion from backdate (May 4, 2019) as Chief Engineer after the intervention of Punjab State Schedule Castes Commission.

Informing about the development, Member of the Commission Gian Chand said that complainant Balwinder Singh was working as Executive Engineer in PUDA from July 3, 2015, but he had not been considered for promotion instead the post was vacant. He was not contemplated for the promotion in lieu of fulfilling all the eligibility criteria on the grounds of Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) of 2018-19 not being received.

Punjab State Commission for Scheduled Castes sought from the Chief Administrator, PUDA after investigating the matter in this regard. On the report submitted by PUDA, the complainant said that the department was obstructing his promotion by presenting distorted facts. The Commission again sought a reply from PUDA, on which the Chief Administrator PUDA informed the Commission that this officer can't be promoted.



Union Minister of State for Home Affairs reviews status of flagship programmes in UT



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Nityanand Rai, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs convened a meeting with Dharam Pal, Adviser to the Administrator and other senior officers of Chandigarh Administration to review the progress made under various centrally sponsored schemes and other flagship programmes under implementation in Union Territory of Chandigarh.

The Minister was apprised about the status of Iconic projects like Air Force Heritage Centre, Heritage Conservation, Green City, Clean City, and Smart City. All the major achievements of departments were also tabled by the officials. The Administration also shared the progress report of the flagship schemes implemented in Chandigarh.

Under the iconic projects, it was shared that the work for Air Force Heritage Centre that will house Aircrafts, Simulator, Aero engines and other IAF artifacts will be completed by February 2022. Keeping in mind that preventive maintenance is the necessary conservation approach for built heritage; the Administration has set a target of December 2023 to conserve all major sites in Chandigarh. Beyond this, it was also highlighted that efforts are being made to make City Beautiful the Clean, Green and Smart City.

The Union Minister expressed satisfaction and complimented the effective implementation of Government schemes in the UT. He also said that Chandigarh must be at the top position among all UY's in achieving sustainable development goals.

Guv to flag off electric buses today

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Chandigarh, November 12



The Governor of Punjab and the Administrator of UT Chandigarh, Banwarilal Purohit will flag off the first fleet of electric buses for the general public here on Saturday. In order to reduce air and noise pollution and dependence on fossil fuels, the UT Administration has decided to replace diesel buses with electric buses.

The first two lots of five electric buses have been received by the Administration and will be put to use immediately. All remaining buses are expected to be delivered by December 15. In September last year, the Centre had sanctioned 80 electric buses for the UT under Phase II of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME India) Scheme. The UT had floated tenders for the procurement of 40 buses in the first phase.

Three companies had submitted bids to run 40 electric buses. However, the lowest bidder, Ashok Leyland, was awarded the contract to run the environment-friendly buses for a period of 10 years on the basis of km scheme. The fare collection will be done by the authority.

On August 11, former UT Administrator VP Singh Badnore flagged off the first electric bus –Proto bus— from the Raj Bhawan to run on a trial basis for nearly 20 days. During the trial, the bus operated on the PGI-Mani Majra route.

After a one-month trial run of the first electric bus, the UT Transport Department had asked the manufacturing company to make some technical changes in the bus.

FEATURES

- Air conditioning system with individual air vents
- Seating capacity of 35 passengers
- Passenger information screens at front, rear, side and inside
- Panic button in case of emergency
- Mobile charging points for each row of seats
- Pneumatically controlled passenger doors
- Air suspension at rear

2nd round of Food and Mouth Disease Vaccination programme launched



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Chandigarh, November 12

The second round of Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccination campaign was launched under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Fisheries in U.T. Chandigarh at village Sarangpur, Chandigarh on Friday under the guidance of Dr. Vijay Namdeorao Zade, Secretary Animal Husbandry. The effort is in the direction of contributing towards doubling farmers' income. The NADCP is the Central Govt. Scheme for eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease and Brucellosis in livestock. The prevalence of these animal diseases is a serious concern to the growth of livestock farmers.

While launching the Foot and Mouth Vaccination Campaign, Manish Kumar Lohan, Director Animal Husbandry said that the overall aim of this program is to control Foot and Mouth Disease by 2025 with scheduled vaccinations and its eventual eradication by 2030. This will increase domestic production and ultimately in increased exports of milk and livestock products. This disease is amongst the most serious diseases of animals in terms of economic impact and is globally recognized as a priority disease for control and eradication. On the occasion, Dr. Kanwarjit Bhangoo, Joint Director Animal Husbandry informed that this vaccination campaign will be completed in one month.

Mega camp held for Persons with Disabilities and senior citizens



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, November 12

The Department of Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, Chandigarh Administration is holding a mega camp from 10th – 17th November 2021 for "Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens" at Aasha Kiran, Sector 46, Chandigarh. During this mega camp, registration is being done for various schemes like UDID Card, e-Shram Card, Voter ID Card, and Welfare schemes for Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens.

During the first three days of this mega camp, an assessment of Divyangjans (Persons with Disabilities) and senior citizens for free distribution of aids and appliances and other assistive devices is being carried out in association with Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), an agency functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment / Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. During the first two days of the camp, 160 Divyangjans and 10 senior citizens have been assessed by a team of experts from ALIMCO and assistive aids and appliances have been recommended/allocated as per their disability and requirements.

Star cast of Matsya Kaand favour 'some regulation' of OTT content

Ravii Dubey and Zoya Afroz were in city to promote the new web series

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, November 12



Star cast of MX Players original series, 'Matsya Kaand' have expressed themselves in favour of some kind of regulation of the content available in OTT platforms in the country.

Interacting with the med here on Friday, Ravii Dubey and Zoya Afroz who play lead roles in the series, they agreed that sex, nudity, abusive language used in some of the web series available on the OTT was not suitable for audience of certain age. Therefore, some sort of regulation would be required. At the same time, parents too had a duty towards their children and, therefore, they should guide their kids away from such series.

MX Player new series 'Matsya Kaand' features an honourable con artist Matsya Thada played by Ravii Dubey who conducts his kaand with aptitude, intelligence, and charm rather than using his brawn. Supporting Matysa in all his 'kaands' is the young and bubbly Urvashi (Zoya Afroz) who adds life into these heists. She has an adventure-seeking personality and helps Matsya effortlessly deceive people while pulling off the cons.

Spread across Delhi, Meerut, Sambhar, and Jaipur - Matsya Kaand is the first web series in a thriller-con genre to be produced on Indian OTT. This 11 episodic series is all about resourcefulness, planning, presence of mind, and thinking on your feet. As the story proceeds, the use of disguise, technical know-how, and networking advances comes to the fore and highlights how Matsya pulls off cons in a modern world.

Anti-dengue drive: 2,17,670 houses surveyed, larvae found in 7520

- Special observer Dr. Raju Dhir holding meetings with officials on daily basis
- 61 health teams conducting survey, spray and awareness campaign in district: Dr Adarshpal Kaur



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
SAS Nagar, November 12

The survey, spray and awareness campaign by the teams of the District Health Department for the prevention of dengue fever has been going on continuously since the month of March across the district.

Disclosing this, Civil Surgeon Dr. Adarshpal Kaur said that presently a total of 61 teams have surveyed as many as 2,17,670 houses and other places in the district since March. Mosquito larvae have been found in as many as 7520 houses and 225 challans have been issued to the violators. She said that larvae have been found for the first time in most of the houses, therefore the violators have been given a strict warning that action will be taken on finding the larvae again.

According to the Civil Surgeon, teams of health workers inspected a total of 7,85,080 containers such as coolers, fridge trays, pots, empty tires, boxes and other containers during this period. She said that the health department is paying special attention to the high risk areas. Apart from going to schools, the teams are also raising awareness through village sarpanches.

Over 80,000 buses to demonstrate 'Strength of Education System'

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Mohali, November 12

To demonstrate the strength of educational institutes, around 80,000 yellow coloured buses of schools and colleges will be parked on the roadsides of the National Highway in Punjab tomorrow. This is being done on the call of various associations including RASA (UK), RASA (PUNJAB), KASA, PUSA, PPSO, and ECS. All these associations have authorized Dr Jagjit Singh Dhuri as convener of this demonstration.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It hereby inform to general public at large Savitri Devi w/o Late Vidya Singh is owner of Plot, Property measuring 90 Sq.Yds Situated at Village Jamalpur Awana, H.B no.177, Abaddi Known as Gurmail Park Teh. & Distt. Ludhiana. Savitri Devi w/o Late Vidya Singh is taking a loan of said property from Jana Small Finance Bank Limited having its Branch Office S.C.O 13, Shanghai Tower Feroze Gandhi Market, Ludhiana. Savitri Devi w/o Late Vidya Singh has lost following documents in respect of said property:Original Sale deed Wasika no.15539 dt.27.12.2004 executed by Sale deed Wasika no.15539 dt.27.12.2004 executed by Satnam Singh S/o Mahinder Singh G.P.A Holder of Surjit Singh S/o Mohar Singh in favour of Seema Sharma w/o Kamal Kumar and Kamal Kumar S/o Kishan Lal. A police report has also been got registered in this respect having details: SR No.179946/2021 dt. 28.10.2021. If anybody found the said lost documents then may contact to undersigned and anybody having claim or claiming any prior rights or interest in any manner in this property or has raised loan by Depositing the aforesaid documents to any person/bank /corporation/ financial institution may approach the undersigned and may submit objections within 7 days from the date of this public notice, no claim shall be entertained and such claim shall be deemed to be false, fake, frivolous, fraudulent and baseless claim and shall have no value in the eyes of law.**Himanshu Jindal (Advocate)**on Behalf of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited having its Branch Office S.C.O 13, Shanghai Tower Feroze Gandhi Market, Ludhiana.Mb : 8968105533

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Daljit Singh Arora @ Johnny S/o. Kartar Singh R/o H.No. 3131, Chandigarh Road, Sector-32A Ludhiana 141010 I have changed my name from Daljit Singh Arora @ Johnny to Daljit Singh.

I, Neeru Kaur W/o. Avtar Singh R/o. H.No.178-B, St.No.09, Bhai Himmat Singh Nagar, Basant Avenue, Ludhiana declares that I have changed my name from Neeru Makkar to Neeru Kaur.

I, Avtar Singh S/o. Pritam Singh R/o. H.No.178-B, St.No.09, Bhai Himmat Singh Nagar, Basant Avenue, Ludhiana declares that I have changed my name from Avtar Singh Makkar to Avtar Singh.

I Dalbir Singh S/o Mohinder Singh # Village Narangwal, Ludhiana have changed my name to Dalvir Singh Bhullar

I Sukhwant Kaur W/o Gobind Singh R/o Vpo Hassanpur Tehsil Dhuri (Sangrur) have changed my name Jaspal Kaur

I Vimla Devi W/o Parshotam Dass R/o B-X/517, Patel Nagar, St.No.1, Barnala have changed my name to Bimla Devi

I No. 4466685W, Ex-Hav, Rajinder Singh , Vpo Bhadaur Teh Tapa Distt Barnala have changed the DOB of my daughter named Manpreet Kaur from 14-06-2000 to 26-06-2000

I Charanjit Kaur W/o Baldev Singh R/o Village Chathe Sekhwan (Sangrur) have changed my name to Labh Kaur

I Gurbaj Singh S/o Harwinder Singh r/o house no 19, Shivam Shakti Vatika Colony Sanghera Road Barnala have changed my name Gurbaj Singh Gill.

I Priya Kansal W/o Gagandeep Singla # H.No.B-X-484,Street No.1,Patel Nagar,Barnala District Barnala Changed my name Priya Singla (After Marriage).

I Pirthi Singh Alias Prithi Singh S/o Nand Singh R/o Ramdassia Patti, Bhathlan Distt Barnala both are same person

I Pawan Kumar Aggarwal S/o Walaiti Ram R/o Santoshi Mata Mandir Wali Gali Mandi Dabwali Distt Sirsa Have Changed My Name Pawan Kumar Aggarwal To Pawan Kumar

I Jc.No.342829F Rank Sub Name Burma Nand R/o VPo Chouke Distt Bathinda Pb Pin 148109 Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Sahabjoth Singh To Sahibjot Singh Vide Affidavit Dated 11-11-2021 Before Notary public Distt Court Bathinda

I, Swarnjit Kaur Spouse of Ex NK Pargat Singh, R/o VPO: Khurd, Tehsil: Malerkotla, Distt: Sangrur (PB) have changed my name from SWARNJIT KAUR to SARANJEET KAUR. My correct date of birth is 06-07-1968.

I, JASANPREET KAUR D/o Ex Hav Paramjit Sharma, R/o VPO: Chaunda, Tehsil: Malerkotla, Dist: Sangrur (PB) have changed my name from JASANPREET KAUR to JASHANPREET KAUR.

I Rachhpal Kaur W/o Satpal Singh Resident of VPO:Sadiqpur Teh. Shahkot Distt.Jalandhar have changed my name Rachhpal Kaur to Rashpal Kaur.all concerned note it.

I Vijay Kumar s/o Banarsi Dass Permanent Address H. No.4382, Baba Shri Chand Colony, Mundian Kalan, Ludhiana. Present Address C/O Chela Harish Chander Puri, Shiv Shakti Peeth, URNAI (329), Pehowa, Kurukshetra Haryana. I have changed my name from Vijay Kumar to Ved Puri Chela. Concerned to be noted.

I Raju Sharma s/o Bant Ram r/o H. No.99/9 near Sabzi Bazar, Jawahar Nagar, Ludhiana. I have changed my name from Raju Sharma to Isher. Concerned to be noted.

I Monika Rani W/O Sh. Inderjit Thakur R/O Hno. 337, Stno. 3 Dhandra Road, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Ludhiana Punjab India have changed my name from Monika Rani to Monika Thakur.

I Army No.15614341A, Rank NK Dilip Singh Tanwar at Unit 14 GDS Regt C/O 56 APO declare that my army record my son's name wrongly mentioned Vishwajeet Singh Tanwar but my son correct name is Vishvjeet Singh.Vide affidavit dated 12/11/2021,before distt court Patiala.

I Chamundeswari is legally wedded Spouse of Army No. 15349887A, Rank NK Orugondapradeep presently residing at Village Agarala Post Ithepalli, Teh Chandragiri Distt Chitoor, State Andhra Pradesh, Pin 517102, Unit 67 FD SQN 234 AER C/O 56 APO have changed my dob from 04/09/1992 to 04/07/1994.

I Chanchamma is Mother of Army No. 15349887A, Rank NK Orugondapradeep presently residing at Village Agarala Post Ithepalli, Teh Chandragiri Distt Chitoor, State Andhra Pradesh, Pin 517102, Unit 67 FD SQN 234 AER C/O 56 APO have changed my name from Chanchamma to O.Chenchamma.

I hitherto known as Karamjit Kaur Sekhon Alias Gurmel Kaur D/o Jugraj Singh w/o Jarnail Singh Sekhon R/o VPO: Machaki Mal Singh District Faridkot Punjab, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Karamjit Kaur Sekhon.

I Jaswinder Kaur w/o Lakhvinder Singh R/o Street No. 5/3 (R) Faridkot have changed my name to Jaswinder Kaur Brar.

I Lakhvinder Singh S/o Gurdial Singh R/o Street No.5/3 (R) Faridkot have changed my name to Lakhvinder Singh Brar.

I Shinder Pal Sharma S/o late Lal Chand Sharma R/O Hno 9552 St no. 6 Joshi Nagar, Haibowal Kalan Ludhiana Shinder Pal Sharma and Surinder Pal Sharma is one and the same person, both name belong to me.

I, Swadesh Kumar S/o Shambhu Singh R/o W No 11, Vill Basantpur, Kakarahta, P.O. Dhobouli, Distt Vaishali, State Bihar 844502 have changed my minor son name Divit To Divit Raghuwanshi.

I Inderjit Kaur spouse of No. 3384687Y, Ex, Hav Sukhdev Singh R/o Village Virewala Khurd District Faridkot have changed my name from Inderjit Kaur to Injderjeet Kaur and date of Birth from 01-09-1969 to 02-01-1968.

I Vandana Kumari spouse of No. 15232353K, NK (GNR DMT) Vikram Kumar Jha # Village Mahur & PO-ASI, Tehsil Biraul Distt. Darbhanga (Bihar) have changed my name from Vandana Kumari to Vandana Jha. Vide affidavit dated 10-11-2021. Before District Courts Faridkot.

I Kavita Devi spouse of No. 15172460Y, Hav (RST) Abhimanyu # VPO: Chhochhi Tehsil Beri Distt-Jhajjar (Haryana) have changed my name from Kavita Devi to Kavita. vide affidavit dated 09-11-2021. Before District Courts Faridkot.

I Jasveer Gandhi w/o Bikramjit Singh R/o Village Bihlewala (Faridkot) changed my name to Jasmeen Kaur.

I Som Nath s/o Sant Ram R/o 344, G.K. Estate Mundian Kalan Chandigarh Road Ludhiana Change name Som Nath Sharma.

I, Urmila Devi W/o Som Nath Sharma R/o 344, G.K. Estate Mundian Kalan Chandigarh Road Ludhiana Change name Urmila.

I, Bindu Kumari w/o Kulwant Thakur R/o 6518/15/6, Churpur Road Sant Vihar B/S Sangam Palace Haibowal Kalan Ludhiana Change name Bindu Thakur.

I, Aman Kumar s/o Ashok Kumar R/o 8297, 22Ft Road, Durga Puri Haibowal Kalan Ludhiana Punjab 141001 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have embraced Islam Religion and renounced Hindusm Religion w.e.f.25/05/2021 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mohammad Aman.

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I Mohinder Singh s/o Shri Hazara Singh r/o Kandala Tehsil and distt S.A.S. Nagar declare that my daughter Karamjeet Kaur is out of my control. So I disown her from my moveable/immoveable property. Anybody deals with her at own his risk.

I Geeta Devi w/o Ram Tej r/o H.No. 1510 Fiada Nizampur Chandigarh declare that my son Gourav Tej and his wife Pooja are out of my control. So I disown them from my moveable/immoveable property. Anybody deals with them at own his risk.

We Parshotam Lal S/o Mohan Lal and Kamlesh Kumari wife Parshotam Lal R/o Ward No. 8/A, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Dhuri Tehsil Dhuri District Sangrur. Declare That our son Chetan Kumar and his wife Rajni Rani are out of our control. We disinherited them from our movable and immovable property. The one dealing with these will be responsible himself.

I Sakal Devi W/o Sudhama Ram Village Mona Kallan Distt. Hoshiarpur declare that my son Jagjeevan Lal and his wife Nisha are out of my control so I disinherited them from my moveable and immoveable property. I shall not be responsible if anybody dealing with them.

I, Rani W/o Late Prem Chand R/o H.No. B/7-100, Gandhi Nagar, Lahori Gate, Patiala declare that my son Arun Kumar and his wife Ritu are out of my control. I Disinherit them from all my movable/ immovable properties. Anyone dealing with them will do so on his/ her own responsibility, I or my family will not be responsible.

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Roads in Dugri continue to pose risk to commuters, reconstruction work not started yet



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Despite tenders for reconstruction of Dugri main road having opened in September, the work regarding the same has not been started yet. The road is still lying in a poor condition giving a tough time to the commuters.

It is an around 800 m long stretch from Dugri Police Station to 200 Feet Road which is lying in a dilapidated condition for a long time.

In September, the issue was highlighted and area councilor Harkarandeep Singh Vaid had assured that the work for reconstruction of the road will start by September 30 but even after one-and-a-half month, no work has been started yet. Earlier, Vaid informed that the cost of the project is Rs 4.16 crore and this project includes installation of interlocking tiles on both sides for parking space in the market area starting from Dugri Police Station to 200 Feet Road. He had also said that further, under this project arrangements will be made for proper drainage of rain water and roller compacted concrete (RCC) road would be constructed on two low-lying spots — one outside Sanj Kender and other outside Cremation Ground. However, despite repeated attempts, Vaid was not available for comments.

Meanwhile, shopkeepers of the area as well as the residents expressed that despite repeated complaints, the MC authorities have continued to neglect the problems being faced by the people.



Ensure prompt implementation of new rates at all mining sites to provide sand at Rs 5.50 per cubic feet to public: DC



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With the state government approving Punjab State Sand and Gravel Mining Policy, 2021 to provide sand at Rs 5.50 per cubic feet, Deputy Commissioner Varinder Kumar Sharma on Friday directed officials of the mining department to immediately implement these new rates at all mining sites in the district. He said that after the notification by the state government, the district administration has quickly implemented these new rates to facilitate people of district Ludhiana with cheaper rates of sand.

The DC further mentioned that the state government led by Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi has taken a historic decision by bringing in the new mining policy to ensure that people get these items at nominal prices adding that the directions have been passed to concerned authorities to ensure effective implementation of these new rates.

He unequivocally stated that any kind of laxity in this task would be highly unwarranted as strict action would be taken on the complaints of overcharging, received if any. He also added that an elaborate mechanism was being put up in place to ensure availability of sand at approved rates besides keeping an eye over the fleecing and overcharging by contractors, if any.

He further said that as per new policy the sand would be provided to the public at Rs 5.5 per cubic feet at mining sites including loading charges. He further added that all the directions issued by the state government would be implemented in letter and spirit and no stone would be left unturned to facilitate people through the new policy.

100 pc attendance reported during NAS exam conducted at 208 schools in district



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One hundred per cent attendance was reported in the National Achievement Survey (NAS) examination that was conducted at 208 schools in the district on Friday.

This nation-wide survey is being conducted to assess the learning level of the students as well as the loss of learning during COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey was conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) as Assessment Administrator for Grade 3, 5, 8 and 10 students of state government schools, Government Aided Schools, Private Unaided recognized schools and Central Government schools.

In Punjab, there were a total of 3,722 schools, including both government and private schools, where this exam was conducted on Friday and in each district the District Education Officer was appointed as the District Nodal Officer. Moreover, an observer and a field investigator (FI) were appointed at every school for ensuring smooth conduct of exams.

Lakhvir Singh, District Education Officer, Ludhiana said that there were 208 schools including both government and private which were selected for NAS and over 6,000 students have appeared for the exams. "100 per cent attendance was reported during the exam and the exam was conducted smoothly," he said while applauding the efforts of respective school principals and staff for successfully conducting the exam. The DEO along with other officers also visited some of the schools to check whether the exam was being conducted smoothly or not.

Mamta Ashu hands over grant of ₹6 lakh for upgradation of Pensioners' Bhawan



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Municipal Councilor (MC) Mamta Ashu on Friday handed over a grant of Rs 6 lakh for the upgradation the building and installation of rooftop solar panels of Pensioners' Bhawan, in the district administrative complex.

Mamta Ashu on the behalf of state Food, Civil Supplies and Consumers Affairs Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu, handed over a cheque of Rs 3 lakh for installation of rooftop solar panel on the building of Bhawan from the discretionary funds of the Cabinet Minister, while additional Rs 3 lakh have been provided for upgradation of the building under Punjab Nirman Program.

Presiding over an event held at Bhawan, Mamta Ashu said that Punjab government is committed for the welfare of elderly pensioners and standing rock-solid with them.

She said that a mechanism has been evolved by the government to redress their issues promptly so that they do not face any problem.

Single day cases of dengue dip, total count higher than previous years

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Although single day cases of dengue fever have dipped, but the total count of dengue cases in the district is much higher than the previous years.

On Friday, 20 fresh cases of dengue were reported in the district and with this the total count has reached 1,534.

Of the total new cases reported on Friday, 14 were reported from areas of city which included Guru Nanakpura, Haibowal Kalan, Islam Ganj, Sarabha Nagar, Chander Nagar, BRS Nagar, Guru Hargobind Nagar, Chander Lok Colony and Basant Avenue.

According to the reports, of the total 1,534 cases reported in the district, 1,136 are from the city alone while 67 are from Khanna, 63 from Jagraon and remaining from the rural areas.

According to the department, the total cases in the district till Thursday were 1,514 and comparatively to the previous years — 1,355 were recorded in 2020, 1,509 in 2019, 489 in 2018, 1,083 in 2017 and 755 in 2016.

World Pneumonia Day observed at DMCH

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World Pneumonia Day is observed on November 12 every year with the aim to raise awareness about Pneumonia. This year theme for the day is 'Every Breath Counts.'

Pneumonia is a serious illness of the lungs which makes breathing difficult. Though the majority of pneumonia is caused by bacterial infections, viral infections like influenza or COVID-19 virus can also affect the lungs and making breathing painful and limiting oxygen intake.

According to Dr Akashdeep Singh (Professor and Head Department of Pulmonary Medicine) if a person suffering from fever and chills, having chest pain during cough and cough produce phlegm, shortness of breath should consult with the doctor for timely treatment. Further, Dr Akashdeep said that Pneumonia is contagious and can be spread through cough or sneeze particles.

One effective way of preventing the occurrence of pneumonia is to adhere to timely vaccination. In high risk patients pneumococcal vaccine above 64 years and H-influenza vaccine can be given after the consultation of a physician.

PAU gets award for excellence



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Punjab Agricultural University got the best award for excellence in agri-food business incubators, Agri-Food India Awards 2021.

On behalf of PAU, Dr T S Riar, Additional Director Communication and Principal Investigator Punjab Agri Business Incubation Centre Dr Poonam Sachdev, Head, Department of Food Science and Technology jointly received the award from Prahlad Singh Patel, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Food Processing Industries and the Chief Guest of the occasion. The award ceremony was held at Hotel Royal Plaza, New Delhi organised and supported by NIFTAM, NIAM, ICAR, IIMR and CFMIIT Budni (Madhya Pradesh).

Following the award ceremony, Dr Poonam Sachdev informed that PAU is running two incubators, Food Industry Business Incubator and Punjab Agri Business Incubator funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. "PAU Food Industry Business Incubation Centre shared 41 technologies to 41 different stakeholders including different farmers, different growers, start-ups and small and big industries," she informed. Dr Sachdev revealed that Punjab Agri Business Incubator also handheld 118 incubates under its Udham and Udaan Programmes and got funding of Rs 4.08 crore as grant-in-aid for the best selected 30 PAU Agri Start-ups in our first two cohorts.

Camp for issuing labour card held



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A camp for issuing labour cards to the migrant labourers and to register them under the E-Shram portal was held.

Advocate Bikram Singh Sidhu, member, Punjab state executive Committee of Bharatiya Janata Party inaugurated the camp and said that the Union government under the aegis of Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched E-Shram portal wherein the government will issue labour cards to 156 categories falling under the unorganised sector. The labour cards will help the people in getting access to the facilities offered under various government schemes.

Attempt to rob ₹5 lakh foiled, one arrested

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As many as 10 miscreants intercepted a pick-up jeep to rob cash, collected from liquor vends, but the robbery bid was foiled after an employee of a liquor company drove the vehicle away from the spot.

The police have arrested one of the accused while remaining managed to flee.

The incident occurred near CMCH when four employees of Jasvir Chaddha Group — Jagjit Singh of Haibowal, Jagjit Singh, Angrej Singh of Barnala and driver Raj Kumar of Zira of Ferozepur were collecting cash from different liquor vends. When they alighted from CMCH Chowk after collecting Rs 5 lakh cash, around 10 miscreants intercepted their way and tried to snatch away the bag containing the cash.

However, the employees resisted and the miscreant dragged three of them on the road and started assaulting them. In the meantime, the driver drove the vehicle away from the spot and also raised an alarm.

Cong to celebrate birth centenary of Pt Nehru at Jagraon Bridge



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Punjab State Industries Development Corporation Chairman Krishan Kumar Bawa on Friday said that the birth centenary of India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru would be celebrated on November 13 at the local Jagraon Bridge.

He said that on this occasion Congress workers would take out a protest march to the south of the constituency against the anti-people policies of Modi government including inflation. Bawa said that Congress workers would pay homage to Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev by laying wreaths at their statues before marching. He said that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had built the country for development whereas the present Prime Minister Narendra Modi had sold the country. What could be a greater tragedy for the country than the Union government's decision to sell out the public sector, including railways, BSNL, airports, while the pro-national groups are adamantly opposed to these anti-national policies of the government.

9 companies select 68 youths for jobs during placement camp

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As many as 68 youths were selected by nine companies during a placement camp held at District Bureau of Employment and Enterprise (DBEE) on Friday. Additional Deputy Commissioner (D) Amit Kumar Panchal inaugurated the camp.

A spokesperson for the bureau said that a total of nine companies in the camp and 180 vaccines were offered in the camp wherein 142 candidates were interviewed by the expert panel adding that after the interview 68 were selected for the jobs. He added that several companies including ICICI Bank, Coca Cola, SBI Bank, Pukhraj Health Care, GTB Engineers, Kotak Insurance, ICICI Foundation, Parshotam Associates, Airtel and others took part in the placement camp.

He said that the placement camps were a noble initiative by the state government to provide jobs to every household and appealed to the unemployed youths to participate in these camps actively to explore better career options.

Deputy Director Meenakshi Sharma and Deputy CEO Navdeep Singh said that we organise placement camp on every Friday at District Bureau Partap Chowk from 10 am to 2 pm.

Punjab and Sind Bank organises blood donation camp

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Punjab and Sind Bank Zonal Office Ludhiana on Friday organised a blood donation camp at Institutions of Engineers, Dugri Road Ludhiana in association with Bhai Ghaniya Ji Mission Sewa Society to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, 75 years of Independence.

During the camp, visitors at the bank and as well as staff members participated and donated blood for the sake of human beings welfare. The camp was inaugurated by Field General Manager Punjab and Sind Bank Chandigarh Parveen Mongia. He stated that blood donation is a noble cause and everyone should donate blood so that human lives can be saved in emergency.

He also appreciated the bank for organising such a camp and also active participation of customers, staff and general public. Zonal Manager Punjab and Sind Bank Ashni Kumar welcomed the chief guest and emphasized to organise more blood donation camp and also stated that economy of our country will remain stable if human lives are survived.

Industrialists start table top plantation drive

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On the 11th day of their ongoing protest against the hike in steel and other raw materials prices and all-around inflation, the Consortium of Industrial Associations started the table top plantation drive and distributed table top plants, with the message for the Union government to formulate a regulatory committee to curb the rising inflation in the prices of industrial raw materials.

Again, they reiterated their main demand that to curb the rising inflation the government needs to form a regulatory committee. To save the MSME industry and to save the economy of the nation, the government must act sooner and control the prices of steel and other raw material.

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PC for women

In a welcome development, the Indian Army has agreed to give permanent commission (PC) to women following a warning from the Supreme Court. It has undertaken to do so in the case of 11 women within 10 days in accordance with the judgement of the apex court, and also to those women officers who have not moved the top court but meet the criteria.

The issue came up before a Bench comprising Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and A.S. Bopann on Friday which noted in the order that "the 11 women officers will be granted PC within a period of 10 days. The ASG (additional solicitor general) states that officers, who are not before the Supreme Court in contempt proceedings, but meet the criteria will be granted PC within the period of three weeks."

Interestingly, earlier during the day, the Bench had told the Army that it will hold it guilty of contempt for not granting PC to women officers, in accordance with its order. The Army's counsel had said the decision regarding the remaining women officers will be taken speedily and sought some time to take instructions in the matter. As the Bench started dictating the order in the matter, the counsel representing the Army told the court that it was ready to grant PC to 11 officers who had moved the top court. The Bench noted that the Army may be supreme in its authority, but the constitutional court is also supreme.

During the course of the proceedings, the Bench said, "We have given you a long rope.... The remarks we had made in the judgment allowing you to file an affidavit on the consideration taken was to ensure that you say what you are doing." In the post-lunch hearing, the Bench noted that it has been clarified that those officers, who do not have disciplinary and vigilance proceedings, will also be eligible for grant of PC in accordance with its judgment. It further added that two Lt. Colonel Akansha Shrivastava and Himalini Pant would also be duly considered for PC, as per the criteria laid down, within one month.

ASG Sanjay Jain and senior advocate colonel R. Balasubramanian, appeared for the Centre and Ministry of Defence in the matter. They submitted before the top court that the Army is also keen for this matter to achieve finality. The Bench noted that out of 72 officers, one had applied for premature release, 39 have been granted PC and a letter has been issued on October 29, 2021, in compliance with its verdict.

A total of 36 officers were not considered for PC. After a review, 21 out of the 36 officers were granted PC and the case of one is under consideration. And, out of the remaining 14 officers, three are considered medically unfit. In March this year, the top court, in a judgment, had invalidated certain terms in the evaluation criteria adopted by the Indian Army for grant of PC to women officers as "arbitrary and irrational".

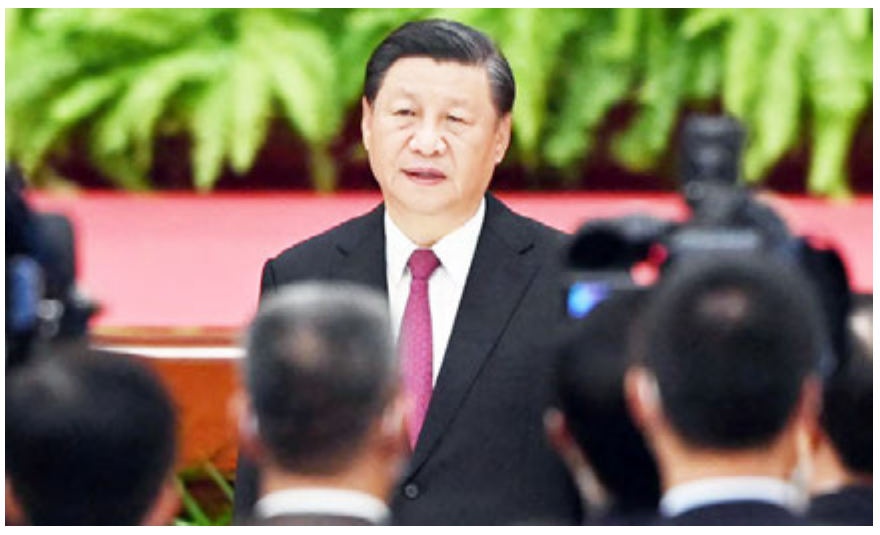
The top court had held that the evaluation criteria perpetuated gender stereotypes based on patriarchal notions and amounted to "systemic discrimination". The top court verdict came on a batch of petitions filed by women officers challenging the rejection of their applications seeking PC in the Indian Army.

SPIRITUAL WORLD



Xi Jinping puts his stamp on Communist Party history, but is his support as strong as his predecessors?

DAVID GOODMAN



At the moment, Xi certainly does not have the degree of independent political authority enjoyed by Mao and Deng, though he may be considerably respected in his positions as the Chinese President and General Secretary of the CCP. Xi's role is clearly seen as central to the party's leadership, and especially its ideological development.

As the Chinese Communist Party's sixth plenary session wraps up in Beijing, much of the focus outside China has been on two key aspects.

The first is the meeting was primarily designed to strengthen the political position of Xi Jinping as both general secretary of the CCP and president of the country heading into next year's Party Congress when he looks certain to secure a third five-year term as leader.

The second is the approval of a resolution on Communist Party history. This was intended not only to cement Xi's position in the party, but also determine the official narrative of CCP history that will provide an ideological guide to future policies.

Notwithstanding Xi's centrality in all of this as well as the significance of a resolution on party history these interpretations of the events may be somewhat misleading.

How Mao and Deng cemented power

The inner political dynamics of the CCP's leadership are largely unknown. Commentators guess intelligently about groups and factions, about policy divides and preferences, about past experiences and future visions.

Xi occupies the leading position in the political system, and has done since 2012. At the same time, Xi's current position in the party is different to that of former leaders Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping when they initiated the previous resolutions on party history in 1945 and 1981, respectively.

Both Mao and Deng had well-established political authority that was in many ways independent of their formal positions in the CCP.

From 1927 to the early 1940s, Mao had been on the outside of the party leadership in many ways. It was his insistence on a rural-based, guerrilla strategy to acquire national political power and to fight the Japanese that eventually proved successful and proved others wrong. This became the political base of the CCP that was celebrated in 1945.

When the CCP used this strategy to take control of China in 1949, it essentially bestowed on Mao an almost unchallengeable authority over others, including apparently close colleagues (including Deng). That authority was a major contributing factor in the development of the Cultural Revolution.

A recognition of the political errors of the years from 1966 to Mao's death in 1976 was a major point of the 1981 resolution on party history, passed under Deng's leadership.

Deng was able to bring about China's opening up and economic reforms in the late 1970s. He also had the power to re-interpret the past because of his role in the CCP's early development, and the fact he had been a victim of the Cultural Revolution, as well as one of Mao's righthand men from the early 1930s.

During those years, he developed close relationships with others in the CCP's leadership, which helped him when he was in trouble, such as during the Cultural Revolution.

How strong is Xi's support?

It is reasonable to assume Xi has had close supporters within the leadership of the CCP, and even among former leaders. However, they are not as visible, for the most part, as was the case for Mao and Deng.

In both their cases, many of their supporters and allies were relatively well-known. In Xi's case, this is remarkably less the case.

At the moment, he certainly does not have the degree of independent political authority enjoyed by Mao and Deng, though he may be considerably respected in his positions as the Chinese president and general secretary of the CCP.

The CCP's formal events, such as this week's plenary session and next year's Party Congress, do not determine policies or party ideology, or decide on appointments and leaders. All these actions are settled well in advance. The purpose of such meetings is to transmit political messages.

Much attention will inevitably be paid to how the new resolution on party history deals with the interpretation of the past 100 years since the founding of the CCP. Of more immediate interest, though, are the pointers to the future.

Xi's role is clearly seen as central to the party's leadership, and especially its ideological development.

Much has been made of the change to the PRC constitution in 2018 to remove the two-term limit on presidents, enabling Xi to stay in the office after 2023. Interestingly, though, there have never been any term limits to the significantly more important position of CCP general secretary.

Only time will tell whether this will result in a personal political position with the same kind of authority and independence as Mao or Deng, as some have claimed, or the further manifestation of the coalition of ideas, people and forces who have supported him since 2012.

What other messages emerged from the meeting?

The party meeting is also significant because it confirms recent shifts in the party's policies and strategies. These are not as dramatic as those formulated in 1981 when the country opened up, but they are likely to prove significant not just for China, but also the rest of the world.

Much of the recent commentary on political change in China over the last few years, for example, has highlighted the CCP's appeals to nationalism and patriotism.

The communique from the meeting reinforces this, focusing on the strength of China's emerging position in both the region in the world.

China was content in the early years of its post-Mao economic growth to keep a low profile internationally. Now, however, it has become more assertive in its international reach, not only towards Hong Kong and the South China Sea, but also through international economic institutions and strategies such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the Belt and Road Initiative. PTI

The Moon's top layer alone has enough oxygen to sustain 8 billion people for 100,000 years

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Alongside advances in space exploration, we've recently seen much time and money invested into technologies that could allow effective space resource utilisation. And at the forefront of these efforts has been a laser-sharp focus on finding the best way to produce oxygen on the Moon. In October, the Australian Space Agency and NASA signed a deal to send an Australian-made rover to the Moon under the Artemis program, with a goal to collect lunar rocks that could ultimately provide breathable oxygen on the Moon.

Although the Moon does have an atmosphere, it's very thin and composed mostly of hydrogen, neon and argon. It's not the sort of gaseous mixture that could sustain oxygen-dependent mammals such as humans. That said, there is actually plenty of oxygen on the Moon. It just isn't in a gaseous form. Instead it's trapped inside regolith the layer of rock and fine dust that covers the Moon's surface. If we could extract oxygen from regolith, would it be enough to support human life on the Moon?

The breadth of oxygen

Oxygen can be found in many of the minerals in the ground around us. And the Moon is mostly made of the same rocks you'll find on Earth (although with a slightly greater amount of material that came from meteors).

Minerals such as silica, aluminium, and iron and magnesium oxides dominate the Moon's landscape. All of these minerals contain oxygen, but not in a form our lungs can access.

On the Moon these minerals exist in a few different forms including hard rock, dust, gravel and stones covering the surface. This material has resulted from the impacts of meteorites crashing into the lunar surface over countless millennia. Some people call the Moon's surface layer lunar soil , but as a soil scientist I'm hesitant to use this term. Soil as we know it is pretty magical stuff that only occurs on Earth. It has been created by a vast array of organisms working on the soil's parent material regolith, derived from hard rock over millions of years.

The result is a matrix of minerals which were not present in the original rocks. Earth's soil is imbued with remarkable physical, chemical and biological characteristics. Meanwhile, the materials on the Moon's surface is basically regolith in its original, untouched form.

One substance goes in, two come out

The Moon's regolith is made up of approximately 45% oxygen. But that oxygen is tightly bound into the minerals mentioned above. In order to break apart those strong bonds, we need to put in energy.

You might be familiar with this if you know about electrolysis. On Earth this process is commonly used in manufacturing, such as to produce aluminium. An electrical current is passed through a liquid form of aluminium oxide (commonly called alumina) via electrodes, to separate the aluminium from the oxygen.

In this case, the oxygen is produced as a byproduct. On the Moon, the oxygen would be the main product and the aluminium (or other metal) extracted would be a potentially useful byproduct.

It's a pretty straightforward process, but there is a catch: it's very energy hungry. To be sustainable, it would need to be supported by solar energy or other energy sources available on the Moon.

Extracting oxygen from regolith would also require substantial industrial equipment. We'd need to first convert solid metal oxide into liquid form, either by applying heat, or heat combined with solvents or electrolytes. We have the technology to do this on Earth, but moving this apparatus to the Moon and generating enough energy to run it will be a mighty challenge.

Earlier this year, Belgium-based startup Space Applications Services announced it was building three experimental reactors to improve the process of making oxygen via electrolysis. They expect to send the technology to the Moon by 2025 as part of the European Space Agency's in-situ resource utilisation (ISRU) mission.

How much oxygen could the Moon provide?

That said, when we do manage to pull it off, how much oxygen might the Moon actually deliver? Well, quite a lot as it turns out.

If we ignore oxygen tied up in the Moon's deeper hard rock material and just consider regolith which is easily accessible on the surface we can come up with some estimates.

Each cubic metre of lunar regolith contains 1.4 tonnes of minerals on average, including about 630 kilograms of oxygen. NASA says humans need to breathe about 800 grams of oxygen a day to survive. So 630kg oxygen would keep a person alive for about two years (or just over). PTI

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NEWSBRIEFS

Odisha administers 4 crore COVID vaccine doses

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha has achieved another milestone in the ongoing Covid-19 vaccination drive by administering over 4 crore doses of vaccines till Friday."Glad to share that #Odisha crossed yet another significant milestone in the fight against #COVID19 pandemic by administering 4 crore vaccine doses." Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik informed through Twitter.He commended the hard work and commitment of the healthcare workers of Odisha in ensuring a swift inoculation to save precious lives.The vaccination programme was started in the state on January 16, 2021 and currently, it is underway at 2,088 vaccination centres across the state. **IANS**

Heavy rains affect several parts of Andhra Pradesh

AMARAVATI: With the depression weakening and forming a low-pressure area, several parts of Andhra Pradesh experienced heavy rains on Friday, with Nellore and Chittoor districts bearing the maximum brunt. Overflowing rivers and rivulets disrupted vehicular traffic, while more than a thousand people had to be shifted to relief camps.In Chittoor district, the Swarnamukhi river, several rivulets and tanks are overflowing in the district. Three persons were rescued by bystanders when floodwaters swept them away while they were crossing a causeway on the Swarnamukhi river, near Srikalahasti. **IANS**

Shah reaches Varanasi to attend meet before UP assembly polls



VARANASI (UP), NOVEMBER 12

Union Home Minister and former BJP president Amit Shah reached here on Friday and chaired a crucial party meeting to decide on the poll strategy ahead of the 2022 Uttar Pradesh assembly elections.Shah reached Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi on a two-day visit to a warm welcome with thousands of hoardings greeting him. On his arrival, Shah was received by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister and BJP's UP affairs in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan, Deputy CM Dinesh Sharma and party state president Swatantra Dev Singh.

Before chairing the meeting, Shah reached Lanka Crossing and garlanded the statue of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya and later reached Hastkala Sankul (trade facilitation centre for handicrafts to participate in the meeting. The party functionaries who attended the crucial meet included in-charges of all 403 assembly constituencies of the states besides the district and regional level leaders.It is Shah's second visit to the state within a fortnight. Earlier on Oct 29, he had launched a BJP membership drive in the state capital and made it clear that Adityanath would be the party's chief ministerial face in the elections. Thousands of hoardings have been put in Varanasi for welcoming the party leader, who had in past held responsibility of party's UP affiars in-charge in 2014.

Earlier in the day, about 50 Congress workers, protesting against the alleged misuse of government buildings for party (BJP) events, were detained by police. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Varuna Zone) Prabal Pratap Singh said about 50 Congress workers have been detained over the apprehension that they may disturb the peace. **PTI**

NIA files chargesheet against seven Maoists for conspiracy to wage war against govt



HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 12

The NIA on Friday filed a chargesheet against seven members of the outlawed CPI(Maoist) for their alleged involvement in a criminal conspiracy to wage war against the democratically-elected government by preparing to carry out terrorist acts including attacks on security personnel in the country, an official said.

The chargesheet has been filed before a special court here under sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Explosive Substances Act against the four arrested and three absconding accused, the official of the premier investigation agency said.

Muthu Nagaraju, 37, Kommarajula Kanukaiah, 31, Sura Saraiah, 36 of Telangana have been named in the chargesheet, he said. Madvi Hidma of Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, who is also the self-styled commander of the 1st Battalion People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) of the CPI (Maoist), has also been booked along with Koyyada Sambaiah, 49, a Telangana State Committee Member and Secretary of the Badradri Kothagudem-East Godavari (DK-EG) Divisional Committee of the CPI (Maoist), Madakam Kosi, 26, of Telangana and self-styled commander of Cherla Area Committee (Dalam) and Vallepu Swamy, 43, of Telangana, the official said.

The case was registered in February in Telangana, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) official said.Top members of the CPI(Maoist) including Hidma, Sambaiah, Kosi hatched a criminal conspiracy along with some overground workers (OGWs) to wage war against the democratically-elected government by preparing to carry out terrorist acts including attacks on security personnel, he said. **PTI**

NCB's SIT quizzes Aryan Khan in drugs-on-cruise case

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 12

Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan on Friday evening appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the NCB which is probing the drugs-on-cruise case, and his statement was being recorded, sources said here. Earlier in the day, Aryan visited the Narcotics Control Bureau's south Mumbai office for marking weekly attendance, as instructed by the Bombay High Court while granting him bail last month.

Later he appeared before the SIT headed by NCB Deputy Director General Sanjay Kumar Singh in neighbouring Navi Mumbai, sources said.His statement was being recorded, they added. The SIT is probing at least six cases including the drugs-on-cruise case. The NCB had raided a cruise ship off the Mumbai coast on October 2 and claimed to have seized drugs. **PTI**

Priyanka to focus on UP after dealing with Rajasthan issues

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12



After sorting out the issues in Rajasthan between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot, Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is scheduled to hold meetings in Uttar Pradesh. She is the in-charge of the party affairs in the northern state.Priyanka Gandhi is scheduled to address a women workers' convention in Lucknow, and workers' conventions in Bulandshahar and Moradabad. According to Congress sources, the tentative dates are November 14 and November 15.Priyanka Gandhi has announced 40 per cent reservation in tickets for women and will launch a separate manifesto for them during the elections. She has also promised to give smartphones and tablets.

Priyanka Gandhi has been trying to attract half the population and on Thursday, she met ASHA workers here and discussed their problems.The ASHA workers were recently beaten up by the police when they attempted to meet Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during his visit to Shahjahanpur. **PTI**

We have become a less cash economy: Chidambaram's dig at Centre

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12



Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Friday attacked the Modi government over demonetisation and raised questions over its goals, pointing to the 'rise' in cash in circulation.

"Five years after the infamous demonetisation, what is the status of the lofty pronouncements of the Modi government," he asked on Twitter."Mr (Narendra) Modi first said that we must become a cashless economy! Within days he realized it was an absurd goal.

He modified the goal to a less-cash economy! At the time of demonetisation, cash in circulation was about 18 lakh crore. Today, it is 28.5 lakh crore!" he tweeted."Thanks to high unemployment and inflation, the poor and the lower middle class earn less cash and spend less cash. We have indeed become a less cash economy! Three cheers!" the former finance minister said.

Five years after demonetisation, currency notes in circulation continue to rise albeit at a slower pace even as digital payments surge with more and more people embracing cashless payment modes.Primarily, banknotes in circulation went up in the last financial year as many people opted for the precautionary holding of cash amid the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting normal lives and economic activities in varying degrees.

In a separate tweet, Chidambaram said, "Kerala Finance Minister K N Balagopal revealed some figures on taxes collected on petrol and diesel, and if they are wring, the Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, must issue a rejoinder." **IANS**

DELHI/NCR

Delhi HC seeks Centre's response on electronic surveillance

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

The court will hear the matter further on December 2.Senior Advocate Trideep Pais argued for the petitioner, briefed by Vrinda Bhandari and others

The Delhi High Court on Friday sought the Centre's response on a petition challenging the Ministry of Home Affairs' refusal to provide information on electronic surveillance ordered under Section 69 of the Information Technology Act (IT Act).A single-judge Justice Yashwant Verma has given two weeks' time to the counsel appearing on behalf of the Central government in the matter. The court will hear the matter further on December 2. Senior Advocate Trideep Pais argued for the petitioner, briefed by Vrinda Bhandari and others.

According to the counsels, in December 2018, petitioner Apar Gupta, the Co-founder and Executive Director of the Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF) filed six applications under the Right to Information Act seeking details of a number of orders passed under Section 69 of the IT Act between January 2016 and December 2018 granting permission for electronic surveillance.However, the Central Public Information Office (CPIO) disposed of his request arguing that disclosure of information related to lawful interception/phone tapping/monitor or decrypt is exempted under the RTI. **IANS**

HC grants Kejriwal govt time to reply on plea seeking door-to-door vax for elderly

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBR 12



The Delhi High Court on Friday granted time to the Delhi government to reply to a plea filed by an 84-year-old woman seeking directions to introduce door-to-door vaccinations on an urgent basis for the elderly and bedridden citizens in the national capital. A bench of Justices DN Patel and Jyoti Singh granted time to file an affidavit in this regard after the Delhi government told the Court that the policy related to door-to-door vaccination has already been formulated by the Centre and implemented by the States. The court will hear the matter further on January 12, 2022.

Petitioner's counsel Manan Aggarwal argued that in several states the door-to-door policy has been started, however, the Delhi Government has not given any official statement and the petitioner has still not been vaccinated.The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) said many senior citizens and bedridden elderly people, who are vulnerable to Covid-19, have no private transport to reach the vaccination centre or a family member who could help them with the registration process.

Petitioner Dhiraj Aggarwal sought direction from the Centre and the Delhi Government to introduce a helpline number for registration of Covid-19 vaccine and a policy on an urgent basis for door-to-door Covid-19 vaccination for senior and bedridden citizens in the capital city. The octogenarian petitioner stated that if she goes to the vaccine centre she can be exposed to the Covid-19 virus which will be life threatening at her age.The petitioner is also suffering from arthritis and is mostly bedridden and for her to get up and go to a vaccination centre and wait for her turn to get the vaccine is not possible and due to her condition, she could not get any shot of the Covid-19 vaccine till date.Many countries like Singapore, Australia already have a system in place to vaccinate old and bed-ridden citizens at their homes by sending a team comprising a doctor and a nurse to administer the vaccine shot, the petitioner pointed out. **IANS**

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Delhi Police arrest 2 in Haryana wrestler murder case

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBR 12

The Delhi Police has arrested two people from Dwarka here in connection with the murder of university-level wrestler Nisha Dahiya and her brother at a wrestling academy in Haryana's Sonipat district, officials said on Friday.The accused have been identified as Rohtak resident Pawan Barak (25), a coach in the wrestling academy, and Sachin Dahiya (23) of Sonipat, they said.

A revolver has been seized from Barak's possession, police said.Nisha Dahiya and her brother Suraj were killed and their mother suffered injuries as assailants opened fire on them at the academy on Wednesday. The mother was admitted to the PGIMS hospital in Rohtak. Sachin Dahiya was found previously involved in two cases under the Arms Act, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Sanjeev Kumar Yadav said.Nisha Dahiya was a university-level wrestler who had been practising at the Sushil Kumar Wrestling Academy. The academy has no links with two-time Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar. The incident took place around 2 pm on Wednesday in Sonipat and five to six rounds of bullets were fired allegedly by coach of the academy Pawan Barak and some other persons. **PTI**

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BJP's Tiwari urges Delhi CM to reduce VAT on fuel prices

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11



Delhi BJP MP Manoj Tiwari claimed on Friday that the city petrol pumps have witnessed a 70-per cent reduction in sales due to higher rates and urged Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to reduce the VAT on fuel prices.

"CM Arvind Kejriwalji, the sale at petrol pumps in Delhi has gone down by 70 per cent. Please reduce the VAT on fuel prices and start paying attention to Delhi's problems. You had promised that petrol and diesel will be cheaper in Delhi than (the other) NCR cities but anyway, you keep breaking promises," the former Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president said in a tweet in Hindi.Compared to Delhi, the fuel prices are cheaper in its satellite towns of Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Gurugram.

The Centre last week reduced excise duty by Rs 5 per litre on petrol and Rs 10 per litre on diesel. **PTI**

Delhi wakes up to shallow fog, 'very poor' AQI

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

Delhi woke up to shallow fog on Friday with reduced visibility and an overall Air Quality Index (AQI) of 390 under the 'very poor' category. The maximum and minimum temperature of the day will settle at 26 and 13 degrees Celsius, respectively, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).The minimum temperature is likely to drop to 10 degrees from November 17 onwards.The relative humidity at 8.30 a.m. was pegged at 93 per cent.

According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR), the level of PM 10 and PM 2.5 pollutants in the air at 9 a.m. was recorded at 167 and 90. **IANS**

21-year-old man arrested for sending threatening messages to friend's husband

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

A 21-year-old man was arrested for allegedly sending abusive and threatening messages to his friend's husband in northeast Delhi, police said on Friday.The accused was identified as Shahbaaz of Mustafabad, they said.

According to the police, complainant Imran approached them after he and his family members received abusive, vulgar, threatening and extortion messages from different international WhatsApp numbers.Similar messages were also sent to his sister's fianc , Imran told the police.

During investigation of the case, the numbers were put on surveillance and their location tracked. They all were being operated by the mobile number and the IP address of Aamir of Old Mustafabad, a senior officer said.Police contacted Aamir and got to know his brother Shahbaaz was behind it.Thereafter, a raid was conducted and Shahbaaz was arrested on Wednesday from Mustafabad. The mobile phone used in the crime was seized from his possession, Deputy Commissioner of Police (northeast) Sanjay Kumar Sain said. **PTI**

NEWSBRIEFS

Two with 270 grams of charas held in Hamirpur village

HAMIRPUR: Barsar police of the district at a blockade in Bijhari area of the district have arrested two persons carrying 270 grams of charas(bhang) with them.One of the smuggler is from Sathwin village and another from Sakroh village of the district. SP, Hamirpur said Friday during a routine blockade, a team of the Barsar police intercepted a vehicle and during searching, 270 grams of charas(bhang) was found with them. She said a case under NDPS act had been registered against the arrested persons.The police were interrogating them about the sources of the charas. **AGENCIES**

Woman mauled, critically injured by wild bear in Kashmir

SRINAGAR: A woman was mauled and critically injured by a wild bear outside her home in Sopore township of north Kashmir on Friday. Reports said that a woman was attacked by a wild bear near her home at Hardushiva in Sopore township, when she was coming from a seminary where she teaches the Holy Quran.She was immediately shifted to Sub-District Hospital Sopore, from where she was referred to the SMHS hospital in Srinagar for special treatment.An official of the Wildlife Department said that a team has been sent to the area to capture the wild bear.**AGENCIES**

Ladakh reports 15 new COVID-19 cases, 10 recoveries



LEH: Ladakh recorded 15 COVID-19 cases on Friday, taking its tally of infections to 21,098, while the count of active cases of the disease in the union territory rose to 130, officials said. Ladakh has registered 209 Covid-related deaths 151 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. Ten more patients have been cured and discharged from hospitals in Leh, pushing the number of recoveries to 20,759, they said.All new cases were reported in Leh, the officials said.
No death due to Covid was reported in Ladakh on Thursday. With this, the total number of COVID-19 active cases in Ladakh has gone up to 130 126 in Leh and four in Kargil. **PTI**

Srinagar records season's coldest night; Pahalgam, Kupwara see sub-zero temperature



SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 12

Srinagar city recorded the coldest night of the season as the mercury started its southward slide in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Friday.

Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for annual Amarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 3.4 degrees Celsius. It was also the coldest recorded place in Kashmir.Kupwara in north Kashmir also recorded sub-zero temperature as mercury settled at minus 0.9 degree Celsius, they said.Srinagar recorded a low of 0.7 degree Celsius Thursday night, the lowest minimum temperature recorded this season, officials said.Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley, recorded 0.0 degree Celsius, while Kokernag witnessed a low of 1.8 degrees Celsius Thursday night.

Gulmarg resort in Baramulla district recorded a minimum temperature of 0.6 degree Celsius.Kashmir Valley is slipping into wintry conditions much ahead of the beginning of extreme harsh weather conditions. The extreme weather usually starts during third week of December.Chillai Kalan, the 40-day period of harsh winter in Kashmir, begins on December 21 every year. **IANS**

Protesting farmers should think over changing their leadership: Vij

AMBALA, NOVEMBER 12



Haryana Home minister Anil Vij on Friday asked farmers protesting the Centre's farm laws to think over changing their leadership as their current leaders have "failed" to resolve their issues even after almost a year-long agitation. Addressing the media here, Vij alleged that it seems that those leading the agitation are not "well-wishers of farmers".

"It seems they have some personal hidden agenda which is not being disclosed to farmers for some unknown reasons," the minister said.Farmers should ask their leaders what they have pulled off for them in this period, he said, adding that they have "failed" to resolve their issues even after almost a year-long agitation.

Vij said in a democratic set up, problems are always solved through dialogue. The prime minister and the Union agriculture minister had invited Samyukta Kisan Morcha leaders for talks a number of times but they have been "delaying" it, Vij alleged.

He asked farmers that they should ask them what progress has been made on those issues for which they have been sitting on roads leaving their families alone in villages.Vij said he does not want to intervene in this issue as it is between farmers and their leaders.But being the home minister of the state, he has to maintain law and order, Vij said.He said the government is also concerned about the fact that the agitation has been affecting industrial activities and businesses in the state.

Hundreds of farmers have been camping at three Delhi borders since November last year, demanding the repeal of the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020; Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020; and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020. **PTI**

COVID-19 : HP records 145 new cases, 10 more deaths

HAMIRPUR, NOVEMBER 12



Ten aged people including three each from the districts of Kangra and Una and two each from Mandi and Shimla lost their lives due to the dreaded virus in Himachal Pradesh by Thursday night.A spokesman of the HP Health Department told UNI today that the number of totalfatalities had risen to 3,783 and that of the active cases stood at 1,128.

He said that in all 8,392 samples were tested on Thursday out of which 145 were found positive.The number of cured people on Thursday was 168.

He said that the number of total confirmed cases by Thursday night was 2,25,469 and those cured fully stood at 2,20,536. **AGENCIES**

J&K: Bajrang Dal protests against Mehbooba's visit to Jammu

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 12



Bajrang Dal activists on Friday hold protests against PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti who is on a visit to the city. They raised slogans and showed black flags to Mehbooba when she came out of the Jammu airport.The right-wing outfit activists alleged that the PDP leader was supporting Pakistan and defending Kashmiri medical students who raised slogans in favour of the Pakistan cricket team.

President Bajrang Dal Rakesh Kumar said, "We will continue to protest against Mehbooba Mufti for her Pro-Pakistani statements. We criticise her for defending students in Kashmir, who raised pro-Pakistan slogans after Pakistan won cricket match against India.He said Mehbooba should be sent to jail for inciting people of Kashmir and defending Pakistan.

Officials said the activists tried to come on the road when the PDP chief was leaving the airport but their attempt was thwarted by police. **PTI**

J&K govt suspends 3 on corruption charges

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 12

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday suspended an assistant regional transport officer (ARTO) and two motor vehicle inspectors on corruption charges.

An order issued by the government said, "Today that ARTO Kupwara (Mohammad Mukhtar) and two Motor Vehicle Inspectors (Khursheed Ahmad and Abdul Hamid) are placed under suspension pending enquiry against them."The same order has called for holding a departmental enquiry against the suspended officials. **AGENCIES**



Members of the Muslim community conduct Friday prayers in an open site, at Leisure Valley ground in Gurugram on Friday. PTI

₹6.5 crore properties owned by drug peddlers attached in Haryana

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 12

In yet another biggest attachment of properties owned by drug peddlers, Haryana Police has attached ill-gotten assets of a drug peddler and his family members, worth over Rs 6.5 crore in Kurukshetra district, claiming the properties were acquired through smuggling of narcotics.

Sharing the information here today, a Haryana Police spokesperson informed that the competent authority on November 1, 2021 has ordered to attach properties registered in the name of accused Roshan Lal, a resident of Dhantori, Kurukshetra and his family members.The authority had ordered to attach 130-kanal 105-marla farm land worth Rs 4.96 crore and six separate bank accounts with funds over Rs 1.60 crore in the name of the accused and his family members. The Police had requested the competent authority to attach illegal assets worth about Rs 10 crore.

He alongwith two others was arrested in October 2020 after the police had recovered 10.38 quintals of chura post/doda post and 34 kg ganja patti within the jurisdiction of Thanesar police station

Out of which, the authority had passed an order to attach ill-gotten property worth over Rs 6.5 crore.A total of four cases under NDPS Act were registered against accused Roshan Lal in Thansear and Shahabad police stations in Kurukshetra as well as in Punjab state.

He alongwith two others was arrested in October 2020 after the police had recovered 10.38 quintals of chura post/doda post and 34 kg ganja patti within the jurisdiction of Thanesar police station. **BPE**

Himachal scientist gets Jamnalal Bajaj Award

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 12



A scientist from Himachal Pradesh has been conferred with the prestigious Jamnalal Bajaj Award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development 2021. Lal Singh, who bagged the award, is a director with the Himalayan Research Group (HRG), a non-governmental organisation based in the state capital.

The award is given annually for outstanding contribution in the field of application of science and technology for rural and tribal development, particularly for the benefit of the weaker sections of society.Hailing from a remote Danghiiyara village of Mandi district, Lal Singh's NGO works for the mountain communities.

The NGO is a designated core group for the Science for Equity, Empowerment and Development (SEED) division of the Department of Science and Technology since 2005. **AGENCIES**

Naveen Jaihind dares govt to arrest him if he is a goon

RAJENDRA KHATRY
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 12



Aam Aadmi Party leader Naveen Jaihind today dared the Haryana government to arrest him if he has done anything wrong. He rued his harassment by the government through various cases filed against him.Naveen Jaihind, who was the state president of Aam Aadmi Party, has to appear before the Panipat City Police Station tomorrow at 12 noon. Naveen Jaihind said he was surprised after suddenly receiving a letter from the police in a three and a half year old case. He said that he would definitely go to Panipat to join this investigation. But the surprising thing is that the case had ended. So how did the police remember that case again?

After all, this letter has been sent by the police itself or is there any political agenda involved in it. At the same time, he also said that he is a devotee of Lord Shiva and not a fugitive. He said he is a kanwariya, not a coward. But in the name of investigation and interrogation, the police are constantly harassing the party workers and they should not do so.

Addressing a press conference here today Naveen Jaihind, while counting the long list of cases against him, along with the 3 and a half year old case on the "Bhaichara-Kavad Yatra" against his alleged drug addiction, said that this is not the first case.

J&K reports 158 new COVID-19 cases

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 12



Jammu and Kashmir recorded 158 COVID-19 cases and zero daily deaths due to the disease on Friday, taking the infection tally in the union territory to 3,33,825, officials said.Of these fresh cases, 26 are from Jammu division and 132 from Kashmir division, they said.The officials said Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 73 new cases, followed by Baramulla with 31.

There are 1,364 active cases of the disease in the union territory at present, and the number of recoveries stands at 3,28,013, they said.The death toll in the union territory due to the pandemic stands at 4,448, the officials said. They said there were 49 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in Jammu and Kashmir at present. **PTI**

NEWSBRIEFS

Eastern Australia bracing for heavy rain, thunderstorms

CANBERRA: Much of eastern Australia is bracing for heavy rain, thunderstorms and powerful winds on Friday with authorities warning of potential flash flooding in the coming days.Widespread regions throughout the states of New South Wales (NSW), Queensland, Victoria, South Australia (SA) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) were hit by pelting rain on Friday morning with the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) expecting the weather to continue wreaking havoc on the weekend, reports Xinhua news agency.The deluges are being triggered by two weather systems clashing with a low-pressure system from SA sweeping east and hitting tropical moisture over Queensland and NSW. **IANS**

Nepal offers cash aid to COVID-affected families

KATHMANDU: The Nepal government has encouraged eligible families belonging to poor households affected by the Covid-19 pandemic to apply for cash grants as part of a relief scheme announced earlier this year.Under the relief plan included in the budget for the current 2021-22 fiscal year starting in mid-July, the government will distribute 10,000 NPR ($84) in one-off subsidy to each eligible family, which is the first time since the onset of the pandemic early last year, reports Xinhua news agency.A total of 500,000 families will benefit from the government's scheme at a cost of 5 billion NPR. **IANS**

Global COVID-19 caseload tops 251.8 mn

WASHINGTON: The global coronavirus caseload has topped 251.8 million, while the deaths have surged to more than 5.07 million and vaccinations soared to over 7.37 billion, according to the Johns Hopkins University.In its latest update on Friday morning, the University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) revealed that the current global caseload, death toll and the total number number of vaccine doses administered stood at 251,885,689, 5,079,013 and 7,373,293,231, respectively.The US continues to be the worst-hit country with the world's highest number of cases and deaths at 46,847,655 and 759,636, according to the CSSE. **IANS**

Cuba sees continued drop in COVID-19 cases

HAVANA: The number of Covid-19 infections continued to decline in Cuba, with 403 new cases reported, for a total of 957,735 cases, the Ministry of Public Health has said.In its daily pandemic report, the Ministry also registered four more Covid-19 deaths in the same period, bringing the death toll to 8,278. The largest number of new cases in the past 24 hours was reported in the eastern province of Holguin (92), followed by the central provinces of Sancti Spiritus (67) and Camaguey (65), Xinhua news agency reported. The government is carrying out an accelerated immunization campaign against Covid-19, with more than 7.8 million of the country's 11.2 million inhabitants fully vaccinated, according to Ministry data. **IANS**

Biden admin settles for automatic job authorisation for spouses of H-1B visa holders

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 12



In yet another immigration-friendly move that would benefit thousands of Indian-American women, the Biden administration has agreed to provide automatic work authorisation permits to the spouses of H-1B visa holders, most of whom are Indian IT professionals.An H-4 visa is issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to immediate family members (spouse and children under 21 years of age) of the H-1B visa holders. The visa is normally issued to those who have already started the process of seeking employment-based lawful permanent resident status in the US.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. The technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China.

A settlement was reached by the Department of Homeland Security in a class-action lawsuit, which was filed by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) on behalf of immigrant spouses this summer."This (H-4 visa holders) is a group that always met the regulatory test for automatic extension of EADs (employment authorisation documents), but the agency previously prohibited them from that benefit and forced them to wait for re-authorisation. People were suffering.

They were losing their high-paying jobs for absolutely no legitimate reason causing harm to them and US businesses," Jon Wasden from AILA said.The litigation successfully achieved the reversal of the USCIS policy that prohibited H-4 spouses from benefiting from the automatic extension of their employment authorisation during the pendency of stand-alone EAD applications.

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"Although this is a giant achievement, the parties' agreement will further result in a massive change in position for the USCIS, which now recognises that L-2 spouses enjoy automatic work authorisation incident to status, meaning these spouses of executive and managers will no longer have to apply for employment authorisation prior to working in the United States," AILA said. **PTI**

Aus state's construction jab mandate looms, border requirements changed

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 12



The Australian state of Victoria prepared to introduce vaccination mandates for construction industry workers. The state reported 1,115 new locally acquired Covid-19 cases and nine deaths on Friday, while more than 86 per cent of eligible Victorians have been double vaccinated. Victoria Chief Health Officer Brett Sutton issued a warning in a statement that several vaccination deadlines are "approaching", and all the Victorian construction workers must be fully vaccinated by Saturday to be eligible to continue working on site.

The second-dose deadline is also approaching for workers in Victoria's residential aged-care facilities, who must be fully vaccinated by next Monday, Xinhua news agency reported. Exceptions apply to workers with a medical exemption.The Department of Health also noted a change to requirements for fully vaccinated international travellers and aircrew arriving in the state.

Upon arrival, travellers and crew must be tested for coronavirus within 24 hours. Anyone wanting to enter Victoria from overseas must obtain an international Covid-19 vaccination certificate, or proof of a medical exemption.Additionally, travellers aged above 12 years must have tested negative for Covid-19 not earlier than 72 hours before departure to Victoria and must have applied for an international passenger travel permit through Services Victoria. **IANS**

Erdogan says blaming Turkey for refugee crisis 'real ingratitude'



ANKARA, NOVEMBER 12

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has accused Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis of "lying" about the refugee crisis."It is truly ingratitude to say that the refugee crisis is caused by Turkey," Erdogan said at a joint press conference with visiting Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

It is Greece that pushes refugees to their deaths in the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas, he added. Mitsotakis said on Tuesday that Greece intercepted boats coming from Turkey but denied claims that his government pushed back the refugees, Xinhua news agency reported."So rather than blaming Greece, you should put it on those who have been instrumentalizing migration systematically," he added.

Thousands of refugees are gathering on the Belarusian side of the border in an attempt to enter Poland and then Germany to seek asylum.Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu on Wednesday discussed the issue with his Polish counterpart Zbigniew Rau on the phone. **IANS**

US Court pauses release of Trump WH records sought by House panel

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 12



A US Federal Appeals Court has temporarily paused the release of the Donald Trump administration records sought by the House Select Committee investigating the January 6 Capitol riot, one day before some of the records are due to be transferred from the National Archives.

A three-judge panel for the DC Circuit Court of Appeals issued a temporary injunction, postponing the handover of the records to allow Trump to continue his legal challenge, Xinhua news agency reported."The purpose of this administrative injunction is to protect the court's jurisdiction to address (Trump's) claims of executive privilege and should not be construed in any way as a ruling on the merits," the panel said in a brief order, which also scheduled oral arguments over the case for November 30.Thursday's ruling came one day ahead of the Friday 6 p.m. ET deadline for the Select Committee to receive 46 records, including White House call logs, visitor logs, drafts of speeches and handwritten memos from Trump's then Chief of Staff Mark Meadows.In all, some 700 pages of records are expected to be handed to the House investigators in the coming weeks from the National Archives, which keeps those records.Trump has been in a legal fight to prevent the release of the records, threatening to exert executive privilege.

President Joe Biden has refused to intervene in the records transfer, denying Trump of his executive privilege in the investigation. The Trump team then sued the Select Committee and the National Archives in the District Court in DC in October.Judge Tanya Chutkan of the District Court, however, twice rejected Trump's attempts to keep those records secret on Tuesday and Wednesday, prompting the former President to turn to the DC Circuit to head off the Friday deadline. **IANS**



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends the Summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) via videoconference in Moscow, Russia, Friday. **PTI**

Japan to secure 1.6mn oral COVID medicine: PM

TOKYO, NOVEMBER 12

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on Friday that his government has decided to secure 1.6 million doses of oral medication for Covid-19 and increase the hospitalisation capacity for infected patients by 30 per cent compared to the peak level this summer. "By securing a medical system based on the worst-case scenario and enhancing early treatment, we will be able to continue our economic and social activities even if infections spread," Kishida said at a special task force meeting. **IANS**

Germany's aging baby boomer generation threatening country's prosperity

BERLIN, NOVEMBER 12

As Germany's baby boomer generation retires, the country will be threatened with losses amounting to billions of euros, according to a study published by the German Economic Institute (IW). Baby boomer is a term used to describe a person who was born between 1946 and 1964. The baby boomer generation makes up a substantial portion of the world's population, especially in developed nations.

In the next 15 years, Germany's economy will "change drastically" with baby boomers no longer working, and the labour market will lose more than 5 million workers, Xinhua news agency reported citing the study as saying.Assuming that policies continue largely unchanged, real income per capita in Germany will only increase by an average of around one percent per year until 2035, according to the study.

> 'The future federal government is called upon to react to the shrinking population, only then can companies also do their homework'

"Policymakers must act now," IW stressed in the report.Day care for children in schools and other facilities in Germany must be improved so that more parents can work full-time instead of part-time, and immigration could also help address a shortage of skilled labour. Better conditions for private investment, improving public infrastructure, and good market access opportunities for innovative companies would also be required to counter the generational effect, the study found.

"The future federal government is called upon to react to the shrinking population, only then can companies also do their homework," said IW Director Michael Huether."Business as usual destroys prosperity for all and cannot be in the interest of politics." **IANS**

UN Chief mourns death of former South African President de Klerk

UNITED NATIONS, NOVEMBER 12



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has mourned the death of former South African President F.W. de Klerk, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate.Guterres is deeply saddened to learn of the death of de Klerk and conveys his deepest condolences to the family of de Klerk and to the government and people of South Africa, said Stephane Dujarric, Spokesman for the UN Secretary General."Former State President F.W. de Klerk will be remembered as a courageous statesman who took a principled stance, lifting the ban on political organizations and releasing political prisoners, thus helping chart the path for a transition to a democratic South Africa," said the statement. As Deputy President from 1994 to 1996, de Klerk participated in the Government of National Unity, which oversaw the drafting of a historic new Constitution for South Africa, it added.De Klerk, who died on Thursday at the age of 85, was recognized for his role in dismantling the apartheid regime in South Africa and bringing universal suffrage, Xinhua news agency reported.

He was South Africa's President from 1989 to 1994. After the election of Nelson Mandela as the country's first black President in 1994, de Klerk became Mandela's Deputy till 1996.De Klerk and Mandela were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for their achievements in ending apartheid. **IANS**

Seoul monitoring N.Korea's move to mark 10th anniversary of Kim's leadership

SEOUL, NOVEMBER 12



South Korea is monitoring the possibility of North Korea holding a major event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of leader Kim Jong-un's rise to power, Seoul's Unification Ministry said on Friday.Kim assumed power in December 2011, following the sudden death of his father and former leader Kim Jong-il, reports Yonhap News Agency."North Korea has not announced a plan for such a commemorative event as of now, but we will continue monitoring related moves as there are some needs for one to strengthen internal unity and evaluate the first year outcome of its five-year plan," the Ministry deputy spokesman Cha Duck-chul told reporters here.

It refers to the North's economic development scheme unveiled at the country's eighth party congress in January, during which Kim admitted to a failure in his previous development plan and set out a new one.The North was seen continuing to elevate Kim's political status marking the 10th year since he took power. Last month, South Korea's National Intelligence Service said the North has removed portraits of Kim's father and grandfather, late leaders Kim Jong-il and Kim Il-sung, respectively, from the backdrop of official meetings. **IANS**

lifestyle



Katrina, Vickyto tie the knot at Six Senses Fort in Rajasthan

Bollywood stars Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal are all set to tie the knot at the Six Senses Fort Hotel in Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur district.

The wedding celebrations will be held from December 7-12 and the booking has been done in the hotel for the wedding.

However, its formal announcement is yet to be made.

Many event companies will work together to organise the VIP wedding. Different companies are being hired for different events, confirmed officials.

Representatives of these event companies are searching rooms in different hotels in Sawai Madhopur.

On the other hand, the team of Katrina and Vicky Kaushal has also started preparing for the wedding.

A 10-member team reached Six Senses Barwara Fort on Tuesday to take stock of the situation. According to the information received from the hotel management, the team monitored all arrangements related to the wedding.

They did a recce from which place the groom will come sitting on the horse, where will the mehendi be organised and so on.

However, the wedding programs have not been announced yet.

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Parineeti feels blessed to be shooting in Kargil

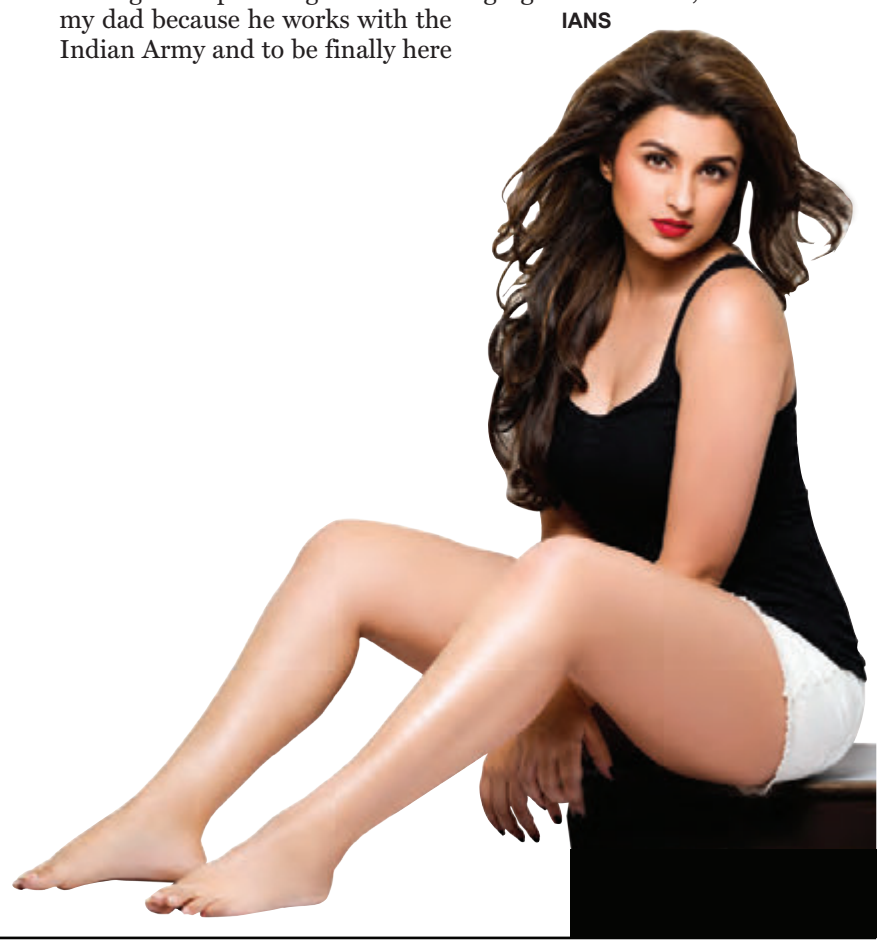
Actress Parineeti Chopra is currently in Kargil, shooting for her yet-to-be-titled film. This is the first time that the actress has travelled to shoot amid the snow-clad mountains of Ladakh, and she seems to be absolutely in love with the place.

Talking about her experience, Parineeti said, "I feel honoured and ecstatic to be shooting in Kargil. I always wanted to come here because I have grown up hearing stories from my dad because he works with the Indian Army and to be finally here as an actor is such a blessing."

However, it's not all fun and games for the crew on the sets as sub-zero temperatures come with their own set of troubles and many times can thwart the shoot schedule. The actress explains, "The temperature is crazy, we shot in -18 and -12 degrees yesterday and our bottles of water were frozen and the guys with beards on our set had frozen beards."

"It was crazy to see that level of cold. I have never experienced that temperature before in my life but still feels exciting to be here as an actor and shooting in these beautiful gorgeous locations," she concludes.

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Saif on reuniting with Rani in 'Bunty Aur Babli 2'



Saif Ali Khan and Rani Mukerji have got the fans excited about their pairing in the soon-to-be-released 'Bunty Aur Babli 2'.

The two have reunited after almost 12 years for the film where they will essay the roles of the original 'Bunty Aur Babli' and chase down the new pair of 'Bunty Aur Babli'. Recently Saif spoke about the experience of working with Rani after a decade.

The actor says, "It's always a pleasure to work with Rani. She is a livewire on the set and her energy has always been infectious. So, I was thrilled that we were coming together to work again because I knew it would be a mad, fun ride with Rani."

Talking about the on-set experience, the actor states, "It was exactly what I expected it to be and the shoot was a breeze. I think we were badly behaved on the set - cracking up at each other's jokes and comments constantly, laughing when people told us to be silent, and just being brats on the set while getting ready for a shot. I think we were kids on this set and trust me we were a handful."

He further states, "I think that's what happens when two people who share a great rapport, come together after years.

IANS

Ayushmann explains why the silver screen is gold for Indians

The release of 'Sooryavanshi' in theatres has reinvigorated the film industry with new energy.

The film recently entered the Rs 100 crore club in just 5 days of its release thereby giving hope to filmmakers, actors, producers, distributors and exhibitors alike.

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who also has a theatrical release with 'Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui', is one happy man and the reason is cinemas finally traversing on the path to recovery.

The actor shares, "So many of my life's favourite memories are linked to me watching movies in a theatre. I'm feeling really happy that Hindi films are now set to release in theatres and make a big comeback. It is my firm belief that people will come back to the big screen to watch the best cinema and to get an experience like never before. Their decision to walk into a theatre won't be based on just event films or genres or star cast. It will be based on content."

Adding to that, the actor feels that the members of the industry have a responsibility to provide memorable experiences to the audience and there can be no better way to do that than cinemas.

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Vicky announces new film 'Govinda Naam Mera' with Kiara, Bhumi

Amid wedding rumours, actor Vicky Kaushal on Friday announced the title of his upcoming film 'Govinda Naam Mera', which also stars Kiara Advani and Bhumi Pednekar.



The film is directed by Shashank Khaitan and produced by Karan Johar, Apoorva Mehta and Shashank Khaitan in collaboration with Viacom18 Studios. The film is slated to hit the big screen on June 10, 2022.

Vicky took to Instagram to make the announcement. He shared three looks on the photo-sharing website.

The first look is of Vicky, who plays Govinda Waghmare and captioned it: "Tevar hai jhakaas, dance hai first class, par life? Life hai ekdum chaos! Meet me - #GovindaNaamMera only in cinemas on 10th June 2022. Arrey rukiye, meet my partners in crime! Stay tuned!"

He then introduced Bhumi's character as "Govinda ki hotty wife".

"Inke liye kya hi bole! Kam hi bole toh accha haia.Meet my better half, my wife! #GovindaNaamMera in cinemas on 10th June 2022," he wrote.

Finally, he shared the poster of Kiara, who will be seen playing his character's girlfriend.

Dressed in a yellow saree, Kiara is introduced as "Govinda ki naughty girlfriend".

"Inko dekh kar agar pyaar nahi hoga, toh phir kya hoga? Meet Govinda's girlfriend. Shh, baaki jaan ne ke liye milenge cinemas mein! #GovindaNaamMera in cinemas 10th June, 2022," he captioned it.

Other details related to the plot are still under wraps.

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Formal sector gained market share during Covid while informal economy suffered

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12



The formal sector appears to have gained market share during the Covid-19 pandemic, while the unorganised/informal economy has suffered and which is not adequately captured in the GDP numbers currently, foreign brokerage UBS said.

The effects of the pandemic have adversely affected the employment and income levels of the workers in the informal sector largely in the non-agriculture sector in rural areas and high contact services sector in urban areas, the report said.

"We expect real GDP growth to remain well above trend at 7.7 per cent YoY in FY23E before settling at the long-run average of 6 per cent in FY24E. Even though India should remain one of the fastest growing EM in FY23E (on a strong statistical carry over), the output gap may continue to be negative throughout. On balance, we remain more optimistic than consensus (7.4 per cent YoY) about a FY23 recovery," the report said.

While consumption growth could moderate, measures to boost public capex and early signs of a recovery in the residential real estate sector may offset some of the adverse impact. Goods exports could moderate as the expected shift from goods to service consumption at a global level as the pandemic recedes should weigh on global trade.

"We also flag a potential credit accelerator effect in India aiding the recovery. Our baseline assumption is that activity continues to normalise and remaining mobility restrictions are gradually removed," UBS said.

We expect near-term household consumption to continue to benefit from unwinding of forced/precautionary savings accumulated during the Covid crisis. UBS Evidence Lab's India Savings & Investment Online Consumer Survey of 1,500 urban Indians indicated improvement over the previous survey in November 2020. Among respondents, 55 per cent saw savings increase vs. last year. Notably, over half of respondents saved as precautionary measure; a sizeable number feel higher income led to higher savings.

Consumption Outlook Consumer Survey of 1,500 consumers indicated affluent Indians' income during the pandemic was relatively unchanged and could support near-term pent-up demand. Nearly two thirds of respondents anticipate income to increase in 2022 as affluent consumers are spending again).

"We think optimism about income growth and a better financial situation is a key metric to track regarding a swift normalisation of consumption trends. We expect improving demand-side indicators (vehicles, property, home & personal care, consumer durables, etc). Notably, the top 20 per cent of the Indian population account for the bulk of discretionary consumption (59 per cent of discretionary consumption in rural areas and 66 per cent in urban areas)," the report said. **IANS**

Toshiba announces plan to split into 3 separate businesses

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12



Japanese conglomerate Toshiba has confirmed plans to split the company into three separate businesses, BBC reported.

Toshiba said the three companies would be focused on infrastructure, semiconductors and devices.

The company has come under increasing pressure from activist investors to make changes since an accounting scandal in 2015, the report said.

This week, US giant General Electric announced a similar strategy that will see the historic company broken up.

Toshiba's plan will see it spin off two core businesses -- its energy and infrastructure unit as well as its device and storage operation.

After shedding those two companies, Toshiba will continue to own a 40.6 per cent stake in memory chipmaker Kioxia as well as other assets.

It expects to complete the reorganisation by the second half of 2023, the report said.

The move is aimed to increase the stock market valuations of Toshiba's different businesses after facing pressure from shareholders.

But some analysts are concerned about the timescale for the changes.

"The move is in the right direction, but it seems slow," said Atul Goyal of investment bank Jeffries, who would have preferred a timeline of three-to-six months, as per the report.

"2023 is a long way out and we are not sure what else will change between now and then."

Toshiba is one of Japan's oldest and largest firms, with divisions that range from home electronics to nuclear power stations.

However, the company has faced wrenching changes in recent years as it dealt with the fallout of an accounting scandal and huge losses linked to its US nuclear unit. **IANS**

NEWSBRIEFS

Skyland Group launches La Trio Pizza and Kathi Nation in Nawanshahr

JALANDHAR: Skyland Group, a new-age business conglomerate that has a nationwide presence with its QSR chains, has recently inaugurated their La Trio Pizza and Kathi Nation outlet in Nawanshahr, Punjab. The brand aims at providing consumers with great tasting food and the franchise owners with creating excellent job opportunities across the country. Kathi Nation is poised to usher in a revolution in the Indian snacking industry by introducing high-quality snacks such as Kathi-Veg & Non-Veg, Chaap, Tikka, SigriKabab, Special Biryani, Indian Curries, and so on, while minimizing the risk of high sodium, preservatives, and other ailments. **BPE**

Royale Estate Group will soon launch 'Mohali Industrial Economic Zone'

CHANDIGARH: There is good news for those who want to own their own dwelling unit or even commercial space in tricity. "We are planning projects which will be based on unique concepts & design and competitively priced. These will be launched by the end of this year. We build concept based projects, which attract a high footfall of end users on completion and this is also a hallmark of all our real estate projects," said Piyush Kansal, a young Director at Royale Estate Group, a well known tricity based real estate organisation. Piyush further said, "Our group's USP is that we plan and build projects for all types of real estate buyers be it the middle class, upper middle class or people who have very high end realty needs." **BPE**

SA's economy expected to grow 5.1 pc in 2021



CAPE TOWN/JOHANNESBURG, NOVEMBER 12

South Africa's Finance Minister, Enoch Godongwana has said the country's economy is expected to grow 5.1 per cent in 2021, following an economic recovery faster than expected in the first half.

The recovery reflects less stringent Covid-19 restrictions, lower interest rates, support from strong international demand, as well as higher commodity prices, Godongwana told the Parliament in Cape Town, the legislative capital of South Africa, when presenting the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS), Xinhua news agency reported.

In 2020, the country's economy contracted 6.4 per cent, according to him.

Over the next three years, the growth of the local economy is expected to average 1.7 per cent, reflecting some structural weaknesses such as inadequate electricity supply, he said, noting that the strength of the economic recovery will also depend on the rollout of vaccines.

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This year's MTBPS, which sets out the policy framework for the budget presented every February, adjusts the budgets of government departments and makes emergency changes to spending, is about navigating South Africa's path to economic and social recovery, drawing on the resilience of its people as well as restoring the sustainability of its public finances and the dignity of the people in the face of the pandemic.

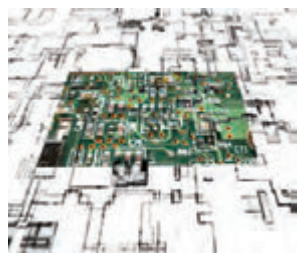
Given the economic outlook and the risks associated with it, it is critical that South Africa accelerates economic reforms for long-run growth, in terms of stabilizing energy supply and accelerating the transition to renewable energy sources, improving the efficiency of logistics infrastructure to support export growth, said the Minister.

Other reforms include the speedy resolution of issues blocking the release of high-demand spectrum and making affordable data available to firms and households, boosting tourism and attracting skills, and improving water management.

Dawie Roodt, the Chief Economist at Efficient Group, said MTBPS was a "conservative" budget. "The Minister is staying within the fiscal frame and reducing spending." **IANS**

Semiconductor shortage dent Oct PV sales

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12



Challenges pertaining to electronic components' availability, coupled with high operating and ownership costs due to rising commodity prices dragged passenger vehicles' sales lower on a year-on-year basis in October.

Accordingly, the sales of passenger vehicles fell to 2,26,353 units in October as compared to 3,10,694 units sold during the corresponding month of 2020.

On a sequential basis, October's PV sales were higher than September's level of 1,60,070 units.

The data furnished by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) does not include sales figures from some key players such as Tata Motors.

The PV sales data comprises cars, utility vehicles and vans.

Segment-wise, a total of 1,03,829 passenger cars were sold in the domestic market in October, down from 1,82,692 units sold in the like period of 2020.

The sales of other subcategories such as utility vehicles (UV) and vans also degrew on a year-on-year basis. As per the data, UV sales fell to 1,12,112 units from 1,14,390 units, while the off-take of vans declined to 10,412 units from 13,612 units in the year-ago period. **IANS**

Kolkata to have CNG and e-vehicles by 2030



KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 12

As a first step to convert Kolkata and it's three satellite towns -- Rajarhat, Bidhannagar and New Town into eco-friendly cities, the state government has decided that the state capital will have only CNG and e-vehicles by 2030.

Speaking in a recent meeting, the state Transport Minister Firhad Hakim said, "Since 2011, plans have been made to create a smart city, a green city in the state. The city has long had an eco-friendly tram and an underground metro. Plans are there to launch electric buses. Already 300 government buses in Kolkata have been converted to CNG".

"Presently 100 electric buses are plying in Kolkata and the state government plans to introduce more than 1,000 CNG buses on the city roads soon," the outgoing Mayor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation said.

"We have prepared a detailed transport plan. We will gradually phase out fossil fuel-run vehicles from the city, and replace the fleet with compressed natural gas and electric-run vehicles," Hakim said.

"Autos will also run on CNG and electricity." Hakim said adding that the state government planned to set up 3,500 charging stations in greater Kolkata and promised that piped CNG would reach the city in two years.

"For private electric vehicles, we may consider a tax cut to encourage the switch," he added. **IANS**

Single online grocery store Amazon Fresh goes live



NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

Amazon on Friday said it has completed the integration of its grocery stores Fresh and Pantry into a single unified store called Amazon Fresh in India.

The new store, available across more than 300 cities in the country, will offer customers unbeatable savings, a wide selection of products, and fast and convenient delivery options in one single online destination, the e-commerce giant said in a statement. The company in February announced the integration of the Pantry store into Fresh in select cities.

"This launch has allowed us to simplify the shopping experience for groceries via our dedicated Amazon Fresh app-in-app experience, and sets us up to deliver many new features and enhancements in the coming months. Apart from offering great savings, Amazon Fresh will also reduce barriers to grocery shopping online," said Siddharth Nambiar, director, category management, Amazon India.

"With this new launch, all items will get delivered in a single convenient shipment delivered between 1-3 days depending on the customer's location," he informed.

Nearly 65 per cent of orders and over 85 per cent of new customers on Amazon. in are from tier 2 and 3 cities.

"In top cities such as Bhubaneshwar, Patna, and Lucknow, we've seen a lot of adoption for online grocery shopping post pandemic. **IANS**

Tata Consumer Products buys Tata SmartFoodz for ₹395 cr cash

CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 12



Continuing its focus on expanding into value added food products Tata Consumer Products Ltd has inked a deal to buy group company the ready-to-eat-maker Tata SmartFoodz Limited for Rs 395 crore cash.

Tata Consumer Products has entered into a share purchase agreement with Tata Industries Ltd to acquire its entire holdings in Tata SmartFoodz for Rs 395 crore. With this buy, Tata Consumer Products will add to its portfolio 'Tata Q' brand of ready-to-eat packaged food products, the former said.

Last fiscal Tata SmartFoodz had posted a turnover of Rs 14.66 crore and has total assets of Rs 312.76 crore and a networth of Rs 243.75 crore.

Tata SmartFoodz's plant is located in Sri City in Andhra Pradesh making noodles, biryani, pasta and others.

According to Tata Consumer Products, the acquisition is expected to be completed in seven days.

"Tata SmartFoodz is a good strategic fit for us given the nature of its business and it will also allow us to expand our portfolio into the Ready to Eat (RTE) segment. RTE is a fast-growing segment in India and a sizeable opportunity in the International markets," Sunil D'Souza, Managing Director & CEO, Tata Consumer Products said. Tata Consumer Products has under its umbrella the principal food and beverage interests of the Tata group. **IANS**

EU's Green Deal will fail if anyone is left behind: European Commissioner

ATHENS, NOVEMBER 12



The key prerequisite for the success of the EU's Green Deal is just transition with everyone on board the effort, Virginijus Sinkevicius, European Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, said during a visit to Athens.

In late 2019 the European Commission presented the European Green Deal aimed to make the bloc carbon neutral by 2050 as a new growth strategy, creating more opportunities for innovation and jobs. In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, member states continued efforts for this transformational change and the Green Deal was included in the European recovery package, Xinhua news agency reported.

One-third of the 1.8 trillion-euro (2$ trillion) investments from the NextGenerationEU Recovery Plan, and the EU's seven-year budget will finance the European Green Deal, the European Commission has announced.

"What we are trying to do is to show that the Green Deal is not an environmental legislation or climate legislation. It is a horizontal change which will affect many different areas and of course, in that transition we have to find a place for everyone, because the Green Deal can only be implemented if everyone is on board," Sinkevicius added during a meeting with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis on Thursday.

"If we leave someone behind, the Green Deal fails. Therefore, of course, just transition is at the heart of the Green Deal," he stressed, according to Greek national broadcaster ERT.

On his part, the Greek leader also emphasized that the Green Deal was a great opportunity to be seized as it will help the environment, improve citizens' lives and support economic development.

"We are truly committed to making the green transition work for everyone. We are looking forward to working with the Commission, using the funds from the Recovery and Resilience Plan, to make the green transition a reality, but also to create lots of jobs," Mitsotakis said. **IANS**

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"VIRAT KOHLI WILL JOIN THE SQUAD FOR THE SECOND TEST AND WILL LEAD THE TEAM"

Wade stars as Australia slay Pakistan to enter final



DUBAI, NOVEMBER 12

Matthew Wade and Marcus Stoinis produced a late assault, after David Warner's fiery 49 set the chase up, to enable Australia beat Pakistan by five wickets and enter the final of the T20 World Cup, in Dubai, on Thursday.

In Sunday's final, Australia will meet New Zealand, who beat England in the first semi-final.

Chasing down 177 to win the second semi-final, Australia were on the backfoot after Shaheen Shah Afridi dismissed Aaron Finch for a first-ball duck, with the third delivery of the first over, and Mitchell Marsh survived a close leg before review off the next delivery.

But the Aussies rode out the storm and seemed to be taking control of the match as Warner raced to a fiery 49.

Spinner Shadab Khan then turned the game Pakistan's way, taking four wickets for 26 runs, including a controversial dismissal of Warner, to leave the match on a knife's-edge.

In the end, the remarkable semi-final had a final twist in the tale, as Wade and Stoinis blazed away in the final overs to get Australia across the line and knock out the thus far tournament's undefeated team out.

Stoinis finished with 40 from 31 balls, but it was Wade who was the hero, his 41 coming off just 17 deliveries, including three consecutive sixes off Afridi to seal victory with an over to spare.

Earlier, Mitchell Marsh came to the crease after the early fall of Finch and, after surviving Afridi's stunning opening spell, joined forces with Warner to lift Australia to 52 for 1 at the end of the Powerplay.

But Shadab ended the partnership as Marsh miscued to Asif Ali in the deep, and Steve Smith also fell to Shadab in the deep soon after, scoring just five from six.

Warner though kept the scoring going, with one particular ball yielding seven runs as Mohammad Hafeez got it all wrong to send a double-bouncing no-ball trickling towards Warner, who still somehow muscled it for six.

Warner looked to be taking the game away from Pakistan until he edged a Shadab googly behind one run short of his 50... or at least until it looked like he edged it behind.

Both the bowler and Rizwan raced away in celebration and a furious Warner walked off, with the umpire raising his finger.

Replays suggested Warner had not connected with the ball, meaning there must have been some other movement or click, potentially in the bat handle, that confused all parties.

Shadab then wrapped up his four-for in his final over when the dangerous Glenn Maxwell was superbly caught by Haris Rauf.

Earlier, Mohammad Rizwan punished Australia for two dropped catches to post his third half-century in the T20 World Cup as Pakistan posted an imposing 176 for 4.

It was the opener's tenth fifty of an extraordinary 2021 that has seen him become the first batter in T20I history to score over a thousand runs in a calendar year.

Rizwan's innings wasn't without chances, with Pakistan given a major let-off early on when he was dropped by David Warner without scoring.

The opener went for a big hit off Glenn Maxwell and miscued it, but Warner, running backwards and watching the ball drop over his shoulder, couldn't hold onto the catch and watched as it trickled away for four.

Pakistan and Rizwan had another lucky break off the final delivery of the Powerplay, when Adam Zampa got his hands to what would have been a spectacular catch in the deep, but couldn't hold on.

Rizwan was also on the receiving end after he completely missed a short ball from Mitchell Starc which clattered straight into his helmet and left him needing treatment for some bruising to the side of the face. **AGENCIES**



Rahane to lead in Kohli's absence in 1st Test vs NZ

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 12



Vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane will lead India in the first Test against New Zealand before regular skipper Virat Kohli returns for the second match even as some all-format bigwigs got complete rest from the assignment in line with the BCCI's workload management of players.

Newly appointed T20 captain and regular opener Rohit Sharma, wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant, and pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami have all been rested from the two matches in Kanpur (November 25 to 29), and Mumbai (December 3 to 7).

"Virat Kohli will join the squad for the second Test and will lead the team," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said in a statement.

Middle-order batter Shreyas Iyer made a comeback in the Test squad along with off-spinner Jayant Yadav. The Test series will be preceded by a three-match T20 series beginning November 17 in Jaipur. Kohli will not be a part of the T20 series after opting to take a break.

One of the notable absentees from the Test side was Hanuma Vihari, who has been dropped from the 16-member squad (will be 17 in next Test).

Vihari, it is learnt, is being added to the India A squad for the tour of South Africa where he will get three matches to stake a claim in the main squad which will start its series in the last week of December.

"We are sending Vihari to South Africa for the A series and his performance in the three 'A Test' matches will be monitored," a senior BCCI functionary confirmed.

According to sources close to the selection committee, Vihari's current form, and not past record, has been taken into account while selecting the Test squad.

Vihari, in his last six first-class innings for county team Warwickshire, produced scores of 32, 52, 8, 0, 24, and 43 not out. In the recent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, his output across four innings read 26, 7, 57 and 4.

It is understood that Vihari's defensive game is pretty similar to that of both stand-in vice-captain Cheteshwar Pujara and Rahane, who are going to bat at No.3 and 4 respectively.

The reason behind including a more flamboyant Iyer is that against the second new ball, he can play a counter-attacking knock. Similarly, for someone like Mayank Agarwal, in case he is not used in his familiar opening position and dropped down the order. **PTI**

India's Test squad: Ajinkya Rahane (Captain), KL Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara (vice-captain), Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Wriddhiman Saha (wicket-keeper), KS Bharat (wicket-keeper), Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Axar Patel, Jayant Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna.

Man Utd willing to let go of Cavani in potential swap deal: Reports



MANCHESTER, NOVEMBER 12

According to a report from Fichajes, Sevilla are looking to make a move for Manchester United star Edinson Cavani in January. Sevilla have been dealt a blow as their striker, Youssef En-Nesyri, is out injured.

It is reported that he could be out for as long as three months. The La Liga club is now looking for options to replace the Moroccan.

Manchester United striker Edinson Cavani has come as one of the potential solutions for Sevilla.

This move could bode well for Manchester United as well. The Premier League giants have been interested in defender Jules Kounde of Sevilla for a while now. Cavani could be used by United as a potential swap for the French defender.

Kounde has a release clause of €80m. Manchester United will certainly look to get the most out of Cavani to get this number down.

Kounde currently forms La Liga's best defense this season at Sevilla with seven clean sheets. It won't be easy to get him since many other clubs like Chelsea and Barcelona are reportedly in the race as well.

Cavani joined Manchester United in October 2020. Since then, he has scored 18 goals and made six assists across all competitions for the Red Devils. However, only one of those goals has come this season.

Moreover, the arrival of Cristiano Ronaldo this summer and the rise of Mason Greenwood have reduced Cavani's chances at Manchester United. He has made just eight appearances this season across all competitions, while making just two starts in the Premier League.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has adopted a new 3-5-2 formation in recent times that saw Cavani start against Tottenham Hotspur. However, against Manchester City, he had to miss out due to an injury.

With major defensive issues in the Manchester United backline, they will certainly be pushing for Jules Kounde. This will also give Kounde an opportunity to unite with his French compatriot Raphael Varane.

This can then see Cavani being used as a bargaining chip by Manchester United to get their hands on the Sevilla defender. **AGENCIES**

Arsenal interested in signing Juventus attacker: Reports

LONDON, NOVEMBER 12



According to recent reports, Arsenal have expressed their interest in signing Juventus forward Dejan Kulusevski. The news comes after the Gunners' efforts to sign Fiorentina's Dusan Vlahovic were quashed.

Gunners gaffer Mikel Arteta remains keen to bolster their roster to maintain the club's run of impressive recent form. Arsenal had identified Vlahovic as a potential addition to strengthen their attack. Unfortunately for the Gunners, reports suggest the Florentina man refused to answer calls from the North Londoners.

However, the Gunners are preparing to launch Plan B and hope to bring Juventus star Kulusevski to the Emirates Stadium.

The Swedish midfielder has made just two starts for the Old Lady this season under Max Allegri.

Kulusevski has a contract with Juventus until 2025. However, he will be hoping to get more playing time with Arsenal to ensure he fulfills his potential in the Premier League.

He has scored just one goal in 15 outings but his role has been restricted to that of an impact substitute.

Arsenal have been impressive in the last few games. Arteta's men have won their last four fixtures across all competitions and are unbeaten in their last ten. This is in stark contrast to how the season began for the Gunners. **AGENCIES**

No crowd restriction for New Zealand T20I in Jaipur

JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 12

The opening T20 International between India and New Zealand in Jaipur on November 17 could be played in front of a 'full house', with the host association deciding there will be no restriction on entry of spectators with even a single shot of COVID-19 vaccine.

Those who are not jabbed will have to carry a valid COVID negative test report, which is not older than 48 hours from the start of the match.



The Sawai Mansingh Stadium which has a capacity of 25,000 is hosting an international game after eight years. "As per the current state guidelines, we can have a full crowd. You need to be vaccinated with one dose or you carry a negative test report which will be checked at the entrance," Rajasthan Cricket Association secretary Mahendra Sharma said on Thursday. Sharma said entry to the stadium will be only with masks. It will be the first international match in India with no restrictions in the COVID era.

Crowds were allowed during India's home series against England, but the number was capped at 50 percent before a spike in cases during the white-ball leg forced the organisers to stage the matches without fans. **PTI**

New Zealand star Conway ruled out of T20 WC final

DUBAI, NOVEMBER 12

New Zealand wicketkeeper-batter Devon Conway has been ruled out of the T20 World Cup final against Australia as well as the subsequent tour of India due to a broken hand.

Conway sustained the injury in the first semi-final against England.

Frustrated after being dismissed, he hit his own bat. Taken for X-rays earlier today, it was confirmed that he had broken his fifth metacarpal in his right hand.



This is the second injury blow to New Zealand during the course of the tournament after Lockie Ferguson was ruled out on the day of their Super 12 opener against Pakistan due to a calf tear. "He's absolutely gutted to be ruled out like this at this time," said Gary Stead, the head coach of New Zealand. **AGENCIES**

Aguero could be forced to retire after heart exams reveal negative results: Reports

BARCELONA, NOVEMBER 12

Barcelona forward Sergio Aguero could be forced to retire from football altogether following a negative result on his heart examination, according to Catalunya Radio (via the Daily Mail).

Sergio Aguero joined Barcelona on a free transfer earlier this summer from Premier League champions Manchester City. The 33-year-old forward made his debut for Blaugrana against Valencia in October after missing the start of the season through injury.

However, against Deportivo Alaves, Aguero started feeling chest pain which forced him off the pitch after just 42 minutes. The Argentinian forward spent a couple of days in hospital before it was revealed he would miss the next three months.

According to the aforementioned source, Sergio Aguero could consider retiring from football after the diagnosis of cardiac arrhythmia is believed to be more complex than anticipated.



Catalunya Radio state that Aguero's current condition cannot go down well with playing competitive sports.

Sergio Aguero's only goal for Barcelona came against Real Madrid in their 2-1 defeat against their fierce-rivals. The 33-year-old forward has only completed the full 90 minutes on one occasion, against Rayo Vallecano.

Earlier this month, Sergio Aguero posted a video thanking all Barcelona fans for their constant support during his recovery period. In the video, Aguero said: "Hey Culers! Sending you all a big hug! Thank you for all the messages of support. Now it's time to recover and wait for more news. Sending you all a big hug."

Sergio Aguero is widely regarded as one of the best centre-forwards of the modern era. The Argentinian played for some of the biggest clubs in Europe including Atletico Madrid, Manchester City and Barcelona.

Aguero made his name at Manchester City. The 33-year-old forward is their all-time top goalscorer. Aguero went on to score 260 goals in 390 appearances for the club, helping them win numerous trophies along the way. **AGENCIES**

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