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Balaji Srivastav given addl. charge of Delhi CP

NEW DELHI  
Senior IPS officer Balaji Srivastav will hold the additional charge of Delhi Police Commissioner when incumbent S.N. Shrivastava retires on Wednesday, the Home Ministry said.

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Woman who converted to Islam moves HC

NEW DELHI  
A woman who converted to Islam has approached the Delhi High Court seeking protection for herself and her family claiming that they are being witch-hunted by the U.P. police and media.

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Central Vista: SC rejects plea against HC ruling

NEW DELHI  
The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed an appeal filed against the Delhi High Court judgment refusing to halt the Central Vista project work amid the pandemic.

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## Ensure that no migrant worker goes hungry, SC instructs govt.

Court sets July 31 deadline, tells States to implement One Nation One Ration Card

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL  
NEW DELHI

A government cannot “abdicate” its duties to feed migrant workers, especially during a pandemic, merely because they did not have ration cards, the Supreme Court said in a judgment on Tuesday.

“There is a large number of such migrants who do not possess any card. Their above disability is due to their poverty and lack of education. The State cannot abdicate its duty towards such persons, especially in the wake of the pandemic where large numbers of migrant workers are not able to get jobs which may satisfy their basic needs,” a Bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan and M.R. Shah observed in an 80-page judgment.

The court set July 31 as the deadline for the Centre and the States to ensure their “bounden duty” that none among the estimated 38 crore migrant workers, who form one-fourth of the country’s population, goes hungry during the pandemic. These workers too have made “considerable contributions” to the country’s growth and economic development.

The court ordered the State governments to frame schemes to distribute dry ra-

## Fighting hunger



Helping hands: Members of an NGO distributing food to migrant labourers and the homeless in Vijayawada on Sunday. ■K.V.S. GIRI

The [Labour] Ministry is not alive to the concerns of the migrant workers. The non-action of the Ministry is strongly disapproved

JUSTICE ASHOK BHUSHAN Supreme Court judge

tions to migrant workers by July 31. “The States/Union Territories have to make extra efforts to reach migrant labourers so that no migrant labourer is denied two meals a day,” Justice Bhushan, who wrote the judgment, said.

The Centre has to supply whatever additional quantity of food grains a State demanded. The allocation of additional food grains and running of community kitchens in prominent places to feed workers should continue throughout the pandemic, the court directed.

Right to food, one of the

“bare necessities of life”, was an intrinsic part of the right to live with dignity, the court told the government.

It ordered all the States to fully implement the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme by July 31. The scheme allows migrant labourers covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) to access food at any fair price shop with his or her ration card in any part of the country.

‘Unpardonable apathy’

The court slammed the Labour Ministry for its “unpardonable apathy” in not completing the work of the ₹45.39 crore National Database for Unorganised Workers (NDUW) portal to register and identify migrant workers and unorganised labourers to ensure their rights, welfare and food security.

Both, in the first and the second wave of the pandemic, migrant workers had been exposed to financial and other forms of hardships due to their limited access and claim to the welfare resources offered by the States/Union Territories. Migrant labourers are particularly vulnerable to the economic regression

SUPREME COURT

## Govt. gives nod for Cipla to import Moderna’s vaccine

DCGI grants emergency use approval for ready-to-use jab

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on Tuesday granted permission to Mumbai-based pharma major Cipla to import Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine, making it the fourth vaccine in the country to be given the emergency use authorisation (EUA).

Announcing this at the Health Ministry’s press conference, NITI Aayog’s member (Health) V.K. Paul said the modalities were being worked out for the import of the vaccine and added that India is also in talks with Pfizer and JJ to add to the basket of vaccines available in the country.

Currently, India has made available three COVID vaccines – Covaxin, Covishield and Sputnik.

7-month storage

Dr. Paul said the Moderna vaccine would be brought in as a ready-to-use injectable vaccine, which can be stored for seven months at prescribed temperature, and that normal storage after a vial is opened is 30 days.

“We are working to ensure that India is able to manufacture this vaccine here. We are also looking at increasing the production of vaccines that are being manufactured in our country to

## One more joins the battle

Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine has become the fourth one to get emergency use authorisation in India

■ Three other COVID-19 vaccines — Covaxin, Covishield and Sputnik B — are currently available

■ India is also in talks with Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson to add to the vaccines available

■ Moderna’s vaccine can be stored for a period of seven months at prescribed temperature and normal storage after the vial is opened is 30 days

■ It has shown to have an efficacy of approximately 94.1% in protecting against COVID-19, starting 14 days after the first dose



Based on evidence collected so far, the new variants of SARS-CoV-2 do not alter the effectiveness of the vaccine

boost availability. The permission for restricted use in emergency situations has been granted for the Moderna vaccine keeping in mind the public interest.”

“The firm has to submit a safety assessment of the vaccine in the first 100 beneficiaries before rolling out the vaccine, according to the approval order,” Dr. Paul said.

He added that an application was received from Moderna through its Indian partner Cipla, following which the vaccine has been granted restricted emergency use authorisation by the drug regulator.

“This new permission for restricted emergency use potentially opens up a clear possibility of this vaccine being imported in the near future,” explained Dr. Paul.

Cipla, while applying for the license, referred to DCGI notices dated April 15 and June 1 that if a vaccine is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for EUA, then it may be made available without a post-approval bridging trial and the testing of every batch of the vaccine by the Central Drugs Laboratory.

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## Monsoon session likely from July 19 to August 13

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The monsoon session of Parliament is likely to begin on July 19 and go on till August 13. There is no clarity as of now whether the existing COVID-19 protocols will continue to be followed.

So far, 403 members, out

of the 540 in the Lok Sabha, and 179 members, of the 232 in the Rajya Sabha, have got both doses of vaccines.

This session will have 20 sittings. Ever since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, all the three sessions of Parliament had to be truncated due to the ris-

ing number of COVID-19 positive cases.

First session after polls

This will be the first session since the May 2 results of the Assembly elections in four States and the Union Territory of Puducherry. Following the victory of the TMC in

West Bengal, the DMK in Tamil Nadu and the CPI (M)-led Left Front in Kerala, the Opposition will be in a stronger position.

The Opposition parties are likely to take up the management of the pandemic, especially the second wave and the vaccination drive.

## FIR in U.P., M.P. against Twitter officials over ‘distorted’ map

OMAR RASHID  
LUCKNOW/BHOPAL

An FIR has been lodged against the managing director of Twitter India, Manish Maheshwari, and his colleague, Amrita Tripathi, in Bulandshahr for allegedly showing a distorted map of India on their website.

The Cyber Crime Cell of Madhya Pradesh Police has also registered a case against Mr. Maheshwari over the distorted map, following a directive by the State Home Minister, Narttam Mishra.

In Uttar Pradesh, the complaint was filed by a Bajrang Dal leader who alleged that in a world map on Twitter, J&K and Ladakh were shown as entities separate from India. “This is not merely a coincidence. It has hurt my feelings as well as that of the people of Bharat,” said Pravin Bhati, co-convenor, Bajrang Dal. The FIR was lodged under Section 505 (2) of the IPC and Section 74 of the IT Act.

Ms. Tripathi, who is mentioned as India head of Twitter, posted on Tuesday: “So is this a good time to clarify my role at my day job? As good a time as any? Presently on the content partnerships team at Twitter (in India). No spl powers/authority and definitely not at the level some of you think...”

(With inputs from PTI)

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IN BRIEF

**R-Day case: Deep Sidhu, others get fresh summons**  
NEW DELHI  
A Delhi court on Tuesday issued fresh summons to actor-activist Deep Sidhu and other accused in connection with violence and resultant damage at the Red Fort during the Republic Day farmers' rally this year. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Gajendra Singh Nagar directed all the accused to appear before it on July 12 through videoconference.

**Woman on two-wheeler injured by kite string**  
NEW DELHI  
A 24-year-old woman riding a two-wheeler suffered grievous injuries after a sharp stray kite string stuck to her neck in north-east Delhi's Seelampur, the police said on Tuesday. The woman was riding her scooter on the Seelampur flyover when the kite string allegedly got stuck around her neck causing a deep injury. The woman was taken to a nearby hospital where she is being treated.

**Six hurt as two families clash over parking**  
NEW DELHI  
Six people sustained injuries following a clash between two groups in north-east Delhi's Jyoti Nagar. The police have ruled out communal angle. The police said that two neighbours identified as Om Prakash and Shah Nawaz live on the same street. They clashed over parking and thrashed each other with sticks.

3 labourers fall to death at under-construction site

**STAFF REPORTER**  
NEW DELHI  
Three labourers died while another is battling for life after falling from a height at an under-construction DDA site in Dwarka on Tuesday evening. A case has been registered and investigation taken up, the police said.  
DCP (Dwarka) Santosh Kumar Meena said that a PCR call was received about

the accident at Dwarka Sector-14. Three of them were declared brought dead when taken to hospital.  
The deceased have been identified as Panna Lal, Basant, and Mangal Prasad Singh, while Surender Rai is undergoing treatment.  
Preliminary probe revealed that the labourers were in an open lift when the incident happened.

Case against Twitter for 'giving access to child porn'

**STAFF REPORTER**  
NEW DELHI  
Delhi Police has registered an FIR against Twitter for allegedly allowing access to child pornography on the microblogging platform following a complaint by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), officials said on Tuesday.  
A case has been registered under relevant provisions of the IPC, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and IT Act, they said. This comes days after the NCPCR, the country's apex child rights body, asked Deputy Commissioner of Police (Cyber

Cell) Anyesh Roy to explain why no action had been taken against Twitter as per its letter to Delhi Police dated May 29.  
In its letter, NCPCR had asked Delhi Police to book Twitter on the basis of the findings of its recent inquiry in which it had found that child sexual abuse material (CSAM) was easily available on the platform.  
The complaint was against Twitter Inc and Twitter Communication India Private Ltd., the police said. In its May 29 letter, NCPCR had said that it was found that "the toolkit for deep and dark web" was also available on Twitter.

Woman who converted to Islam moves HC seeking protection

Family being threatened, U.P Police and the media on a witch-hunt, says petitioner

**SOIBAM ROCKY SINGH**  
NEW DELHI  
A woman, who had wilfully converted her religion from Hinduism to Islam, has approached the Delhi High Court seeking protection for herself and her family claiming that they are facing life threats and being witch-hunted by the Uttar Pradesh police, media and vigilante groups.  
Renu Gangwar, in her petition, said on May 27, she converted to Islam with her "own free will and without any threat or coercion from anyone". Following this, she changed her name to Ayesha Alvi, which was published in a few newspapers.



Ms. Alvi made a complaint to the Delhi police chief on June 24, seeking immediate intervention for her protection.  
**Police complaint**  
"Thereafter, certain other media persons also came and they started making similar demands. Some other people and organisations also started threatening me and my family to force me to reconvert to Hinduism. Feeling threatened, I came back to Delhi today [June 24]," she said in her police complaint.  
"On June 26, the petitioner [Ms Alvi] has been informed that her father has been taken away by the Uttar Pradesh police and they are coming to Delhi and would take her back to Uttar Pradesh where she would be forced to file a false complaint/FIR," the petition stated.  
It stated that Ms. Alvi is

"under immediate threat of being taken away by force or coercion to Uttar Pradesh by the agencies of the State or any other person".  
Ms. Alvi said she is "an adult and she is protected by the Constitution to choose her own faith and she cannot be targeted and harassed for the choice she makes with regard to the religion she follows".  
She has urged the court to protect her from being taken away from its jurisdiction "by force or coercion and or by way of any other illegal means by the agencies of the State or any other person".  
The petition which is listed for hearing on Wednesday also urged the court "to ensure protection of life, liberty, safety and security of the petitioner, her family member and friends and they be not harassed and interrogated with regard to the conversion of the petitioner".

**Threat by media person**  
Ms. Alvi, who is a resident of Tilhar, Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh and working in Delhi, subsequently started getting calls from different media persons requesting for a meeting. However,

even after her refusal, the media person came to her place in Tilhar, and against her wishes took photographs and videos without her permission.  
One particular media person demanded money while threatening to publish the news about her conversion. "When she denied, he threatened again. Thereafter, he forcefully took ₹20,000 from her," the petition, filed through advocate Kamlesh Kumar Mishra and Nitin Kumar Nayak, said.  
Following the incident,

OBE attendance 5% higher this time compared to 2020

Have improved system glitches over time: DU

**STAFF REPORTER**  
NEW DELHI  
Amid altered modes of teaching, learning and conducting open book examinations, Delhi University has said that attendance of students in the OBE held this year was 5%

higher than that of last year.  
The OBE which was introduced last year, due to the ongoing pandemic had initially received complaints from students regarding glitches in the process.  
The university, however, said that over time, it had developed methods to improve the system. "The new examination system threw challenges now and then during

its implementation, but the university learnt on the way to tackle each of them and improve the system in the process. Students were able to write their examinations within the comforts of their home or space and teachers were able to evaluate through electronic means," read a varsity statement.  
According to data provided by DU, 2.9 lakh students

appeared for the first OBE held in August last year and 1.7 lakh students took the OBE in December 2020.  
**Digital certificates**  
The varsity added that over 21,000 digital certificates and 3,900 digital provisional certificates were issued in the past year. Apart from online transcripts, migration certificates and provisional mark

sheets, the university will also provide confidential results to students who require the results before they are officially announced.  
Second semester examinations for the current batch of first-year students is expected to be held between August 12 and August 24, according to officials while the new semester is likely to begin from August 31.



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KIADB is inviting item rate tenders under two cover system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from Class-I Contractors (Electrical) registered in KCEI who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following work: **Providing Basic Electrical Infrastructure Facilities to sub layout at Aerospace Components Park in Hi-Tech Defense and Aerospace Components Industrial Area at Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural District.**  
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **26.07.2021 upto 04:00 pm**  
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal <https://leproc.karnataka.gov.in>.  
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(OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, JHARKHAND, RANCHI)

**NOTICE FOR INVITING SHORT TERM E- TENDER**  
FOR  
FOR Selection of Agency  
as Technical Assistance Group (TAG) for  
Providing Technical & Operational Support and overseeing effective implementation of Jharkhand Rajya Fasal Rahat Yojna (JRFY)  
**E- Tender No.-1033, dated- 29.06.2021**

Office of Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Co-operative, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi invites Technical and Financial Proposals from eligible consulting agencies of national and international repute for establishing a Technical Assistance Group (TAG) Office of Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Jharkhand, Ranchi through E- tendering process. This TAG would provide technical & operational support to the Office of Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Jharkhand, and Ranchi in effective implementation of Jharkhand Rajya Fasal Rahat Yojna (JRFY).


The Request for Proposal (RFP) document towards the same can be downloaded from the website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> from 29/06/2021 to 15/07/2021 and submit only through NIC e tender portal <https://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> with help of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

Response to this RFP shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of this document with full understanding of its implications. This section provides general information about the Issuer, important dates and addresses and the overall eligibility criteria for the parties. The RFP/tender document cost of **Rs 5,000/- (Rs five thousand only)** is to be submitted vide crossed demand draft on any Nationalized Bank/ Scheduled Bank in favour of Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Jharkhand, Ranchi payable at Ranchi.

Disclosure of rate other than financial bid will disqualify the bidder.

-Sd-  
Last date for online submission of e- Tender: 15/07/2021  
Registrar, Cooperative Societies Jharkhand, Ranchi  
Office of Registrar, Cooperative Societies 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, PashupalanBhawan, Hatia Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834003  
Email: [Jharkhand.coopregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:Jharkhand.coopregistrar@gmail.com)

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**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
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**J&K (INDIA) - 190011 Extension: 2275**  
**E-mail: [amoiimports@skims.ac.in](mailto:amoiimports@skims.ac.in), Fax No: 0194-2403403**  
**e-NIT No: SIMS 325 (PI) Tender 08 of 2021**  
**Dated: 26 -06-2021.**

**Subject: Abbreviated e-tender notice for supplying refined oil on 1 year rate contract basis.**  
e-tenders are invited for and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir through Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar, from registered dealers for supplying refined oil on 1 year rate contract basis under single cover system. The detailed e-tender documents are also available at [www.jktender.gov.in](http://www.jktender.gov.in) & [www.skims.ac.in](http://www.skims.ac.in).







Description	Tender Fee	EMD
Supply of refined oil on 1 year rate contract basis	Rs. 750/-	Rs. 50,000/=

Nomenclature	Schedule
Online Bid submission end date	05/07/2021 upto 3:00 PM
Hard copy EMD & Tender Fee submission end date	06/07/2021 upto 3:30 PM
Technical bid opening date	07/07/2021 at 12:30 PM

Complete bidding process will be online on government e-tendering portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) & the tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed NIT.

**NO: SIMS 325 P (I)-e-Tender 08 of 2021-3736-42 - 6493-96**  
**Dated: 26/06/2021**  
**Sd/-**  
**MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OFFICER PURCHASE I**



<b>Timings</b> <b>DELHI</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUN. 30</b>		
 RISE	05:27	SET 19:24
 RISE	23:54	SET 10:57
<b>THURSDAY, JUL. 01</b>		
 RISE	05:28	SET 19:24
 RISE	00:00	SET 11:53
<b>FRIDAY, JUL. 02</b>		
 RISE	05:28	SET 19:24
 RISE	00:24	SET 12:46

<b>Delhi Weather</b>	max	min
Delhi City	43	27
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Palam	43	28

**Delhi Palam Today**  
**42°C** Loo type situation expected. Moderate warm winds would continue during day. Evening would also remain warm.

**Delhi Palam Tomorrow**  
**41°C** Uneasy hot weather would continue with warm moderate winds and partly cloudy sky.

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IN BRIEF

Nurses union writes to PM for Dearness Allowance

**NEW DELHI**  
AIIMS Nurses Union on Tuesday wrote to the PM, demanding disbursal of Dearness Allowance (DA) to all healthcare workers who have shown "great courage and patriotism by serving the nation during this deadly pandemic". "As most of the healthcare workers are finding it difficult to make both ends meet due to an increase in fuel prices and non-disbursal of DA, we humbly request you to kindly intervene to un-freeze the DA of government servants and to ensure early disbursal of the pending DA with arrears," the letter read.

City records hottest day of the year

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
**NEW DELHI**

The Capital recorded its hottest day of the year on Tuesday with the maximum temperature settling at 43 degrees Celsius, which is six degrees above normal for this time of the year.

Heatwave conditions prevailed in the city with the humidity level hovering between 78% and 25%.

The minimum temperature was recorded at 27.4 degrees Celsius.

Delhi, which usually comes under the influence of heat waves in May and June, had a relatively mild summer with the maximum temperature not rising above the 42.2 degrees Celsius mark. However, delay in monsoon, scheduled to arrive on June 27, has sent temperatures soaring.

Relief expected soon

The forecast for June 30 reads: "partly cloudy sky accompanied by gusty winds. Heatwave conditions at isolated places. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 42 and 29 degrees Celsius respectively".

Some relief is expected July 1 onwards in the form of thundershowers that are likely to bring down the temperature by a few notches.

Khori Basti residents seek relief from demolition order

Protesters at Jantar Mantar said rehabilitation measures should have been taken

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
**NEW DELHI**

Several residents of Faridabad's Khori Basti staged a demonstration at Jantar Mantar here on Tuesday demanding that their houses be spared the Supreme Court-ordered demolition.

The demonstrators also submitted memoranda addressed to the President, the Prime Minister and the Home Minister seeking revocation of the demolition order to protect the lives of lakhs of people during the pandemic.

Holding placards that read, "Save Khori" and "Don't render labourers homeless during a pandem-

Balaji Srivastav gets additional charge of Police Commissioner

The IPS officer served in the Cabinet Secretariat for 9 years

**STAFF REPORTER**  
**NEW DELHI**

Senior IPS officer Balaji Srivastav will hold the additional charge of the Commissioner of Delhi Police when incumbent S.N. Shrivastava retires on Wednesday, the Home Ministry said on Tuesday.

In an order, the Ministry said Mr. Srivastav, a 1988-batch IPS officer of the AGM-TU cadre, will discharge duties as the Commissioner of the Delhi Police in addition to his present responsibility of Special Commissioner of Police (Vigilance) till a full-fledged head of the national capital's police force is



Balaji Srivastav

appointed.

He has previously worked as the DGP of Puducherry and Mizoram and Special Commissioner, Intelligence, Economic Offence Wing and Special Cell, Delhi.

Mr. Srivastava has served Cabinet Secretariat for nine years and handled sensitive assignments. He did Economics (Hons.) from St. Stephens College, University of Delhi followed by M.A. (Economics) from Delhi School of Economics and LL.B. from Delhi University.

S.N. Shrivastava too initially took the additional charge of Commissioner of the Delhi Police in February 2020 in the wake of the communal riots in the Capital following protests over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019. He was regularised as Commissioner of the Delhi Police only last month.

5 cases of rectal bleeding reported in recovered COVID-19 patients

One died due to 'massive bleeding' and severe chest disease


**STAFF REPORTER**  
**NEW DELHI**

Five cases of Cytomegalovirus (CMV)-related rectal bleeding were reported in COVID-19 recovered patients during the second wave at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, a private hospital in Delhi, according to hospital authorities.

One of the five patients died due to "massive bleeding" and "severe" COVID-19-related chest disease, the hospital said.

All five patients were immunocompetent before COVID-19, which means they did not suffer from any condition that lowered their immunity.

Doctors said CMV is usually present in the body, but it develops into a disease when a person's immunity is lowered after COVID-19 infection. "Any

 **After recovering from COVID-19, you have to build your immunity by eating healthy food. You have to avoid junk food**

**ANIL ARORA**  
Chairman, Institute of Liver, Gastroenterology and Pancreaticobiliary Sciences

person who recovered from COVID-19, if they have abdominal pain or blood in their stool, they should immediately go to a hospital. Also, hospitals should test for CMV if they see these symptoms," said Anil Arora, Chairman, Institute of Liver, Gastroenterology and Pancreaticobiliary Sciences at the hospital.

Antiviral therapy

"Out of the five cases with age group of 30-70 were from Delhi NCR, four had

presented with lower gastrointestinal bleed that is bleeding in stools and one patient presented with intestinal obstruction. Two of them had massive bleed, one requiring emergency life-saving surgery in the form of removal of right side of the colon and one of them succumbed due to massive bleeding and severe COVID chest disease. Other three patients were successfully treated with antiviral therapy with ganciclovir," Dr. Arora said.

He said that mucormycosis, white fungus and CMV are opportunistic infections and they are looking for people with weak immunity. "After recovering from COVID-19, you have to build your immunity by eating healthy food. You have to avoid junk food," Dr. Arora said.

'AAP workers attacked BJP men at behest of Sisodia'

Delegation to meet CP soon: Bidhuri

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
**NEW DELHI**

Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri on Tuesday alleged that AAP cadres had attacked and beaten up BJP workers at the behest of Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

Mr. Bidhuri said a BJP delegation would soon meet the Delhi Police Commissioner to urge him to fast-track the investigation. "Deputy CM had gone to Rohtas Nagar to inspect civil work on the construction of a school. The Rohtas Nagar BJP MLA, Jiten-der Mahajan, had already conveyed to the authorities that they would like to submit a memorandum to Mr. Sisodia," Mr. Bidhuri said.

The memorandum pertained to termination of services of guest teachers and non-payment of salaries to teachers. In addition to this, it was also to be submitted

that all the people who had died because of shortage of oxygen should be given ₹10 lakh compensation and government job, the LoP said.

"As soon as Mr. Mahajan made a move to submit a memorandum to Mr. Sisodia, the AAP cadres started misbehaving with BJP workers. Soon, BJP workers were beaten up for no reason," Mr. Bidhuri alleged.

Sisodia responds

In response to the incident Mr. Sisodia tweeted: "Today, protesting against the construction of a school in Roh-tas Nagar, BJP leaders and goons ransacked the school. Broke my government vehicle, broke the school gate and misbehaved with the women teachers, engineers and workers present inside. Why are the BJP's so annoyed about having a school, studying and writing?"

Mahila Cong. leader, others join Delhi BJP

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
**NEW DELHI**

Delhi Pradesh Mahila Congress general-secretary Par-veena Sharma along with 40 other workers joined the State BJP in the presence of its president Adesh Gupta here on Tuesday.

Welcoming Ms. Sharma and others in the party, Mr. Gupta said every citizen of the country had full trust in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The party has always been encouraging women and believes women empowerment is our aim. Women are never safe in AAP and Congress," Mr. Gupta alleged.

"In fact, the Congress has lost its base and relevance while women are being physically exploited in AAP. As both parties are without aim or leadership it is only the BJP, which is working for people's welfare," he added.

'Life and death'

They further said that the Haryana government should have made arrangements for their rehabilitation before carrying out the demolition. The residents said it was a question of "life and death" for them.

City sees 101 new cases; vaccine stock to last 2 days only

**STAFF REPORTER**  
**NEW DELHI**



The city reported 101 new COVID-19 cases in 24 hours, taking the total cases to 14,34,094, according to a health bulletin released by

the Delhi government on Tuesday. Also, four deaths were reported, and the total number of deaths stood at 24,971. A total of 66,397 tests were done in a day and TPR was 0.15%. Of the total cases,

14,07,592 people have recovered and there are 1,553 active cases.

A total of 2,04,522 doses were administered on Monday, as per a vaccination bulletin. "Vaccination in Delhi is

going on at high speed. On June 28], more than 2 lakh vaccine doses were administered in one day...", AAP MLA Atishi. The city's vaccine stock will last for only two days, as per the bulletin.

WESTERN RAILWAY VARIOUS WORKS			
Divisional Railway Manager(WA), Western Railway, 6 <sup>th</sup> floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008 invites E-tender as per details given as follow.			
Sr. No.	Tender Notice No. & Date	WORK AND LOCATION	Approx. cost of work in ₹
1	BCT/21-22/129 dtd. 28.06.2021	Bandra (East & West Rly colony) - Need based repair on day to day basis by outsourcing for a period of 02 year.	74,65,727.03
2	BCT/21-22/136 dtd. 28.06.2021	Bandra (West colony) - Supply of potable drinking water through tankers for a period of 02 years.	35,89,600
3	BCT/21-22/137 dtd. 28.06.2021	i) Kandivali (Carshed) - Need based repair on day to day basis by outsourcing for a period of 02 year. ii) Virar (Carshed) - Need based repair on day to day basis by outsourcing for a period of 02 years.	1,85,22,615.78
Sr. No. : 1 to 3 : EMD (in ₹) : 0. <b>Date &amp; Time of Submission</b> : On 23.07.2021 till 15.00 hrs. <b>Date &amp; Time of Opening</b> : On 23.07.2021 at 15.30 hrs. Regarding detailed tender conditions please visit <a href="http://www.treps.gov.in">www.treps.gov.in</a> <b>Manual offers will not be considered.</b>			
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**VERY SHORT NOTICE INVITING RE-QUOTATION  
(Previous PR No. 248252 Building (21-22) D**

Sealed quotations are invited for below mentioned works by the Executive Engineer, Building Construction Department, Building Division No.-1, Ranchi from the Authorised manufacturer Distributor/Dealers/Suppliers/Retailers/Registered contractor in the Office of the undersigned on 07-07-2021 up to 3.00 pm and will be opened on 07-07-2021 at 3.30 pm at BCD Division No.-1, Ranchi by Executive Engineer or his authorized representative in the presence of Quotationers or their authorized representative. Who so ever desire may remain present at the time of opening. The Works are:-

Sl. No.	Description	Cost of Specification & Qty.	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4
1	Supply and Installation of 236 Points Medical Oxygen Gas Pipe Line System in Sadar Hospital Ranchi.	5000	45 Days
2	Supply and Installation of 40 Points Medical Oxygen Gas Pipe Line & Manifold for Covid Care Centre in Sub-Divisional Hospital Bundu (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	2500	45 Days


The Specification, detail Scope of work and detail of Qty are available in office of Executive Engineer, Building Division No.-1, Ranchi on 05-07-2021 to 06-07-2021 by payment of Demand Draft issued from any State Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Building Division No.-1, Ranchi, payable at SBI Main Branch Ranchi (IFSC Code 000167) amount as mentioned para 3 above. At the time of obtaining BOQ Quotationers will attached updated GST & IT returned, similar nature work experience Certificate (issued by Govt. body) with request letter otherwise Quotationers will not allowed to obtain BOQ.

The quotation should be accompanied with and initial security deposit which will be 2% of the quoted amount (Refundable) in shape of Bank Guarantee or 5 Years/3 Years Post Office Term Deposit or N.S.C. (8<sup>th</sup> issue)/fixed deposits of a scheduled Bank duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Building Division No.-1, Ranchi and updated GST return, IT return & Work experience issued by Govt. body.

Quotationers who have similar nature work experience i.e Gas pipe line, Manifold works experience will allowed to participate for the above work. In the case of Gazetted holiday the quotation will be received/opened on the next working day.

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**PR 248789 Building(21-22)D**



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(₹ in Crores)

SL. No.	Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2021	Year Ended 31.03.2020
1	Premium Income (Gross)	47,014	51,030
2	Net Profit/(Loss) After Tax	1,920	(359)
3	Net Worth (Including Fair Value change Account)	49,643	35,426
4	Total Assets	134,661	116,196
5	Solvency Ratio	1.74	1.53

**Notes:**

a) Premium income is Gross written premium, gross of reinsurance and net of applicable taxes.

b) Earning per share for all period mentioned above, is calculated considering face value of equity shares of ₹ 5 each as approved in the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

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# Allahabad HC refuses relief to interfaith couples

It cites non-compliance of the contentious new law against unlawful conversion

OMAR RASHID  
LUCKNOW

The Allahabad High Court has refused to grant relief to inter-faith couples, citing non-compliance of the contentious new law against unlawful conversion of religion, in particular the mandatory requirement of submitting a declaration form before the District Magistrate (DM) 60 days prior to conversion.

In three recent cases, the court dismissed petitions

filed by interfaith couples citing non-compliance of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance, 2020 (now an Act).

**‘Conversion not legal’**  
A Muslim woman from Muzafarnagar got married to a Hindu man on February 27. She submitted before court that she had converted to the Hindu religion and a certificate by a ‘sanskar adhikari’ of the

Arya Samaj was issued. Citing sections 8 and 9 of the unlawful conversion law, the court said the woman’s conversion “cannot be held to be legal, therefore, no relief can be granted to the petitioners.”

In another case, a Muslim woman from Banda entered into ‘nikah’ with a Hindu man after he adopted Islam on March 5. A certificate of acceptance of religion of Islam by the man signed by a ‘kazi’ was submitted by the couple.

Citing Sections 8 and 9 of the law, the court held the marriage illegal.

Section 8 of the new law against unlawful conversion states that one who desires to convert his or her religion, he or she shall give a declaration in a prescribed form at least 60 days in advance to the DM. Section 9 mandates that the converted person shall send a declaration in a prescribed form within sixty days of the date of conversion to the DM.

# AAP sounds poll bugle in Punjab

Arvind Kejriwal announces up to 300 units of free electricity to every household

VIKAS VASUDEVA  
CHANDIGARH

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday sounded the poll bugle for the Assembly election in Punjab due early next year by announcing up to 300 units of free electricity to every household, if the party formed the next government.

At a press conference here, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said: “I believe as per our calculation, the electricity bill for around 77% to 80% households will be ‘zero’.”

The AAP supreme also announced that all old and pending domestic bills would be waived and connection to



AAP supreme Arvind Kejriwal at a press conference in Chandigarh on Tuesday. ■PTI

all those that had been cut would be restored, so that people could live a dignified life. “Punjab has surplus electricity, yet there are frequent cuts. There is deficient power for agriculture. We will ensure that electricity is sup-

plied 24 hours,” Mr. Kejriwal said.

“Electricity is a very big issue in Punjab and the situation is very bad. Despite being a power-surplus State, the tariffs are the highest in India,” he said, and attributed it to a nexus between the private power plants and those in power, who from time to time had looted the people.

**Personal guarantee**  
Mr. Kejriwal offered personal guarantee to fulfil all promises. “As soon as we form the government, we will implement the decision of 300-unit free electricity. Also, we will waive the pending dom-

estic electricity bills straight away. As far as the promise of providing 24 hours supply, it will take some time. I assure you that between 3-4 years, it will be done. The agriculture sector will continue to get free power, he said.

Hitting out at the ruling Congress, Mr. Kejriwal said: “These are not promises of Captain, but Kejriwal’s guarantee,” in a veiled attack on Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh.

Responding to questions, Mr. Kejriwal said ‘mafia’ rule was rampant in Punjab including sand, mining, drugs, liquor, and transport among others.

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A-13, LGF, South Extn-II, New Delhi-49 # 011-26262610, 11, 12

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General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 26.06.2021 unconscious at in front of Jagdish Tittlor School, East Park Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi. He was admitted by ambulance vide MLC No. E-130046/21 in RML Hospital. Dr. Declared him dead on 26.06.2021. Dead Body Preserved for 72 Hours in RML Mortuary of RML Hospital, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 67A, DT. 26.06.2021, PS D.B.G. Road, Central Distt. Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body is as under:  
**Name: Unknown, Age: 50-55 Years, Height: 5'6", Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Black-White Beard.**  
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Kushal Pal Singh Teotia  
General Secretary,  
RWA Golf Link-1, Greater Noida, U.P.-201310  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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It is publicly notified that the flat No. 27/2A, GROUND FLOOR, TYPE-DS-I, BLOCK-8, SECTION-19, NOKIA (U.P.) has been allotted in the name of JAGDEESH KALU CHAUHAN (R/o VILATA, SECTION-27, NOKIA U.P. has sold the said flat, on the basis of GFR to the following persons: A GFR was executed in favour of ANAND KUMAR S/o SAHANWAND RAO (R/o 27/2A, GROUND FLOOR, TYPE-DS-I, BLOCK-8, SECTION-19, NOKIA (U.P.), executed at SRH Noida Vide Book No. IV Volume No. 181 on pages 201/206 of Court No. 466 dated 07.05.2023 and the Agreement to Sell was not registered. So with the help of the notice it is informed the transfer of the above flat goes in favour of NISHA W/o ANAND KUMAR S/o SAHANWAND RAO (R/o 27/2A, GROUND FLOOR, TYPE-DS-I, BLOCK-8, SECTION-19, NOKIA (U.P.). If any one has/has any objection please may submit the same, objection in the Housing Department of Noida Authority along with sufficient proof within 15 days of the publication of this notice.  
Anand Kumar

**PERSONAL**  
**LOST & FOUND**  
I ADITYA Gangwar have lost my Grade sheets of B.Tech Roll no. 20149016 semesters -1,2,3,4,5,7 in Rudrapur, Uttarakhand. Contact: 9027364448.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that PUNEET BHATIA S/O ANIL KUMAR BHATIA R/O FLAT NO 1005 TOWER-1 PARK VIEW RESIDENCY, SECTOR-3, PALAM VIHAR, GURGAON, CHRTAPUR, ALIAS, DAULATPUR, NASIRABAD (S/o GURGAON) HARYANA-122017 have agreed to sell the property bearing No.C-26, RANA PRATAP BAGH DELHI-110007 to my client SANJAY GUPTA S/O SH. MOOLCHAND GUPTA RESIDENT OF C-7, RANA PRATAP BAGH, DELHI-110007 vide Agreement dated 07.06.2021. All persons claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, possession, possession, easement, attachment, or otherwise however are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at C-7, RANA PRATAP BAGH, DELHI-110007 within 15 days from the date hereof failing which the said sale will be completed without any reference to such and the same, if any, shall be considered as void.  
Ashok Kumar Sharma (Advocate)  
97, Gurbanwala Town-II, Delhi-110009.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is informed to the public at large that my clients namely, Anil Khanna S/O Late Sh. J.N Khanna and Sapna Khanna W/o Sh. Anil Khanna R/o B-271 Derawal Nagar, Delhi-110009 have severed all relations from their son namely Varun Khanna and have also debarred/disowned him from all their movable/ immovable properties for his continuous disobedience and disrespect. That my clients shall have no connection whatsoever with the said son in future. Whosoever, having relation with him shall alone be responsible for the same.  
PRAVEEN LAROYA (Advocate)  
Ch.No. K/45A, Near Tefali Building, Te Hazari, Courts, Delhi

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Telephone : (0135)-2763672-76, Fax:(0135)-2760289, Website : [www.uktdenders.gov.in](http://www.uktdenders.gov.in)  
**E-TENDER NOTICE (NIT)**  
**Tender Specification No. CCP-II/6/2021-2022**  
Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. Dehradun invites e-tender for following turnkey work:-  

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (₹)	MAAT for best three years out of last five financial years (in %)	Earnest Money (₹)	Cost of tender document including GST (₹)
1	Construction of 33/11kV, 2X5MVA Substation and Its associated 33 kV LILo line (2x0.6km.) at VIII-Satyon, Block-Lamgara, Distt.-Almora	2.963 CRORE	4.445 CRORE	5.930 LAKH	17 700

  
Date & time of Prebid conference in online mode : 15.07.2021 at 12:00 Hrs.  
Last Date & time of online request for Tender and submission of tender in online & off line mode : 29.07.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs.  
Date of opening of Part-I of tender in online & off line mode : 30.07.2021 at 15:30 Hrs.  
For further details, please visit our website [www.uktdenders.gov.in](http://www.uktdenders.gov.in).  
No. : 256/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Superintending Engineer II  
Dt. : 28.06.2021 Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)  
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**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
Superintending Engineer, WRD, Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur - 613 001  
**PRE QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT LUMPsum (Two Cover System)**  
**Tender Notice No. 3 /2021- 2022/LCBC/TNJ/Date: 29.06.2021.**  
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders are invited from the eligible contractors for the following work: at the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur -1  

S.No.	Name of work	Approximate amount (Rs. in Crore)	EMD Amount (Rs.)	Tender Schedule available (Rs. in Crore)	Last date of work value tender	Date of Tender opening
1.	Reclamation of the Samuthiram tank to its original standards in Thanjavur District. (Puliyantoppu) Town of Thanjavur District.	7.30	3,80,000	From 01.07.2021 to 29.07.2021 up to 5.45 Pm.	30.07.2021 upto 12.00 Noon	30.07.2021 at 12.30 PM

  
1. Eligibility Class of Contractor : Class I State Level and Lower Cauvery Basin Circle Level. 2. Cost of Tender Schedule and GST : Rs.15000 + Rs.2700. 3. Name of Executive Engineer to whom the amount to be remitted : Executive Engineer, WRD, Grand Anicut Canal Division, Thanjavur. Other details can also be available from the Government Designated website: [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in). Any Corrections / Corrigendum / Extension, if any will be issued in the above web site only  
Superintending Engineer, WRD, Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur.  
DIPR/1902/TENDER/2021

## ENTERPRISE CONNECT

**A Business Initiative**  
**Talcher Fertilizers Ltd. successfully concludes Financial Closure of its Coal Gasification based Urea Project**  
Talcher Fertilizers Ltd. (TFL), a Joint Venture of GAIL (India) Ltd. (GAIL), Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF), Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and Fertilizers Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL), has successfully concluded the financial closure of its mega coal gasification based urea project located at Talcher in Angul district of Odisha. Informing this here today, Shri Sachchidanand Yadav, Managing Director of TFL, said a consortium of lenders led by State Bank of India has emerged as the financiers of the project after following a book building process conducted by M/s SBICAPS on behalf of TFL. Other members of the lender's consortium are Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, Indian Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, Indian Overseas Bank, EXIM Bank, Bank of India and Canara Bank. TFL has been mandated by the Government to revive the erstwhile Talcher plant of FCIL by setting up a new greenfield coal gasification based Urea Plant with the installed capacity of 12.7 Lakh Metric Ton per annum (LMTPA) at estimated project cost of Rs.13,277 Crore. The total debt secured by TFL as part of this facility is Rs.9,560 Crore and balance funding shall be provided by its Promoters in form of equity. The debt has been secured after CCEA, chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister, approved in April 2021 the exclusive subsidy policy for urea produced by TFL through coal gasification route. The implementation of the Talcher project is being undertaken through a technology which is being used for the first time in India and is a significant step towards ensuring energy security of the country through harnessing the vast coal reserves of the country in a manner which is more environment friendly than direct fired coal projects. Shri Yadav informed that the project shall act as harbinger in attracting huge investment in the country for coal gasification projects and will pave the way for alternative use of indigenous coal which shall in turn aid in gasifying the stated aim of 100 MT of coal by 2030. The project shall also provide impetus to the economy of Odisha in particular and eastern India in general thereby also propelling India towards Atma Nirbhartha (self-reliance).  
**Shri RK Sabharwal, C&MD, EIL awarded with the highest civilian award of Mongolia "The Order of Polar Star"**  
Shri RK Sabharwal, C&MD, Engineers India Ltd. (EIL) has been honoured with the highest civilian award of Mongolia "The Order of Polar Star" by His Excellency, the President of Mongolia to recognize the outstanding contribution made by him towards the establishment of first ever oil Refinery in Mongolia. This award was presented, on behalf of the Government of Mongolia, by His Excellency, the Ambassador of Mongolia to India, Mr. Gonchig Ganbold, at a ceremony organized at the Embassy of Mongolia, India on 24th June, 2021. The Order of Polar Star is the most desirable and prestigious state award bestowed by the President of Mongolia which is highly valuable and distinguished and recognises individuals who have made invaluable contribution with their outstanding hard work, intelligence and sincerity to the prosperity of Mongolia and its friendship with other nations, as well for outstanding contributions in the fields of arts, culture, science and humanity. During his visit to Mongolia, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India had announced an extension of a line of credit worth USD 1 Billion by Government of India to Mongolia. After several discussions, the Government of Mongolia decided to utilize this line of credit towards setting up of the first Oil Refinery of Mongolia. This project is the harbinger of energy and economic independence of Mongolia. This will ensure its sustained growth and development. After continued efforts, EIL secured the contract for providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services for the 1.5 MMTPA Grassroot refinery project. The work on this refinery is progressing well and while creating tremendous job opportunities in Mongolia, would also provide great opportunities to Indian industry to provide its goods and services for the refinery.  
**SJVN Earns a net profit of Rs.1633 crore in FY 2020-21**  
Continuing to better its performance year after year, Public Sector SJVN Limited has earned a net profit of Rs.1633.04 crore during the financial year 2020-21 against Rs.1557.43 crore earned during the previous financial year 2019-20, registering an increase of Rs.75.61 crore, told Sh. Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, declaring financial results for the financial year as well as the fourth quarter, after company's Board meeting held here today. He told that during the financial year 2020-21, SJVN had netted a total income of Rs.3213.07 crore against Rs.3095.24 crore during the past year registering an increase of Rs.117.83 crore. The Earning Per Share of a face value of Rs.10 has increased to Rs.4.16 against Rs.3.96, he told. He informed that the Board of Directors had declared a dividend of Rs.2.20 per equity share. A dividend payout of Rs.1.80, he told, had already been given earlier as interim dividend while the balance payout of Rs.0.40 will be made shortly. The public sector SJVN had generated 9224 million units of electricity from its five Power Stations comprising of two Hydro Power Stations in Himachal Pradesh, two Wind Power Stations and one Solar Power Station in Maharashtra and Gujarat against Design Energy of 8700 Million Units. Sh. Nand Lal Sharma also informed that SJVN had entered into an agreement with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam for implementing a 70 MW Solar Power Plant in Gujarat.  
**Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) vaccinates 35000 people**  
Taking forward the goal of Covid 19 vaccination as a mission, the medical team has now fully utilized the dose of Covid vaccine supplied by the state government under the leadership of General Manager, BLW, Ms. Anjali Goyal and under the supervision of Principal Chief Medical Officer. Till date, more than 35000 persons have been vaccinated. BLW has vaccinated about 85% of the railway personnel. Among the remaining employees, they could not be vaccinated due to being infected with Covid. At the same time, there are a large number of non-railway persons among them. At present, while ensuring the due compliance of the instructions specified by the Government of India, the railway employees, their families and non-railway persons, so far a total of 35204 Eligible beneficiaries have been vaccinated. In which the first dose of vaccination was given to a total of 10943 eligible people including 6100 railway and 4843 non-railway beneficiaries, while the second dose was given to a total of 24261 people including 9465 railways and 14796 non-railway beneficiaries. Keeping in mind the problems of the divyaangians and elderly persons, the vaccination workers themselves go to them and vaccinate them. The General Manager, BLW has appreciated the excellent efforts and unique initiatives.  
**Punjab & Sind Bank celebrates 114th Foundation Day**  
Punjab & Sind Bank celebrated its 114th Foundation Day on 24th June 2021. On this momentous occasion, Sh. S. Krishnan, MD & CEO informed that the bank was established in 1908 at Amritsar and has played a significant role in shaping the banking landscape of pre and post independent India. Speaking on the occasion, Sh. S. Krishnan expressed gratitude towards all the stake holders and customers for being with the Bank during the illustrious journey of 113 years. He further informed that on the occasion of Foundation Day, besides other IT related initiatives, the Bank has launched a special Fixed Deposit product named PSB Swasth Bharat offering 0.15% additional rate of interest to the public who get vaccinated against Covid 19. He further stated that the Bank is offering one-

Government of India  
Department of Atomic Energy  
**Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration & Research**  
No.1-10-153-156, AMD Complex, Begumpet, Hyd-500016  
**BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE**  
The Director, (AMD), Begumpet, Hyderabad invites for and on behalf of the President of India, sealed tenders in two parts (TECHNICAL and COMMERCIAL) from eligible Core Drilling contractors, for the following works in the parts of Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand.  

Item No.	NIT No., TENDER NO. & SCOPE OF WORK	Estimated job value (in Lakhs INR)	Earnest Money (in INR)	Last Date and time of availability of Tender Documents for download	Last Date and time of Submission of online Tender	Date and Time of Opening of Part I	Period of completion in months
1.	<b>NIT No. AMD/CD/SR/CORE/2021-22/T-(204). Date: 21.06.2021</b> <b>TENDER NO. AMD/CD/MTPL/RKP/CORE/2021-22/T-204</b> 10,000 m core drilling in Motnuralapalle area, Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh with borehole depth varying from 600 to 850 m.	347.10	NIL *	14-07-2021 at 15:00 hrs.	19-07-2021 at 17:00 hrs.	20-07-2021 at 15:00 hrs.	12 (TWELVE)
2.	<b>NIT No. AMD/CD/ER/CORE/2021-22/T-(205). Date: 22.06.2021</b> <b>TENDER NO. AMD/CD/ER/RJDH-RKHA/CORE/2021-22/T-205</b> 10,000 m core drilling in Rajdah-Rakha-Kendadih Blocks, East Singhbhum District, Jharkhand with borehole depth varying from 500 to 1000 m.	371.20	NIL *	14-07-2021 at 15:00 hrs.	19-07-2021 at 17:00 hrs.	20-07-2021 at 15:30 hrs.	15 (FIFTEEN)

  
\* The Bidder including MSE registered firms shall submit the Bid Security Declaration in lieu of Earnest Money Deposit. Without Bid Security Declaration, the bid will not be considered. It is mandatory for the bidders to upload the Bid Security Declaration in Website [www.tenderwizard.com](http://www.tenderwizard.com)/DAE along with the Tender document. Detailed tender notice along with other documents are available on website: [www.tenderwizard.com](http://www.tenderwizard.com)/DAE. Detailed NIT is also available on website [www.amd.gov.in](http://www.amd.gov.in) for view only. For further clarification, please contact on: 040-27776342/27776335/27776387.



IN BRIEF



ISRO spy case: Kerala HC adjourns bail pleas

KOCHI The Kerala High Court adjourned to June 30 the hearing on an anticipatory bail petition filed by S. Vijayan and Thampi S. Durga Dutt, former police officers and accused in a case registered by the CBI for torturing and hatching a conspiracy to frame ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan in the ISRO espionage case.

Schools will remain shut for now: A.P. Minister

VIJAYAWADA Schools in Andhra Pradesh will not reopen on July 1 as planned earlier, in view of the COVID-19 situation. "Children will not be able to attend school as the conditions are still not conducive. But teachers will attend in staggered shifts to be part of the training sessions," said Education Minister A. Suresh.

Three bodies retrieved from well in A.P.

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM The bodies of three persons, including that of a girl, who died after their motorcycle plunged into an open well, were retrieved by the State Disaster Response Force personnel on Tuesday. The bodies were fished out from the open well at Dosakalapalli village in East Godavari.

Customs given custody of Arjun till July 6

KOCHI The Customs has been given custody of Arjun Ayanki, an accused in the smuggling of 2.33 kg gold worth ₹1.11 crore through the Karipur airport in Kerala, till July 6. He was arrested on Monday. Meanwhile, a former activist of the Democratic Youth Federation of India C. Sajesh has been issued notice to present himself before the Customs team on Wednesday.

2015 Assembly ruckus: leaders move SC

They join the Kerala govt., which has also filed an appeal in the case

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Political leaders accused of creating a ruckus in the Kerala Legislative Assembly joined the State government in the Supreme Court on Tuesday to challenge a High Court dismissal of a prosecutor's request to withdraw a case of criminal trespass, mischief and destruction of public property against them.

The accused persons include Education Minister V. Sivankutty and other prominent leaders of the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) in the State. They were accused of vandalism on the Legislative Assembly floor during a Budget presenta-

tion in 2015. The televised images showed MLAs coming to blows on the House floor and hurling chairs, computers and other public property soon after the then Finance Minister K.M. Mani began his Budget speech during the United Democratic Front (UDF) government's tenure.

As soon as the hearing began, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud started saying "this is a case..." only to stop mid-sentence when senior advocate Jaideep Gupta submitted that he represented the accused persons and had filed a separate appeal in the case, which was numbered by the Supreme Court Registry in the course of the morning.



Uproar in House: Chaos ensues in the Kerala Legislative Assembly as the Budget is presented in 2015.

Mr. Gupta urged the Bench to tag his appeal with the main one filed by the Kerala government and adjourn the case for a later date. This would give the court the time to read his appeal too.

In its appeal, the State government has argued that the legislators' actions in 2015 were protected from le-

gal action by parliamentary privilege.

It said the Assembly Secretary ought not to have complained against the MLAs to the police without taking the prior sanction of the Speaker. Besides offences under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the legislators were booked under the Prevention of

Damage to Public Property Act.

The public prosecutor's application to withdraw the cases was dismissed by the Thiruvananthapuram Chief Judicial Magistrate on September 22, last year. The Magistrate had concluded that the request was made "without good faith and under external influence". The High Court confirmed the Magistrate's decision in March.

In its appeal, the State government, represented by advocate G. Prakash, said a Magistrate's role was limited when the prosecutor sought withdrawal of the case under Section 321 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. All the Magistrate needed to examine was whether the prosecutor had applied his mind "independently and properly".

SC notice to Karnataka in Gauri Lankesh case

Petition opposes dropping of charges

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought a response from the Karnataka government to a petition made by the sister of murdered activist Gauri Lankesh, challenging the dropping of organised crime charges against an accused in the case.

A Bench led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar issued notice to the State on the petition filed by Kavitha Lankesh.

Ms. Lankesh, a film-maker, has appealed to the top court against the High Court's decision in April to quash charges under the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA) against Mohan Nayak.

The apex court said the



Gauri Lankesh

accused should not be granted bail until Ms. Lankesh's plea was decided. The Bench then stood the case over to July 15.

Ms. Lankesh, represented by advocate Aparna Bhat, said an SIT investigation had revealed that the accused was part of a syndicate that was behind several instances of organised crime.

Darbhangha blast suspect went to Pak. thrice to meet handler

Nasir Malik was detained by the NIA in Hyderabad recently

ABHINAV DESHPANDE HYDERABAD

The mastermind behind the parcel bomb explosion at the Darbhanga railway station in Bihar appears to have established a credible line of contact with the operatives of Pakistan's intelligence agency, Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

Nasir Malik, one of the two brothers detained by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in Hyderabad recently, is said to have made the chemical explosive by taking online bomb-making instructions from his ISI handler, Iqbal Khana alias Asif Khana of Pakistan.

The suspect, who is in his forties, migrated to Hyderabad nearly two decades ago

from Kairana in Shamli, Uttar Pradesh, and was part of the ready-made clothes business at Habeeb Nagar. His brother Imran Malik, 35, came to the city last year.

Their handler, Khana, also a native of Kairana and a wanted terrorist in the country, was taking shelter in Pakistan. He was in touch with the Malik brothers, Haji Saleem and Khafel, and other ISI sympathisers from his place, and was also involved in counterfeit currency cases in India.

A senior official at the NIA, New Delhi, told *The Hindu* that during the interrogation, they learnt that Nasir went to Pakistan thrice in the guise of meeting his blood relatives and had sev-

eral in-person interactions with Khana and others, who motivated and radicalised him.

The Malik brothers, along with Haji Saleem and Khafel, have also visited Saudi Arabia to meet others who share their ideology.

The official said the chemical bomb was originally intended to explode within a few hours of dispatch from the Secunderabad railway station. "They had plans to set fire to the train. Luckily, the plan failed. Had it exploded in the train, there could have been a loss of human lives and property," the official added.

The parcel exploded with low intensity at the Darbhanga junction on June 17.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



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

**Forecast for Wednesday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, Bihar and Telangana. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	10	33.6	27.2	Kozhikode		32.8	24.4
Ahmedabad	10	36.6	24.5	Kurnool		35.7	26.0
Aizawl				Lucknow	5	38.5	28.7
Allahabad		38.4	28.5	Madurai		37.7	26.5
Bengaluru		32.6	20.9	Mangaluru	4.3	30.2	22.2
Bhopal	9.6	36.9	24.0	Mumbai		32.4	25.4
Bhubaneswar		34.8	27.5	Mysuru		33.0	20.4
Chandigarh		41.8	28.2	New Delhi		43.0	27.4
Chennai	1.2	34.2	27.5	Patna		33.2	28.0
Coimbatore		34.0	22.4	Port Blair		31.2	25.0
Dehradun		36.3	25.3	Puducherry		33.4	26.2
Gangtok	3	20.6	18.1	Pune		32.1	21.8
Goa	14	31.6	23.4	Raipur		35.5	26.5
Guwahati	0.3	33.3	26.4	Ranchi		32.2	24.6
Hubballi		29.0	21.0	Shillong	26	20.2	18.0
Hyderabad		34.2	23.8	Shimla		31.0	22.0
Imphal	4	27.6	22.7	Srinagar		33.3	16.7
Jaipur		41.6	30.6	Thiruvananthapuram		32.4	25.0
Kochi		31.2	24.4	Tiruchi		38.3	26.4
Kohima		25.8	18.4	Vijayawada		37.0	27.0
Kolkata		34.8	28.3	Visakhapatnam		34.8	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	CO	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	CODE
Ahmedabad	51	52	22	56	85	■
Bengaluru	7	26	45	66	78	■
Chennai	7	25	45	46	72	■
Delhi	8	37	65	261	293	■
Hyderabad	3	85	17	41	65	■
Kolkata	8	24	23	45	71	■
Lucknow	16	16	64	114	124	■
Mumbai	11	35	25	66	118	■
Pune	5	17	42	103	65	■
Visakhapatnam	13	43	30	45	73	■

**Yesterday**  
In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 320 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

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

**SO<sub>2</sub>:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**NO<sub>2</sub>:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

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

**PM<sub>2.5</sub> & PM<sub>10</sub>:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

NORTH & EAST Farmers' movement played a role in Bengal poll: Yashwant Sinha

Trinamool leader meets BKU leaders

ANUJ KUMAR GHAZIABAD

Trinamool Congress leader Yashwant Sinha said on Tuesday that the party and the National Front of the Opposition parties was in support of the farmers' movement against the contentious farm laws. He met BKU national spokesperson Rakesh Tikait, general secretary Yudhvir Singh and other protesting farmers at the Ghazipur border. "We stand by you and in the future meetings of the National Front, it would be discussed how to hit the road to support the demands," he said.

Mr. Sinha said the farmers' movement played a role in Bengal elections. "When the leaders of the Samyukta Morcha went to Bengal before the Assembly poll, they said people should not vote for the BJP. It contributed to

the outcome. If the BKU plays a similar role in the U.P. elections, this movement will create an impact on the voters' mindset."

Mr. Tikait reiterated that their movement was apolitical and that the BKU was not supporting any political party. "We welcome all the political parties that support our movement but we will not share the stage with any political party nor will allow any political group to use our stage."

Mr. Sinha said he had been an MP and could say that the parliamentary procedure was not followed while passing the three farm laws, and the government would have to repeal them. "We are also in favour of bringing in a law guaranteeing the MSP. The MSP should be decided on the basis of the law and not the largesse of the government."

34 minors died of COVID-19 in three months in Assam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GUWAHATI

COVID-19 claimed the lives of 34 minors in three months in Assam. During this period, 34,606 minors were infected by the novel coronavirus, data provided by the National Health Mission, Assam, showed. An analysis of the children and teenagers showed 5,755 were less than five years old and 28,851 were between six and less than 18 years.

The State's Health officials said during the ongoing

phase 3 of the Assam Community Surveillance Programme, most of the children who tested positive stayed with their COVID positive parents or guardians in home isolation. "We have advised positive parents to opt for institutional quarantine," Health Minister Keshab Mahanta said.

Officials said many of the 34 children who died had comorbidities pertaining to the heart and kidneys, particularly among those aged up to 5 years.

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Flying terror

International cooperation is a must in combating new modes of terror attacks

The use of drones to attack an Indian Air Force base in Jammu on June 27-28 brought to the fore a troubling, though not unanticipated, new mode of terrorism for the country. Though there were no casualties at the base, the fact that there were at least two more subsequent attempts to use drones to attack military targets points to the future of terrorism. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), autonomous weapons systems and robotic soldiers by states in warfare and policing has raised moral and practical questions that remain unresolved. Non-state actors have caught up quickly. In 2018, Syrian rebels used homemade drones to attack Russian military bases in Syria; later, the same year, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro had a narrow escape after a drone flying towards him exploded a short distance away. In 2019, Houthi rebels claimed responsibility for bombing Saudi oil installations using drones. New modes of sabotage and violence enabled by technology reduce costs and risk of identification for terrorists while increasing their efficacy. Simultaneously, security agencies would find conventional tools redundant in combating terrorism. Terrorism may not even require organisations, as individuals with sufficient motivation and skills can carry out such attacks and remain under the radar like the drones they use. The existing international framework for controlling the proliferation of technology that can be weaponised, such as the Wassenaar Arrangement and Missile Technology Control Regime, is also largely useless in the emerging scenario.

States including India have sought to deal with terrorism with a combination of stringent laws, invasive surveillance, harsher policing and offensives against other countries that support terrorist groups. This approach has only had limited success in ensuring peace anywhere while the human and material costs have been high. The exponential proliferation of new technologies and Artificial Intelligence, vertically and horizontally, will make the task of combating terror even more challenging. The Jammu drone attack, Indian authorities reportedly suspect, was carried out by the Lashkar-e-Taiba, which is patronised by Pakistan. The same group was behind the 2008 Mumbai terror attack in which perpetrators came by boats from Pakistan. India has tried to punish Pakistan for its support to terror groups in recent years which has shown some success. The entry of drones calls for a more complex response to terrorism. Terror groups do capitalise on state patronage but technology is enabling them too to be autonomous in an unprecedented fashion. From turning passenger planes into missiles in 2001, terrorism has come a long way, and one cannot foresee where it will go next. Enhanced international cooperation and consensus on the development and deployment of technologies are required to deal with the challenge. India can and must take an active role in the process.

Coming soon

New layers of censorship are a threat to the existing space for public discourse

Film-makers around the world have often made extraordinary efforts to keep cinema alive. Under a repressive regime in Iran, directors such as Abbas Kiarostami, Mohsen Makhmalbaf and Majid Majidi fought for art as a basic social need with films like *Where Is the Friend's Home?*, *The Cyclist* and *Children of Heaven*. In India, during the Emergency when the government apparatus came down heavily on any criticism, the prints of Amrit Nahata's political satire *Kissa Kursi Ka*, filmed in 1975, were destroyed. Even though a revised version was released in 1978, it invited several cuts from the Central Board of Film Certification. For the past few years, the CBFC has objected to the content of several films, ordering cuts. Now, a proposed amendment to the Cinematograph Act, 1952, will make it even more difficult for film-makers to work on thorny or controversial subjects. The draft Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill 2021, which has been put out for public comments, has a provision that allows the Government to order re-certification of a film already certified by the CBFC. Film-makers argue that the new provision adds one more layer of censorship to the existing process. Already in April, the Government took the ordinance route to scrap the Film Certificate Appellate Tribunal (FCAT), a statutory body set up to hear appeals of film-makers against decisions of the CBFC.

In 2000, the Supreme Court had upheld the verdict of the Karnataka High Court in the K.M. Shankarappa vs Union of India case that the Union government cannot exercise revisional powers in respect of films that are already certified by the CBFC. The draft acknowledges the existing apex court order but has added a new clause: "...that on receipt of any references by the Central government in respect of a film certified for public exhibition, on account of violation of Section 5B(1) of the Act, the Central government may, if it considers it necessary so to do, direct the chairman of the board to re-examine the film". The provision of Section 5B(1) of the Act, the draft says, is derived from Article 19(2) of the Constitution "which imposes reasonable restrictions upon the freedom of speech and expression in the interests of sovereignty and integrity of India..." New restrictive laws have come into place for over-the-top (OTT) platforms as well. Giving the Government powers to vet content not only curbs freedom of expression but also quells democratic dissent. Fresh barriers to content generation are a threat to the existing space for public discourse and are indicative of the current pressures on freedoms from authoritarian tendencies of the ruling establishment.

Apt judicial reminder in era of over-criminalisation

The criminal justice system needs to take note of the Delhi High Court's recent judgment on 'defining terrorism'



FAIZAN MUSTAFA

The criminal justice system is an instrument of state and a key index of the state of democracy. Every punishment which does not arise from absolute necessity is tyrannical, said French jurist Montesquieu. In fact criminal law should be used only as a 'last resort' (ultima ratio) and only for the 'most reprehensible wrongs'. Unfortunately, 'crimes' originate in government policy and, therefore, criminal law reflects the idea of 'power' rather than 'justice'. Should civil society activists, students, intellectuals and protesters be charged for the crime of terrorism? Is every criminal a terrorist and every violent crime a terrorist activity? Did Parliament in enacting the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, (TADA) and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) intend to punish ordinary criminals under these anti-terror special laws?

Example of misuse

In the period 2015-2019, as many as 7,840 persons were arrested under the draconian UAPA but only 155 were convicted by the trial courts. Most would eventually be acquitted by the higher courts. Even Congress governments misused TADA (enacted in 1985 and amended in 1987). Till 1994, though 67,000 people were detained, just 725 were convicted in spite of confessions made to police officers being made admissible. In *Kartar Singh* (1994), the Supreme Court of India had observed that in many cases, the prosecution had unjustifiably invoked provisions of TADA 'with an oblique motive of depriving the accused persons from getting bail'. It added that such an invocation of TADA was

'nothing but the sheer misuse and abuse of the Act by the police'.

UAPA's experience has been worse than TADA. UAPA has also been equally used and abused. The recent 133 page bail order of the Delhi High Court in *Asif Iqbal Tanha* (June 15, 2021), that led to the release of three student activists, has come as a bolt from the blue for the Delhi police. At the heart of the controversy is the meaning of the term 'terrorism' and when UAPA can justifiably be invoked.

No consensus on definition

Though there are more than 100 definitions of terrorism available globally, there is no universal definition of the term 'terrorism' either in India or at the international level. The UN General Assembly had given this task to a committee, but in almost 50 years or so there has been no consensus on the meaning of terrorism. The fight against foreign occupation is to be kept out of terrorism as today's terrorist may be tomorrow's freedom fighter. Accordingly, neither TADA nor UAPA has a definition of the crucial terms 'terror' and 'terrorism'. Section 15 of UAPA merely defines a terrorist act in extremely wide and vague words: 'as any act with intent to threaten or likely to threaten the unity, integrity, security, or sovereignty of India or with intent to strike terror or likely to strike terror in the people....'

How is such a terrorist act committed? UAPA says 'by using bombs, dynamite or other explosive substances or inflammable substances or firearms or other lethal weapons or poisonous or noxious gases ... or by any other means of whatever nature to cause or likely to cause death or injuries...'. What is the meaning of the expression 'by any other means'? When a general word is used in any statute after specific words, it is to be interpreted in the context of specific words. Thus, the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) protests cannot be covered by this expression.



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In *Yaqoob Abdul Razzak Memon* (2013), the Supreme Court said that terrorist acts can range from threats to actual assassinations, kidnappings, airline hijacking, car bombs, explosions, mailing of dangerous materials, use of chemical, biological, nuclear weapons etc. Since the three student activists did not do any of these things, Justices Anup Jairam Bhambhani and Siddharth Mridul could not be convinced of their involvement in any terrorist act. Through an authoritative and enlightened bail order entirely based on the apex court judgments, Justice Bhambhani reminded the Delhi police of the true meaning of a terrorist act.

Other judgments

In *Hitendra Vishnu Thakur* (1994), the Supreme Court had defined terrorism as the 'use of violence when its most important result is not merely the physical and mental damage of the victim but the prolonged psychological effect it produces ... on the society as a whole'. Its main objective is to overawe the government or disturb the harmony of society or 'terrorise' people...'. Thus, what 'distinguishes 'terrorism' from other forms of violence is the deliberate and systematic use of coercive intimidation'. In *Kartar Singh* (1994), the Supreme Court held that a mere disturbance of public order that disturbs even the tempo of the life of community of any particular locality is not a terrorist act. By this interpretation, the CAA protests in a few localities of

Méndez's anti-torture vision is still distant for India

The belief in the utility of torture is embedded in institutional culture and accommodated by law



DEVIKA PRASAD & ZEBBA SIKORA

In a past interview, Juan E. Méndez, former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, recounts his fears while being tortured for "intelligence" by security forces of the military junta in 1970s Argentina: "I was very scared during the interrogations. Twice they had to call a doctor to check if they could continue torturing me without killing me. Only then did I realize that I could die. But when you are in that situation you live minute by minute, thinking of the moment when the torturers will get tired and stop so you can have a break".

Mr. Méndez reminds us of the palpable fear created in the exercise of torture. Decades on, instilling fear through torture – physical or psychological – to reach the "truth", is still seen as an effective interrogation "technique" by security forces. The reality that torture persists suggests that belief in its utility overrides the moral arguments and legal prohibitions against it.

Torture does not work

A latest effort to combat torture during investigation, spearheaded by Mr. Méndez, reinforces empirical evidence that torture does not work. Launched in June 2020, the 'Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations and Information Gathering', dubbed the 'Méndez Principles' (<https://bit.ly/3A6P8Xo>), were developed through a comprehensive, expert-driven consultative process.

The Méndez Principles aim to provide a cohesive blueprint of practical measures to replace torture and coercive interrogation with "rapport-based" interviews, reinforced through legal and procedural safeguards at every step. They offer practical guidance for non-coercive interrogations; address heightened vulnerabilities in custody; and provide specific guidance on training, accountability and implementation. They are to apply to all authorities who have the power to detain and question people, including the police, military, and intelligence. At their core, the Principles seek to prevent coercive techniques and torture by introducing a paradigm shift away from "confession" based information gathering.

Crucially, they are grounded in scientific empirical studies across disciplines – psychology, criminology, sociology, neuroscience – which establish that coercive interrogation is counterproductive. Extreme torture tactics, such as forced stress positions or waterboarding, have been shown to significantly damage the affected person's memory and recollection of information. Aggressive questioning is more likely to make the interviewee resistant, or 'say anything' just for the threat of violence to stop. Coercive interviewing leads to unreliable information and false confessions. These studies provide scientific evidence to reject the widely-held misconception that a certain degree of 'pressure', or physical pain, will yield accurate information.

Its persistence in India

With their emergence as a new set of aspirational standards, it is tempting to assess whether the Méndez Principles can readily apply to the Indian context. Unfortunately,



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enough evidence indicates that the Indian context typifies the belief in the utility of torture, and is embedded in institutional culture and accommodated by law.

In spite of the prohibition of and safeguards against "third degree methods", they are normalised in police practice. Even the National Human Rights Commission has said that "custodial violence and torture is so rampant in this country that it has become almost routine".

The belief that a certain degree of fear and pressure is necessary to compel a suspect to cough up the "truth" is widely held by police officers. This emerged strongly in a 2019 survey of about 12,000 police personnel across India, published by Common Cause and Lokniti (<https://bit.ly/3jw51jb>). Three out of four personnel felt that it is justified for the police to be violent towards "criminals", and four out of five personnel responded that there is nothing wrong in the police beating criminals to extract confessions. Scholars, Khanikar (2018; <https://bit.ly/3h5Wfrq>) and Jauregui (2013; <https://bit.ly/3AaXwFm>), studying the police in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, reveal practices of using tools such as wooden sticks in interrogation, signalling the presence of tools to beat or intimidate, while perversely labelling them with suggestive phrases like "aan milo saajina" ("come to me, my beloved"). Coercion and the

Delhi cannot be termed as terrorist activity. Even in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, the Supreme Court, in *Nalini and 25 Others* (1999) held that none of the accused had intent to overawe the government or strike terror among people, and therefore the killing of Rajiv Gandhi and 15 others was not held to be a terrorist act or disruptive activity under Section 3 of TADA.

In *Ram Manohar Lohia* (1966), the apex court explained the distinction between 'law and order', 'public order' and 'security of state'. Law and order represents the largest circle within which is the next circle representing 'public order', and the smallest circle represents the 'security of state'. Accordingly, an act may affect 'law and order' but not 'public order'. Similarly, an act may adversely affect 'public order' but not the 'security of state'. In most UAPA cases, the police have failed to understand these distinctions and unnecessarily clamped UAPA charges for simple violations of law and order.

In the historic PUCL judgment (2003) where the constitutionality of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) was under challenge, the Supreme Court had highlighted another vital dimension of terrorist act by including within its meaning amongst other things the 'razing of constitutional principles that we hold dear', 'tearing apart of the secular fabric' and 'promotion of prejudice and bigotry'.

Justice Bhambhani reiterated the first principle of criminal law, i.e., criminal provisions are to be given the narrowest possible meaning. It is a sad commentary on our criminal justice system that even the mention of this rule of thumb is being considered as a breeze of fresh air in an atmosphere of curtailment of liberties and democracy tilting towards authoritarianism.

Relying on A.K. Roy (1982) where the constitutionality of the National Security Act (NSA) was challenged, Justice Bhambhani

concluded that to ensure that a person who was not within the parliamentary intendment does not get roped into a penal provision, more stringent a penal provision, it must be more strictly construed. The apex court itself had held that while construing preventive detention laws such as the NSA, care must be taken to restrict their application to a few situations as possible. In *Sanjay Dutt* (1994) as well, the Supreme Court had held that those whom the law did not intend to punish are not to be roped in by stretching the penal provisions. In recent times, the Allahabad High Court had to quash 94 of 120 cases in which NSA has been invoked.

Accordingly, the Delhi High Court concluded that since the definition of a 'terrorist act' in UAPA is wide and somewhat vague, it cannot be casually applied to ordinary conventional crimes, and the act of the accused must reflect the essential character of terrorism. Indeed, the CAA protests were not terrorist acts. Defining terrorism may be difficult but does not everyone know when an act of terror is really committed?

What must be done

One hopes that, henceforth, our police will be far more cautious in charging people under black laws such as UAPA, the NSA, etc. In any case, no anti-terror law, howsoever stringent, can really end the problem of terrorism. Pushing a civilised state to state terrorism is the tried and tested strategy of all terrorists. Let us not fall in their trap.

Radicalisation generally succeeds only with those who have been subjected to real or perceived injustices. Let us remove injustice to combat terrorism. The creation of a truly just, egalitarian and non-oppressive society would be far more effective in combating terrorism.

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Relief measures

In the Government's new stimulus package, one wonders whether there will be any takers for the five lakh free tourist visas given the adverse publicity earned during the second wave. More steps are needed to shore up the battered economy.

N.J. RAVI CHANDER, Bengaluru

Public sector units

Privatisation need not be the panacea for reversing the ills that affect public sector units in India (Editorial page, "Reopen the files, reconsider privatisation", June 29). As the writer suggests, India needs to have a closer look at the Chinese strategy on this issue. As far as legacy PSUs are concerned, selling

them outright is inadvisable. India is a democracy and the Government must consider all aspects. Banking is one area which the Government needs to be very careful about what it does. The Government can also think of retaining a residual stake of at least 25%.

ABHINANDAN PRASAD, Sangli, Maharashtra

A road map

Of late, the quick, decisive and just verdicts being passed by the Supreme Court offer us hope. The road map spelt out for the Chief Justice of India by

former Supreme Court judge Justice R.V.

Raveendran is relevant in a time as this. The words, 'commitment to the cause of justice, concern for the common man' should

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A report titled "Jab status linked to resuming business in Northeast" (June 25, 2021) erroneously referred to Assam Chief Secretary as the Chairperson of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA). Actually, the State's Chief Minister is its Chairperson. The Chief Secretary is the Chairperson of the State executive committee of the ASDMA.

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## Ensure that no migrant worker goes hungry: SC

The court ordered the Centre to get its act together and complete the work on the portal by July 31. The Labour Secretary has to file a report in a month thereafter. The Centre should complete the registration of workers by December 31 this year or all their “welfare schemes” would be considered “tall claims on paper”.

Justice Bhushan observed, “The Ministry is not alive to the concerns of the migrant workers. The non-action of the Ministry is strongly disapproved”.

The court said an unorganised worker was entitled to direct bank transfer if there was a State policy.

“Both, in the first and the second wave of the pandemic, migrant workers had been exposed to financial

and other forms of hardships due to their limited access and claim to the welfare resources offered by the States/Union Territories. Migrant labourers are particularly vulnerable to the economic regression,” the court noted.

It suggested that the Centre ought to “redetermine” the beneficiaries under the Food Security Act in both the urban and rural areas.

The Bench directed the States/Union Territories to register establishments and license contractors under the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 and ensure that they provided the authorities complete details of the workers employed with them.

## Govt. gives nod for Cipla to import Moderna’s vaccine

In a statement, Cipla said it is “supporting Moderna, Inc. with the regulatory approval and importation of vaccines to be donated to India. At this stage, there is no definitive agreement on commercial supplies.”

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Moderna vaccine has shown to have an efficacy of approximately 94.1%.

Meanwhile, responding to a question about the spread of the Delta Plus variant in India, Dr. Paul said 51 cases of Delta Plus variant have been reported from 11 States and one Union Territory – Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Gujarat, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Haryana and Jammu (as of June 28).

## LeT ‘commander’ among two militants gunned down in Srinagar

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Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) ‘commander’ Abrar, who was arrested on Monday, was killed along with another militant and three CRPF jawans were injured in an overnight encounter at Ma-loora here on Tuesday. “Both the terrorists were killed in the encounter. In the initial firefight, three CRPF personnel got injured and Abrar, who was with the search party, also got hit,” Inspector General of Police (IGP) Vijay Kumar said. The

condition of the injured personnel was stable, officials said.

“A foreign terrorist, who fired from inside the house, got neutralised, and Abrar also got killed,” Mr. Kumar said.

“On Monday, at the Parimpora *naka* [checkpoint], a vehicle was stopped and their identity was asked. Abrar, sitting at the back seat, tried to open his bag and take out a grenade. The *naka* party swiftly swung in to action and grabbed him,” the police said.

## Atlas of glacial lakes in Ganga basin released

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With concerns mounting over the impact of climate change on Himalayan glaciers, the Ministry of Jal Shakti has released an updated atlas of glacial lakes that are part of the Ganga river basin. About 4,707 glacial lakes have been mapped in the Ganga basin.

Glacial lakes with water spread area greater than 0.25 ha were mapped using Resourcesat-2 Linear Imaging Self Scanning Sensor-IV satellite data. The Atlas is available on Bhuvan portal of NRSC, ISRO (<https://bhuvan.nrsc.gov.in/nhp/>)

## Central Vista: SC dismisses plea against HC ruling

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed an appeal filed against the Delhi High Court judgment refusing to halt the Central Vista redevelopment project work amid the COVID-19 pandemic and imposing ₹1 lakh fine on the petitioners.

A Bench led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar asked petitioners Anya Malhotra and Sohail Hashmi why they were “selective”. The court

asked senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, for the petitioners, repeatedly why his clients chose to focus entirely on the Central Vista project and not other public projects in the Capital.

“You have been selective about one project. We do not find in your writ petition anything about any other project.... You have been selective about one project only,” Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, on the Bench, addressed Mr. Luthra.

# Activists welcome top court’s ruling

‘It should result in universalisation of rations to all migrant workers during the pandemic’

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The Supreme Court’s ruling on Tuesday should result in the universalisation of rations to all migrant workers across India as long as the pandemic continues, as opposed to the government’s one-time relief measures, said intervenors in the petition.

Social activists Harsh Mander, Anjali Bhardwaj and Jagdeep Chhokar also welcomed the court’s direction to the government to redetermine the number of people covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), given that the population has grown since the law was enacted.

“It is significant that the SC has recognised that economic distress does not go away merely with the lifting of lockdowns....,” said the intervenors in a statement. “We welcome this important judgment and are happy to note that the plea to universalise rations to all migrant workers across India till the pandemic continues has been accepted.”

In its ruling, the SC had directed



**Bearing the brunt:** Migrant workers outside the Kashmere Gate Metro station waiting for transport to their workplaces in New Delhi on Tuesday. •SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

States to distribute dry rations and run community kitchens for migrant workers, and directed the Centre to provide the needed grains to implement this. The Food Ministry has so far argued that there is no need to revive the Atma Nirbhar scheme under which it had

provided such dry rations for 2.8 crore migrants and others without ration cards last year.

In their written submission to the court on June 15, the intervenors had highlighted that the benefits of the NFSA as well as the One Nation, One Ration Card

scheme were restricted to those with ration cards.

They pointed out that several States had already exhausted their ration card quota under the NFSA, and 22 out of 29 States had less than 5% quota remaining.

“These State-wise quotas under the Act are severely

underestimated on account of being calculated as per the figures of the 2011 census and never having been updated since,” said the intervenors. They argued for a revision of the quotas using the current population projection of 139 crore, which would increase NFSA coverage to 93 crore people, as against the current figure of 80 crore.

In its ruling, the SC has now directed the Centre “to undertake exercise under Section 9 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 to re-determine the total number of persons to be covered under Rural and Urban areas of the State, which shall be beneficial to a large number of persons.”

The intervenors had also argued for emergency cash transfers to be given to migrant workers to pay for cooking oil, milk and vegetables, as well as non-food expenses such as medical and rent needs.

However, the court said it could not issue any direction on cash transfers as they were a matter of policy and in the domain of the State.

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NEW DELHI

Indian students writing the GRE or TOEFL examinations will be allowed to use their Aadhaar cards as identification proof from July 1. Making the announcement, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) said on Tuesday that many students have faced difficulties in getting passports due to the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The ETS conducts both the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), standardised tests which are an admission requirement for many universities in the United States and elsewhere. According to the ETS website, a passport is the only accepted identification proof so far for those taking the tests in India.

This temporary measure will apply until further notice, according to an ETS statement. It will also apply to the new TOEFL Essentials Test, which the ETS will start offering from August 21.

## NIA takes over Jammu drone attack case

DEVESH K. PANDEY  
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency on Tuesday took over the probe into the drone attack inside the IAF station in Jammu early on Sunday. Following a directive from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the NIA has re-registered the case that was earlier lodged at the Satwari police station in Jammu under Sections 3 and 4 of the Explosive Substances Act, Sections 13, 16, 18 and 23 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, and Sections 307 and 120B of the IPC.

“The case relates to an explosion that occurred in the premises of the Air Force Station, Satwari campus, Jammu, on June 27 and a subsequent blast, after about six minutes carried out by drones in a well-planned conspiracy....” said the agency, adding that two IAF personnel were injured in the explosion.

# ‘Chamoli disaster due to avalanche’

The February 7 flash flood claimed 72 lives; at least 200 are missing or dead

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The flash flood on February 7 in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand, that claimed at least 72 lives with at least 200 missing was due to a large mass of snow, ice and rock avalanche along with a hanging mass of rock crashing into the Raunthi Garh valley floor.

This impact pulverised the combination of rock, snow and ice causing a rapid flow downstream of Raunthi Garh and into the Rishiganga valley leading to the deluge, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) said in a report on Tuesday.

The deluge had destroyed the 13.2 MW Rishiganga power plant and damaged the 520 MW Tapovan-Vishnugadh hydel power project, in whose tunnels several workers had been fatally trapped.

The event had sparked global scientific interest with several groups of scientists, both in India and abroad, peering satellite imagery as



**Massive damage:** A file photo of the flood-ravaged Tapovan-Vishnugadh hydel project. •V.V. KRISHNAN

well as some teams making field visits to the site to determine the cause of the disaster. A report in the journal *Science* earlier this month too came to a similar conclusion, reporting that nearly 27 million cubic metres of rock and ice had crashed into the valley floor.

### Warm weather

A contributory factor, according to Saibal Ghosh, senior scientist at the GSI, was unusually warm weather in the region. “Observed change in the hydro-meteor-

ological conditions between 4th and 6th February, 2021 (heavy snowfall followed by sudden warmer climate) possibly triggered this huge snow and rock avalanche/ landslide causing sudden domino effect of flash flood in the downstream.”

Saty Prakash Shukla, Deputy Director General, International Affairs Division, GSI Central Headquarters, who led the team of geologists investigating the disaster site, said, “Lessons have also been learnt from this event of 7th February 2021 which

is an excellent example of multi-hazard phenomena that occurred during the winter time, when this type of phenomenon leading to such disastrous deluge is least expected in the Himalayas.”

There was no evidence of a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) having caused the event, he noted.

Due to the large volume of debris and the deluge, an artificial dam had formed near the confluence of Raunthi Garh and Rishiganga river, by the flowing debris which blocked the flow of the Rishiganga river and formed a small lake temporarily.

A study by the National Remote Sensing Centre indicated that the time taken from the initiation of the avalanche and its disastrous impact up to Tapovan barrage site near Joshimath was “barely 50 minutes”, which indicates availability of a “very low lead time for raising any warning for the downstream areas.”

## Cyber skills being used for terror, says Shringla

‘Such nefarious acts undermine trust’

SUHASINI HAIDAR  
NEW DELHI

India on Tuesday accused certain countries of using cyberspace expertise to conduct cross-border terrorism. At the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on Tuesday, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said there were widespread concerns that both State and non-state actors were now manipulating ICT (Information and Communications Technology) products.

The comments follow an international report that claimed India’s cybersecurity capabilities were weak, and in a year, the government had said, there had been a 300% increase in cyberattacks, including on several power grids, and more recently on Air India’s databases.

“Some States are leveraging their expertise in cyberspace to achieve their political and security-related objectives and indulge in contemporary forms of cross-border terrorism,” said Mr. Shringla, addressing the UNSC debate on “Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Cyber Security”.

The use of cyberspace by terrorists to “spread virulent propaganda, incite hatred and violence, recruit youth and raise funds”, as well as the ability of states



Harsh Vardhan Shringla

and terrorists to infiltrate networks were other challenges, he said, without naming any countries.

“Such nefarious acts undermine the trust and confidence in the global ICT supply chain, compromise security and could become a flashpoint between States. It is in the interest of the international community to ensure that all actors abide by their international obligations and commitments and not indulge in practices that could have potentially disruptive effects on global supply chains and trade in ICT products,” Mr. Shringla said.

On Monday, the report released by the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) assessed the cyberpower of 15 countries. It graded India as a “third-tier” cyber-power that had focussed its cyber intelligence and offensive capabilities too narrowly on Pakistan, and not other global threats further afield.

## Offer opt-out option to all students, SC tells ICAI

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to continue with preparations to hold the Chartered Accountants (CA) exam in July for 3.74 lakh candidates.

A Bench, led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar, said it will pass orders on Wednesday and asked the ICAI to place on record a note incorporating its suggestions on the opt-out option, logistical arrangements, changing of exam

centres in case of COVID containment zones, etc.

### ‘Objective standards’

The court said the ICAI, represented by senior advocate Ramji Srinivasan, should have a “competent authority” with medical experience to chalk out the objective standards by which candidates could opt out of the July exams and try again in the November 2021 examination cycle.

In fact, the court said the opt-out option should be available not only for candi-

dates who are COVID-19 positive at the time of exam but also for students who could not prepare for their exams due to extended post-COVID complications certified by an expert. “Have you taken into consideration the post-COVID effects?” Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, on the Bench, asked Mr. Srinivasan

The court said the ICAI note should provide detailed plans on how it intends to secure the exam halls from infection. They should not be some converted wedding halls. They should be exclu-

sively used for the exams. The court said the examiners/invigilators etc should be inoculated.

In case of any sudden change in the exam centres, the candidate should either be able to opt out or given a slot at the nearest centre. In case the candidate contracts the infection in the middle of the exams, he or she should be given a chance to appear in the next examination cycle in November.

The Bench was hearing pleas to postpone the CA exam due to the pandemic.





IN BRIEF

Stimulus plan doesn't address demand: CPI

NEW DELHI
The CPI said the stimulus package announced by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman offered no incentives to boost demand. The CPI said while announcing the ₹6.28 lakh crore plan, the Minister didn't mention where the funds would be mobilised from. "Is this a part of current budget expenditure?" it asked.

Kovind lays foundation of Ambedkar memorial

LUCKNOW
President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday laid the foundation stone of a memorial and cultural centre dedicated to B.R. Ambedkar in Lucknow. However, BSP chief Mayawati questioned the timing of the launch, which is a few months before the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly poll.

Time to stop talk of rift within MVA, says Raut

PUNE
Shiv Sena spokesperson Sanjay Raut said while leaders may have different views, the tripartite MVA government in Maharashtra was functioning smoothly. He quashed reports of NCP chief Sharad Pawar being "upset" with the Sena, adding that it was time to put a stop to talk of any 'unease' in the coalition.

Jairam moves privilege motion against channel

NEW DELHI
Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, who chairs the Parliamentary Standing Committee on science and technology, moved a privilege motion against news channel Times Now for "falsified and mischievous" reporting of the proceedings of the panel's meeting.

Assault on Assam doctor: 36 chargesheeted

GUWAHATI
The Assam police have submitted a chargesheet naming 36 persons, including three children, for assaulting a doctor on June 1. A mob had assaulted Seuj Kumar Senapati, a doctor at the Udali Covid Care Centre in central Assam's Hojai district, after a patient died of COVID-19. The doctor had to undergo surgery. The incident had come to light after a video released on social media showed several people hitting the doctor.

Kant's tenure extended

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AHMEDABAD

The Centre has extended the tenure of NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer Amitabh Kant by one year till June 2022. He is a 1980 batch retired IAS officer of

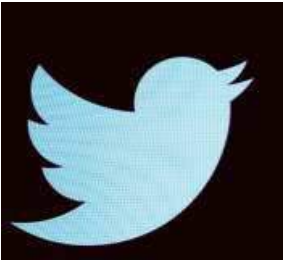
House panel questions Twitter

Representatives from Google and Facebook appear before standing committee

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Standing Committee on Information and Technology has sought an explanation from social media giant Twitter on why accounts of IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and committee Chairperson Shashi Tharoor were locked.

In a meeting held on Tuesday, representatives from Google and Facebook appeared before the committee on the subject of 'Safeguarding citizens' rights and prevention of misuse of social/online news media platforms, including special emphasis on women's security in the digital space'.



Twitter recently locked the accounts of Ravi Shankar Prasad and Shashi Tharoor.

Sources said the committee members discussed the new IT rules with the representatives of both platforms. Both Facebook and Google have said that they will comply with the new IT

rules. "They said that they will comply with the new IT rules, as much as they can," one of the members said. Facebook pointed out that it was technically impossible to intercept messages in WhatsApp.

The new rules mandate tracing the origin of a particular message if required by the law enforcement agencies. Facebook explained that WhatsApp works on end-to-end encryption. It only sweeps metadata and no messages are intercepted or read.

Earlier in the day, Facebook announced that complying with the IT rules, it

would publish an interim report on the content it had removed proactively between May 15 and June 15.

The new rules, which came into force on May 26, mandate large social media companies to publish periodic compliance reports every month, mentioning the details of complaints received and action taken.

Non-compliance with the IT rules would result in these platforms losing their intermediary status that provides them immunity from liabilities over any third-party data hosted by them and gives them immunity from criminal culpability.

New economic package is a hoax, says Rahul Gandhi

No family will be able to use it for their living, he tweeted

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

A day after Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced new sops to give a boost to the COVID-19-hit economy, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi called the package a hoax.

"No family can spend the Finance Minister's 'economic package' for their living, food, medicine or their children school fees. Not a package, another hoax!" he said on Twitter.

On Monday, the Finance



Rahul Gandhi

Minister announced ₹1.5 lakh crore of additional credit for small and medium businesses, funds for the healthcare sector, additional loans to tourism agencies, visa fee waiver for foreign tourists and extra funds for

the healthcare sector.

"Some elementary truths: Credit guarantee is not credit. Credit is more debt. No banker will lend to a debt-ridden business," former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said in a series of tweets. "Debt-burdened or cash-starved businesses do not want more credit, they need non-credit capital. More supply does not mean more demand (consumption). On the contrary, more demand (consumption) will trigger more supply."

Atul Keshap is interim U.S. Chargé D'affaires

Biden govt. silent on India envoy

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN SUHASINI HAIDAR WASHINGTON/NEW DELHI

The U.S. State Department announced the appointment of Atul Keshap, a senior foreign service officer with years of experience in South Asia, as Chargé d'affaires (CDA) ad interim, in New Delhi, to replace Daniel Smith, who is retiring.

Mr. Keshap's appointment highlights the fact that the White House is yet to send to the U.S. Senate the nomination of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, whose name has been doing the rounds for the Ambassador role in New Delhi since the end of May.

Mr. Keshap was formerly the U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives and played a key role in developing the U.S.-Maldives defence relationship. The two countries signed on to a framework for their security relationship last September. He also served as Deputy Assistance Secretary for South Asia and was posted previously to the American Embassy in New Delhi.

"Ambassador Keshap's appointment will reinforce the close U.S. partnership with the Government and people of India, demonstrated by our collaboration to overcome global challenges like the COVID-19



Atul Keshap

pandemic," a statement from the State Department said.

Short- and medium-term vaccine access for India, U.S. assistance to India as it fought a second COVID-19 wave in recent months, and India's manufacturing role in a Quad (India, the U.S., Australia and Japan) plan to supply at least 1 billion vaccines for Asia by the end of 2022 top the agenda of the relationship.

While the Biden administration has sent several ambassadorial nominations to the Senate, its silence on the nomination of an ambassador to New Delhi has been conspicuous. "Keshap eminently qualified but what is the deal with the Garcetti ambassadorial appointment to India?" Paul Staniland, a University of Chicago political scientist specialising in South Asia, said on Twitter.

A U.S. Embassy spokesperson said Mr. Smith's appointment was temporary as per the practice, but it still leaves the Garcetti question unanswered.

NISTULA HEBBAR NEW DELHI

The Rajasthan BJP is facing turmoil, with former Minister Rohitash Sharma accusing the State leadership of "running the party from within office rooms" during the COVID-19 pandemic. The party served a show-cause notice on him for indiscipline, but the incident has drawn attention to the fact that the cleavage in the party between the factions that owe loyalty to and those who oppose former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje continues to exist and flare up.

Ms. Raje, a leader who headed two governments, continues to remain strong within the party with much support while the national leadership has remained wary of her power. Attempts to place Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat as the State president came a cropper a couple of years ago when she stood her ground.

Ms. Raje's photographs were said to have been removed from party posters, annoying her supporters and providing some of the back-ground for Mr. Sharma's comments.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Sharma said, "Rajasthan leadership has remained wary of her power. Attempts to place Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat as the State president came a cropper a couple of years ago when she stood her ground.



Former CM Vasundhara Raje remains a strong leader within the party.

is represented by several leaders at the Centre but in my district alone, I found it difficult to coordinate relief. I spoke about that, and rather than acknowledging that there is something called inner-party democracy, I was slapped with a show-cause notice for 'indiscipline'."

When asked about him speaking on behalf of a particular faction, he said, "Not

NHRC team member alleges attack in Kolkata

SHIV SAHAY SINGH KOLKATA

A member of the committee of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) set up to probe allegations of post-poll violence in the State on Tuesday alleged that he was attacked in Kolkata's Jadavpur area.

Atif Rasheed, Vice-Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities and member of the Committee set up as per the instructions of the Calcutta High Court,

said some people chased and attacked him when he visited Jadavpur area to inquire into the allegations.

Videos viral

"On the basis of the complaints received, we came here and found 40 houses have been destroyed and the families have left. Some of the goons also attacked us in the presence of the police. If this happens to us, what about common people," Mr. Rasheed said.

Videos of the locals surrounding the NHRC committee member and arguing with him have gone viral on social media. The High Court had on June 18 directed the NHRC to set up the panel to probe the allegations. The court refused to stay the order on June 21 after an appeal by the State.

Over the past few days, the NHRC has asked for complaints and grievances on violence to be sent to the committee members either

in person, via mail, or telephonically.

The State BJP leadership raised the issue of the alleged attack. "A court-directed investigation being conducted by the National Human Rights Commission team was attacked at Jadavpur. Democracy is going to the ruins in Bengal," Leader of the Opposition Suvedu Adhikari said on social media. The Trinamool Congress leadership said the matter will be investigated.

Congress asks govt. to frame drone policy

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday urged the Centre to prepare a comprehensive policy to deal with armed drone attacks. Party general secretary Randeep Surjewala said the government should act on the advice of defence experts on modern warfare instead of "headline management".

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Information brochure, online application form and other details will be available at both ICMR New Delhi website: www.icmr.nic.in and PGIMER website: http://pgimer.edu.in
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FB to publish interim report on compliance

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Facebook on Tuesday said it will publish an interim report this week with details of content removed from its platforms proactively, as required under the new IT rules.

The U.S.-headquartered social media giant will publish a final report on July 15, which will contain details of user complaints received and the action taken, along with data related to WhatsApp.

"In accordance with the IT rules, we'll publish an interim report for the period May 15-June 15 on July 2. This report will contain details of the content that we have removed proactively using our automated tools," a spokesperson said in an emailed statement.

The spokesperson added that the final report would be published on July 15 with details of user complaints received and action taken. The report on July 15 will also contain data related to WhatsApp, which is currently being validated.



IN BRIEF



**Sonu Sood denies stocking medicines**

MUMBAI Actor Sonu Sood on Tuesday filed a plea before the Bombay High Court and denied all allegations of stocking, hoarding or distributing COVID-19 medicines. The application was filed seeking permission to intervene in a public interest litigation filed by advocate Sneha Marjadi and activist Nilesh Navlakha concerning COVID-19 management by the State and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation. Previously, the court had asked how actors and MLAs had access to medicines that seemed to be in short supply.

HC tells police to find 'big fish' behind fake jabs

MUMBAI The Bombay High Court on Tuesday told the Mumbai police to identify the 'big fish' in cases where over 2,000 people were administered "saline water" in fake COVID-19 vaccination camps allegedly orchestrated by a doctor couple of Shivam Hospital. A Division Bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice G.S. Kulkarni was hearing a bunch of public interest litigation (PIL) petitions concerning the supply and demand of vaccinations in the city. Public prosecutor Deepak Thakare told the court that seven FIRs had been registered and 11 arrested in the case.

Maharashtra plans home vaccination for the aged

MUMBAI The Maharashtra government on Tuesday told the Bombay High Court that it proposes to start vaccination at home on an experimental basis for the bed-ridden. Dr. Dilip Patil, Deputy Director, State Family Welfare Bureau, filed an affidavit before a Division Bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and G.S. Kulkarni. The affidavit was filed in a public interest litigation by two city-based advocates – Dhruvi Kapadia and Kunal Tiwari – seeking door-to-door vaccination for those above 75 years of age and wheelchair-bound.

PMS' museum still under construction, says CPWD

NEW DELHI The proposed Prime Ministers' museum is still under construction, having missed its October 2020 deadline due to the COVID-19 pandemic, officials of the Culture Ministry and Central Public Works Department (CPWD) said on Tuesday. Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel visited the site, which is a part of the Teen Murti Estate, where the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) is located, and held a review meeting with Ministry and CPWD officials. Tagbin, the company that will design the museum, made a presentation.

# Follow Health Ministry advisory till July 31: Centre

'Relaxation of curbs should be carefully calibrated'

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry on Tuesday asked the States and the Union Territories to consider implementation of targeted and prompt actions for COVID-19 management in accordance with the latest Health Ministry advisory, till July 31.

According to the order, issued under the Disaster Management Act, the national directives for COVID-19 management, as specified in the Health Ministry advisory dated June 28, will continue to be strictly followed throughout the country.

"All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures. For the enforcement of social distancing, State/UT governments may, as far as possi-

ble, use the provisions of Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code," the directive said.

Any person violating the measures will be liable to be proceeded against under Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, besides legal action under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, and other legal provisions as applicable.

**Close monitoring**

In another letter, Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla said that with a decline in the number of active cases, many States and Union Territories had started relaxing restrictions.

However, the process should be carefully calibrated, he wrote. They should closely monitor case positivity and bed occupancy, tak-

ing district as an administrative unit. On witnessing any early signs of increase in case positivity and higher bed occupancy, necessary action should be taken for containment and upgrade of health infrastructure. For the districts with high positivity and higher bed occupancy, imposing restrictions may be considered.

The States and the Union Territories have been asked to monitor the districts with higher numbers of active cases per million population, as it is an important indicator to predict the need for upgrading health infrastructure and logistics. There should be a continuous focus on the five-fold strategy – test-track-treat-vaccination and adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, said the letter.

# 35.6 lakh vaccine shots given

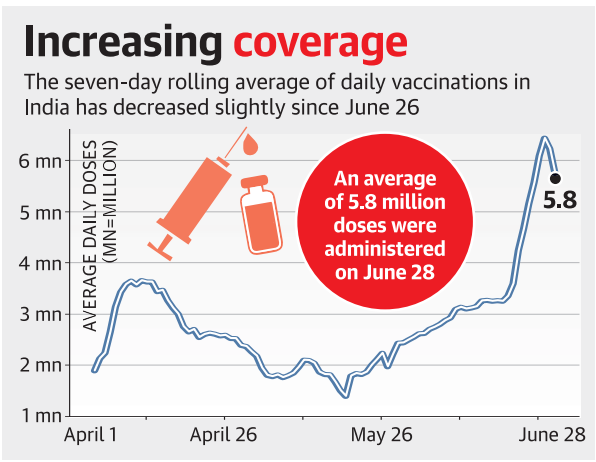
Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Bengal lead in jabs administered on Tuesday

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
CHENNAI

India administered 35.6 lakh (3.56 million) doses of COVID-19 vaccines until 9 p.m. on Tuesday. Maharashtra recorded the highest number of vaccinations (3.8 lakh) followed by Andhra Pradesh (2.8 lakh) and West Bengal (2.7 lakh).

Between June 1 and 28, 40.3 lakh doses were administered daily in India on average. At the current rate, a total of 108.2 crore doses can be administered by December 31, 2021, which is around 79.8 crore doses fewer than those required to fully vaccinate all adults (188 crore doses). To fully inoculate all adults by the end of this year, 83 lakh doses need to be given daily on average in the country.

The seven-day rolling average of daily vaccinations in the country dropped to 57.5 lakh on June 28 from 64.3



lakh recorded on June 26. However, it is more than the 46.6 lakh recorded a week before (June 22). It was also significantly higher than the average daily doses recorded a month before (May 28), which was 22.1 lakh.

About 28.9% of adults in India, 60.3% of those aged above 45 years, and 67.4% of people aged above 60 years,

were administered at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, until 9 p.m. on Tuesday.

Only 4.2% of the country's population is fully vaccinated. The figures are based on the estimated population in 2021.

India recorded 44,778 new COVID-19 cases until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, taking the

cumulative caseload to 3,03,60,836. As many as 812 new deaths were also registered, taking the tally to 3,98,480.

Kerala reported 13,550 new infections, followed by Maharashtra (8,085) and Tamil Nadu (4,512). Maharashtra recorded 231 new fatalities, followed by Tamil Nadu (118) and Kerala (104). The figures do not include cases and deaths from Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Tripura, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Ladakh. The numbers are sourced from the respective States' health bulletins.

India records the second-highest number of seven-day average daily deaths in the world, next to Brazil (1,644). About 1,191 daily deaths were recorded on June 28. The two other countries with the highest fatality count after India were Colombia (678) and Russia (576).

## Cold truth



**Washed away:** Bodies, many of which are believed to be of COVID-19 victims, are seen partially exposed in shallow graves as rainwater inundated a cremation site along the banks of river Ganga near Allahabad on Tuesday. \*RITESH SHUKLA/GETTY IMAGES

## J&J says no trial needed in India for Janssen jab

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

U.S.-based pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson has said the requirement to conduct a bridging clinical study of its single-dose Janssen COVID-19 vaccine no longer exists in India. The company is in discussion with the Centre on vaccine supply.

The company said it was following Drug Controller General of India's recent announcement that there was no longer any requirement

for conducting post-approval bridging clinical trials for COVID-19 vaccines in India for restricted use in emergency situation in case of those already approved for restricted use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, European Medicines Agency, U.K. Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency of Japan and those listed in the World Health Organization's Emergency Use Listing.

## Five firms come together for COVID-19 drug trial

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD

Five pharma majors – Cipla, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Emcure, Sun Pharma and Torrent – will collaborate for the clinical trials in India of investigational, oral, antiviral drug Molnupiravir for the treatment of mild COVID-19.

Describing their collaboration as a first of its kind in the Indian pharma industry, a release on Tuesday said the companies will jointly sponsor, supervise and

monitor the clinical trial that is expected to take place between June and September this year. The trial, for which 1,200 patients are to be recruited, will be conducted across the country.

Dr. Reddy's will conduct the clinical trial and the others will be required to demonstrate equivalence of their products to the product used by Dr. Reddy's.

Molnupiravir is said to inhibit the replication of multiple RNA viruses.

## Tracking the digital divide in Kolkata

40% of students lost out, finds study

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
KOLKATA

About 40% primary school students could not attend online classes during the COVID-19 pandemic owing to the digital divide, a report published by Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen's Pratichi (India) Trust found. The study was compiled on the basis of experiences shared by hundreds of teachers across 21 State-run primary schools in Kolkata.

The 72-page report highlights the issues faced by students in accessing digital teaching learning.



Online education remains accessible only for a few.

**Devices and data**

"There are two components to the digital divide – one is affordability, and whether the families of students can afford devices that are required for digital learning. The second issue is regular accessibility of uninterrupted data, which again has an element of expenditure," Sabir Ahmed, national research coordinator, Pratichi (India) Trust, and one of the authors of the report said.

The findings are based on experiences over six months during the first wave of the pandemic (April to November 2020) shared by primary school teachers.

"So long, the focus was on enrolling as many students as possible and reducing the number of missing children, but the pandemic has brought a situation where the school has gone missing," the report.

The other contributors to the report include Manabi

Majumdar, Urba Chaudhuri, Kakali Das De and Sutapa Ghosh.

The report focused on children enrolled in Classes 1 to 5. While schools continued to provide dry rations regularly as a supplement to cooked mid-day meals, teachers have reported nutritional deficiency. Though more families of school students sought dry rations, the researchers feel that the rations were distributed among family members, and in some cases, the child's nutritional needs were not met.

Also, during the period surveyed, Kolkata witnessed one of the worst cyclones of the past few decades when Amphan battered south Bengal on May 20, 2020. For more than a couple of weeks, the entire teaching-learning process came to a complete halt due to the lack of digital connectivity.

"The report provides us with an understanding of how students are left in the digital teaching learning process. If 40% could not access digital classes in Kolkata, one can imagine the situation in remote areas of the State," Mr. Ahmed said.

## Jaishankar presses for vaccine equity

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

International cooperation is the way forward to deal with vaccine requirements to counter the threat of COVID-19 pandemic, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday during the G20 Foreign Ministers meeting at Matera in Italy.

The comment came on a day when the African Union said Covishield of Serum Institute of India has been the "backbone" of the vaccination programme in the continent supported by EU under the COVAX programme.

"Institutional multilateralism has been found wanting. Reforms have many forms but vaccine equity will be the immediate test," said Mr. Jaishankar, urging international cooperation to ensure supply of vaccines, medicines, oxygen and protective gear to counter the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Minister's reference to "vaccine equity" echoed closely the statement from the African Union and the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) which "noted with concern" reports that Serum Institute of India's Covishield vaccine has not received clearance from the European Medicines Authority (EMA).

The AU noted that EU has authorised the European version of AstraZeneca vaccine named Vaxzevria but the same was not extended to Covishield which is meant for India and lower income countries of Africa.

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9 Bus stop stalker seen regularly (7)

10 Find loo or skip preliminaries and take a little stroll behind walls? (7)

11 Gussalufz's dull spear (6)

12 Quite possibly, Kenya's eradicated westbound smuggling (1,4,3)

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FAITH

Lustrous Vamana

The descendants of sage Bhrigu perform asvamedha yaga for Mahabali. Lord Mahavishnu, who has taken the Vamana avatara, knowing this, goes to Mahabali, with a plan to recover the kingdom of the devas, which Mahabali has usurped. Vamana plans to ask Bali for a daana, and to thereby get the kingdom back, said Kidambi Narayanan in a discourse. But as the Lord of everything, He has never asked for anything. He needs nothing and there is nothing that anyone can give Him that He does not already possess. So, when He goes to ask Bali for daana, He is at a loss about how to go about it. So, He shakes with worry! This is brought out by Andal, in Her Nachiar Thirumozhi, where She says "adira pugutha". Adira, meaning shaking. After all, since the Earth itself is His property, it is like asking for His own property! Who, but the Lord, would so humble Himself, in answer to the prayers of those who worship Him?

When Vamana arrives at the place of the yaga, even the lustre of the sages seems to pale. So lustrous is He. When a big lamp is lit, does not the flame of a smaller one seem insignificant? So does the Lord's effulgence dim the brightness of the tapasvis. The sages wonder if the Sun, or Agni has come to witness the yaga, or if the Sanat Kumaras have come. The sages welcome Vamana with agni. Vamana is handsome, with his kamandala, umbrella, danda and the maunji (girdle made of munja grass). Mahabali washes Vamana's feet, and says that this water will confer auspiciousness on people, and will cleanse them of their sins. Usually, we bathe in sacred rivers to wash away our sins. But the Lord comes to Bali, and gives Him the opportunity of washing His feet, thereby getting rid of Bali's sins. Mahabali was fortunate indeed, to be so blessed by the Lord.

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# Xi honours PLA soldier killed in Galwan

China's presentation of the 'July 1 medal' comes ahead of the Communist Party's 100-year anniversary

ANANTH KRISHNAN

A People's Liberation Army (PLA) soldier who died in the June 15, 2020 clash in Galwan Valley was among 29 people honoured by China's President and Communist Party General Secretary Xi Jinping on Tuesday.

The presentation of the 'July 1 medal' comes ahead of the party's 100-year anniversary, which is set to be marked in Beijing on Thursday with great fanfare, including a speech by Mr. Xi.

Ahead of July 1, Mr. Xi honoured 29 people who were "outstanding party members". Among three of the awardees honoured posthumously was Chen Hongjun, a PLA soldier who died in the Galwan Valley clash last year. China had, in February, announced military honours posthumously for Chen and three others, finally confirming it had suffered casualties some eight months after the clash.

Twenty Indian soldiers died in the clash that marked the most serious violence on



An event under way in Beijing as part of the CPC's 100th anniversary, with Xi Jinping's picture in the background. ■AFP

the border since 1967.

Mr. Xi said the recipients of the medal had "maintained staunch faith" which was "to stay true to the original aspiration and dedicate everything, even the precious life, to the cause of the Party and people". He said "generations of Chinese Communists have fought tenaciously for national independence and liberation, for prosperity and strength of the country, and for the happiness of the people."

The PLA, unique among

militaries as the military of a political party, has held its own commemorations ahead of July 1, including a ceremony and series of activities by the Xinjiang Military Command "to learn how PLA heroes, including the martyrs of the Galwan Valley conflict, defended and guarded the country's borders", the Communist Party-run *Global Times* reported, adding that the troops took a vow saying, "If war comes, I will not hesitate to rush like you to dedicate my last

heartbeat to our motherland".

Mr. Xi used Tuesday's occasion to call on the more than 91 million party members "to boldly advance toward the second centenary goal of fully building a modern socialist country, as well as the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation", referring to the 2049 centenary of the People's Republic of China.

## Building border villages

Among those honoured was Zhoigar, a Tibetan resident of a model border village called Yumai, who had in 2017 received a letter from Mr. Xi praising her patriotism and saying her example "will motivate more herders to set down roots in the border area like galsang flowers, and become guardians of Chinese territory". Mr. Xi has pushed a plan since 2017 to build "moderately well-off villages" in border areas, under which 628 villages would be developed mostly along the borders with India and Bhutan. Some of the new set-

tlements have come up on disputed territory claimed by India and Bhutan.

Other recipients of the award included Wang Shumao for "participation in the construction of the Nansha Islands [as China calls the Spratly Islands], developing civilian forces to safeguard China's legitimate rights in the South China Sea and leading the way in resolutely safeguarding China's territorial integrity and maritime rights without fear of death," and Wang Zhanshan, a veteran of the Korean War (referred to in China as the "War to Resist U.S. Aggression and Aid Korea"), the *Global Times* said.

Among the winners was Zhang Guimei, awarded for her work in setting up China's first free high school for girls from poor families, Memetjan Wumer, an ethnic Uighur, awarded for being "a leading model against religious extremist forces" in Xinjiang, and Liu Guijin, a former diplomat, recognised for his contributions to China-Africa relations.

## Iraqi fighters mourn those killed in strikes

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE BAGHDAD

Thousands of members of Iraq's Hashed al-Shaabi paramilitary alliance gathered in Baghdad on Tuesday to mourn members killed in U.S. air strikes along the Syrian border.

With chants of "vengeance for the martyrs", the Hashed members massed in Freedom Square near the Iraqi capital's high-security Green Zone, where the U.S. Embassy is located. Security forces were deployed in large numbers, sealing off the Green Zone after recent incursions by armed groups.

# Judge dismisses competition cases against Facebook

Lawsuit alleged FB crushed competition by buying out rivals

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN WASHINGTON

A federal judge in Washington DC dismissed two antitrust (competition) lawsuits against Facebook brought by the U.S.'s trade regulator, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and a coalition of 48 States and jurisdictions. The cases alleged that Facebook crushed competition by buying out its rivals like WhatsApp and Instagram. After the ruling, Facebook's shares hit record highs and its market capitalisation crossed \$1 trillion for the first time.

Judge James Boasberg dismissed the FTC case on Monday, saying it was "legally insufficient" and did not provide enough evidence that Facebook had a market share of at least 60% in the social-networking market. The judge said that in goods markets, market share could be calculated using revenue or units sold for instance, but "this case involves no ordinary or intuitive market". However, the judge did not dismiss the underlying complaint in the case and gave the FTC time until July 29 to file a new complaint.

In the second case, brought by a coalition led by the State of New York, the



plaintiffs had alleged that Facebook's acquisition of Instagram in 2012 and WhatsApp in 2014 ran afoul of competition law. In dismissing this case, the judge said there had been a "long delay" between the underlying events and the lawsuit.

The FTC and the New York Attorney General's office said they are reviewing the decision as they decide their way forward.

The judge's actions come as regulators have sought to break up Facebook and as both Democrats and Republicans have been tightening the screws on Big Tech. In June, the administration named Lina Khan, a progressive who has been critical about how large tech companies have wielded their market power, as chairwoman of the FTC.

Pressure has also been growing from Congress. The

Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives voted last week to send a package of six Bills focussed on antitrust (competition) issues in the tech sector to the full House floor for a vote. The package included legislation to increase merger fees, block big tech companies from buying potential competition and curbs on these companies favouring their own products online over those of their competitors'.

## Shares hit record highs

Following the judge's decision, Facebook's share price increased to a new high of \$358.03 on Monday afternoon and the firm crossed a market capitalisation of \$1 trillion for the first time.

Facebook welcomed the ruling and said it competes fairly. "We are pleased that today's decisions recognise the defects in the government complaints filed against Facebook. We compete fairly every day to earn people's time and attention and will continue to deliver great products for the people and businesses that use our services," a Facebook spokesperson said. (With inputs from the Associated Press)

# Israel's Lapid opens Embassy in UAE

'We're here to stay', says Foreign Minister, urging other nations to 'recognise that'

REUTERS DUBAI/JERUSALEM

Israel's new Foreign Minister inaugurated the country's Embassy in the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday and offered an olive branch to other former adversaries, saying: "We're here to stay."

During his two-day visit, the first to the West Asian nation by an Israeli Cabinet Minister since the countries established ties last year, Yair Lapid was also due to inaugurate a Consulate in Dubai and sign a bilateral deal on economic cooperation.

The trip is an opportunity for the two-week-old Israeli government of Naftali Ben-



Warming ties: Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, left, and UAE Minister of State Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh in Abu Dhabi. ■REUTERS

nett, a nationalist who heads an improbable cross-partisan coalition, to make diplomatic inroads.

"Israel wants peace with

its neighbours – with all its neighbours. We aren't going anywhere. The Middle East is our home," Mr. Lapid said during the ribbon-cutting ce-

remony at the Abu Dhabi high-rise office serving as a temporary Embassy. "We're here to stay. We call on all the countries of the region to recognise that," he said, according to a transcript.

Brought together by shared worries about Iran and hopes for commercial boons, the UAE and Bahrain normalised relations with Israel last year under so-called "Abraham Accords" crafted by the then U.S. administration of President Donald Trump. Sudan and Morocco have since also cultivated Israel ties.

The UAE also opened its Embassy in Israel recently.

# Zuma gets 15 months in jail for contempt of court

He refused to appear before investigators

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE JOHANNESBURG

In a historic ruling, South Africa's top court on Tuesday handed the country's former President, Jacob Zuma, a 15-month jail term for "egregious" contempt of court after he refused to appear before graft investigators.

Mr. Zuma was told to turn himself in within five days, failing which police will be ordered to arrest him and take him to jail.

The ruling sets a precedent for South Africa – and a benchmark for the continent – by jailing a former head of state for failing to respond to a corruption probe. "Mr. Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma is guilty of the crime of contempt of court," Constitutional Court judge



Jacob Zuma

Sisi Khampepe said.

Mr. Zuma, 79, is accused of enabling the plunder of state coffers during his nearly nine-year stay in office.

Most of the graft investigated by a commission involve three brothers from a wealthy business family, the Guptas, who won lucrative government contracts and were allegedly even able to choose Ministers.

# U.S. sending Bangladesh 2.5 mn vaccine doses: WH

'No strings attached, free in all senses'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE WASHINGTON

The United States began shipping 2.5 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine to Bangladesh on Tuesday, a White House official said, as the South Asian country confronted a wave of new infections.

"Thanks to the U.S. commitment to playing a leading role in ending the pandemic everywhere, 2.5 million doses of the Moderna vaccine will begin to ship to Bangladesh," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Illustrating the urgency, delivery is expected to be completed this week.

Bangladesh, which neigh-

bours India, began a severe lockdown on Monday in response to spiraling infections from the Delta variant. People are restricted to their homes, with offices closed, traffic shut down and the security forces enforcing compliance.

The White House said that its vaccine shipments – mostly made through the World Health Organization's Covax programme – come free in all senses.

"We are sharing these doses not to secure favours or extract concessions. Our vaccines do not come with strings attached. We are doing this with the singular objective of saving lives," the official said.




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2.	KPCL/2021-22/PS/ WORK_INDENT 11264 Date: 25.06.2021	Availing of services of expert personnel for supervision of overhauling works of boiler & its auxiliaries of U-1 to 8.
3.	KPCL/2021-22/PS/ WORK_INDENT 11265 Date: 25.06.2021	Radiography of Weld Joints of Pressure parts of Units # 1 to 8 Boilers during Annual Overhauling works and Emergency Tube Failures for a period of one year.

EMD: Nil. Last date for submission of tender: **23.07.2021 @ 16:00Hrs.** Interested bidders may submit the bids through e-procurement portal website: [www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarification: **20.07.2021 @ 16:00Hrs.** Last date for submission of completed bids (2Parts): **23.07.2021@16:00Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid (Part-1): **26.07.2021@11:00Hrs.** Opening of Financial Bid (Part-2): **28.07.2021@11:00Hrs.** The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to GoK e-procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. Further details can be had from the office of **Superintending Engineer (Mechanical Maintenance-1)**, RTPS, KPCL Shakhthinagar- 584170. Raichur District. Mobile: 9449596553.



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**Statement of Standalone Un-audited Financial Results for the Year / Half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Sl No.	Particulars	Half year ended 31.03.2021. (Un-audited / Reviewed).	Half year ended 31.03.2020. (Audited / Reviewed).	Year ended 31.03.2021. (Un-audited/ Reviewed).	Year ended 31.03.2020. (Audited/ Reviewed).
1	Total income from Operations	4,35,521.39	3,40,894.84	8,60,286.41	7,40,106.60
2	Net profit / (Loss) for the period ( before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(79,745.36)	(1,01,823.03)	(1,51,283.38)	(1,35,213.83)
3	Net profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	(66,697.05)	(1,01,823.03)	(1,38,235.07)	(1,35,213.83)
4	Net profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(66,697.05)	(1,01,823.03)	(1,38,235.07)	(1,35,213.83)
5	Total comprehensive income for the period (comprising profit / (loss) for the period after Tax and comprehensive income (after Tax))	-	-	-	-
6	<b>Paid-up Equity Share Capital</b> (57,67,114 nos. fully paid Equity Shares of Rs.1,000/- each issued at Par)	57,671.14	57,671.14	57,671.14	57,671.14
7	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve as per Balance Sheet of Previous year	(7,44,599.85)	(6,06,364.78)	(7,44,599.85)	(6,06,364.78)
8	Net Worth	(6,86,928.71)	(5,48,693.64)	(6,86,928.71)	(5,48,693.64)
9	Paid-up Debt Capital / Outstanding debt	9,07,381.20	7,68,693.29	9,07,381.20	7,68,693.29
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference share	-	-	-	-
11	Debt-Equity Ratio	15.73	13.33	15.73	13.33
12	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.1,000/- each) for continuing and discontinued Operations - 1.Basic: 2.Diluted:	(1,156.51) (1,156.51)	(1,765.58) (1,765.58)	(2,396.95) (2,396.95)	(2,344.57) (2,344.57)
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
14	Debtenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	(0.09)	(0.22)	(0.20)	(0.23)
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(1.08)	(2.61)	(1.30)	(1.49)

1. The above financial results of the company were reviewed by the Audit committee and taken on record & approved by the Board of Directors of the company in its meeting held on 24th June 2021 and have been subjected to "Limited review" by the statutory Auditor of the company.

2. The above results have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules 2015 (IND-AS) and amendments thereto.

3. Credit Rating "BWRA-(CE) (Stable) Reaffirmed" by Brickworks Rating & "INDA-(SO)Stable" by India Ratings & Research.

4. Asset cover: Redeemable non convertible Bonds issued by the Company during FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 are guaranteed by the Govt. of Odisha.

5. (a) Dates of Interest payment (previous due dates)

Particulars	Tranche-I	Whether Paid	Tranche-II	Whether Paid
Previous Due date	N/A	N/A	15.12.2020	Yes
Previous Due date	N/A	N/A	15.06.2021	Yes

5. (b) Details of Interest Payment (Next due date)

Particulars	Tranche-I	Tranche-II
Next Due Date	N/A	15.12.2021
Amount of Interest (Rs)	N/A	3,38,52,033

6. Outstanding Redeemable preference shares- **NIL**

7. Formula used for computation of coverage ratios: (a) DSCR= Earning before Interest , tax & Depreciation / Interest debited to P&L account & principal repayment (b) ISCR= Earnings before interest and tax/ Interest.

8. The Number of investor's complaints pending at the end of the half year: **NIL**  
Received : **NIL**  
Disposed: **NIL** and Lying Unresolved: **NIL**

9. Figures of previous year have been regrouped/re-arranged wherever necessary.

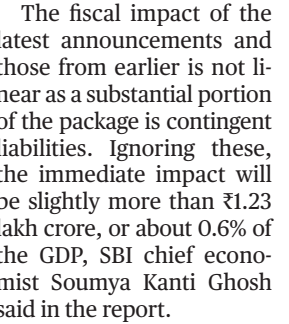
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**Managing Director**  
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Shareholders in Devas Multimedia have sued Air India (AI) in an effort to recover sums Devas won in arbitration awards against the Indian government and seize its flagship carrier's foreign assets, according to U.S. District Court filing. The shareholders said Devas and its affiliates were owed more than \$1.5 billion by the Indian government. REUTERS

The first 10 cheque leaves would be free in a financial year. Thereafter, ₹40 plus GST would be collected for a 10-leaf cheque book and ₹75 plus GST for a 25-leaf cheque book respectively. For an emergency cheque book, ₹50 plus GST for 10 leaves or part thereof would be collected. Non-financial transactions and transfer transactions would be free, SBI said.



Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had in May 2020 asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a “special” \$1.1-billion currency swap to help the country boost its foreign reserves.

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry was asked to expedite monetisation of assets and the Department of Space was asked to focus on domestic procurement wherever possible, the ministry said in a statement.

around €200 million in the next few years to aid this growth through product launches, manufacturing and engineering footprint expansions, hiring and other developments across all business domains," he said.

ZF Group recently divested its shareholding interest of 49% in Brakes India to meet the Anti-Trust guidelines of CCI, post the acquisition of WABCO.

This includes an intensive plan to rapidly grow the business in the country.

"We plan to invest

line-to-offline) digital platform that would offer quality, standardised and cost-effective service to vehicle owners of two-wheelers, passenger cars and commercial vehicles across the country," said R. Dinesh, director, TVS ASL.

The digital platform is a maiden attempt in the industry to enhance the livelihood of automobile entrepreneurs, he said. "Ki Mobility will provide quality, transparent and cost effective first-time-right service solutions to vehicle owners with the unmatched convenience of thousands of organised multi-brand garage owners in 270 towns across the country," said G. Srinivasa Raghavan, MD, TVS ASL. TVS ASL also announced the 100% acquisition of GoBumper, one of the largest B2C service aggregation platforms, for an undisclosed sum.

“Despite the pandemic-related challenges in 2020, we managed to deliver excellence by adroit stock and inventory management, prudent manufacturing planning and intelligent logistics coordination, without compromising the health and safety of our people,” managing director Arathi Krishna said.

For those below 18, it will be made mandatory to carry a negative RT-PCR report with a barcode, 96 hours prior to departure from their respective stations.



# Gritty England finally gets the monkey off its back

Sterling and Kane's strikes end Germany's strikes in the pre-quarterfinals

## EURO 2020

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LONDON  
Raheem Sterling and Harry Kane fired England into the Euro 2020 quarterfinals as it sealed a 2-0 win against Germany that ended decades of hurt at the hands of its bitter rival on Tuesday.

Sterling struck with 15 minutes left in a tense last tie at Wembley before Kane clinched England's first knockout stage victory over Germany since 1966.

In the 55 years since England beat the Germans in the World Cup final, the Three Lions had endured a painful litany of defeats against *Die Mannschaft* when the stakes were highest.

England was eliminated from the 1970, 1990 and 2010 World Cups by Germany, which also beat it in the Euro 96 semifinals at Wembley.

**Ghosts exorcised**  
But Gareth Southgate's side has finally exorcised the ghosts of Paul Gascoigne's tears and its own manager's



**Redemption:** After years of coming second best to Germany, Raheem Sterling finally brought smiles to the England camp by burying this lay-off past Manuel Neuer. • AFP

penalty miss 25 years ago. England produced a gritty display capped by clinical finishes from Sterling, who now has three goals in the tournament, and Kane – who finally bagged his first of the competition. England, yet to concede a goal in the tournament, heads to Rome on Saturday for a quarterfinal against the winners of the last 16 tie between Sweden and Ukraine.

Chasing a first major international trophy since 1966, England's side of the draw looks wide open, with a potential semifinal against Denmark or the Czech Republic unlikely to strike fear into its hearts. It was only England's second knockout stage win in the history of the European Championship and its first victory over Germany at Wembley since 1975.

For Germany manager Joachim Low, it was an agonising end to his reign as he prepares to step down after the tournament.

- Quarterfinal draw**
- Switzerland vs Spain
  - Belgium vs Italy
  - Czech Republic vs Denmark
  - England vs Sweden/Ukraine

# Back-to-back classics on a dramatic day

France loses its way against an inspired Switzerland; Spain overcomes Croatia



**Killer blow:** Alvaro Morata's strike sapped Croatia out of any fight in extra-time. • REUTERS



**Saviour:** Yann Sommer's perfectly timed leap was enough to stop a poorly taken spot kick from Kylian Mbappe. • AFP

## AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE PARIS

Kylian Mbappe missed the crucial penalty on Monday as world champion France crashed out of the Euro 2020 in a shoot-out against Switzerland, which goes through to a quarterfinal tie against Spain, which itself was taken the distance by Croatia before prevailing 5-3 in extra-time.

Switzerland triumphed 5-4 on penalties after a remarkable 3-3 draw in Bucharest. France had earlier come from 1-0 down to lead 3-1 and looked to be cruising through, only to concede two late goals.

**Missed penalty**  
Switzerland went ahead early on when Haris Seferovic headed in a cross, but it

## By The Numbers

- **2** - With eight goals scored, Croatia and Spain produced the second-highest-scoring match in Euros history
- **3** - France's elimination is just the third time in Euros that a side has failed to progress from a knockout game having led by 2+ goals
- **9** - Number of own-goals in this edition, as many as in all previous editions combined
- **14** - The number of shots Kylian Mbappe has taken without scoring in this edition
- **14** - The total goals scored in the day's two pre-quarterfinal ties

looked set to rue the moment early in the second half when Ricardo Rodriguez's penalty was saved by Hugo Lloris.

By the hour mark the game had turned on its head with Karim Benzema controlling Mbappe's pass to fire in the equaliser and then

nodding in Antoine Griezmann's centre.

Paul Pogba's stunning curling strike into the top corner seemed to have put *Les Bleus* out of sight, but Seferovic pulled one back and substitute Mario Gavranovic netted a last-minute equaliser to force extra time.

# India needs an immediate change of tack

Batters will have to pull up their socks in order to level series

## INDIA IN ENGLAND

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
TAUNTON  
India will have to change its batting approach and play more freely in order to bounce back against formidable hosts England in the second women's One-Day International here on Wednesday.

India conceded as many as 181 dot balls on way to posting a below par 201 which England chased down rather comfortably to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series on Sunday.

Wednesday's game could see India making multiple changes in the playing eleven as the batters' inability to rotate the strike is proving to be a big issue.

Though Mithali scored 72, her strike rate was below par and T20 skipper Harmanpreet Kaur is desperately seeking some consistency.

India went in with only one specialist spinner in Ekta Bisht at Bristol besides the



**Silver lining:** Mithali's knock was the only bright spot for India in the opening ODI. • AP

three pacers. Sneha Rana, who did brilliantly with both the bat and ball on her Test debut, can

be the second spin all-rounder alongside Deepti Sharma. On the other hand, En-

**All we need is one good knock from the top three and that will give us a platform (to make a significant score)**  
JHULAN

gland played a near-perfect game to outplay an out-of-sorts opponent.

**The teams (from):**  
**India:** Mithali Raj (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Punam Raut, Harmanpreet Kaur (Vice-Capt.), Deepti Sharma, Taniya Bhatia (wk), Sneha Rana, Jhulan Goswami, Shikha Pandey, Jemimah Rodrigues, Arundhati Reddy, Puja Vastrakar, Ekta Bisht, Radha Yadav, Poonam Yadav, Priya Punia and Indrani Roy (wk).  
**England:** Heather Knight (Capt.), Tammy Beaumont, Kate Cross, Nat Sciver, Sophia Dunkley, Lauren Winfield-Hill, Anya Shrubsole, Katherine Brunt, Sophie Ecclestone, Amy Jones (wk), Freya Davis, Tash Farrant, Sarah Glenn, Mady Villiers, Fran Wilson, Sarah Glenn and Emily Arlott.  
Match starts at 6.30 p.m. IST.

# T20 WC dates confirmed

## AMOL KARHADKAR MUMBAI

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday confirmed that the T20 World Cup will be played from October 17 to November 14.

The announcement came a day after the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) informed its affiliates about hosting the tournament in the United Arab Emirates and Oman due to COVID-19 concerns.

# Woakes, Root make it 1-0

## AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE CHESTER-LE-STREET

Chris Woakes paved the way for victory and Joe Root delivered it with ease as England cruised to a five-wicket win over Sri Lanka with 15.1 overs to spare in the first ODI on Tuesday.

Woakes claimed four for 18 from 10 overs, restricting the weakened tourists to 185 in 42.3 overs.

Jonny Bairstow took 43 off the target in a frenzy of

Now that the suspense over the window for the T20 World Cup is over, the BCCI hierarchy is hoping to finalise the dates for the latter half of the Indian Premier League, set to start in UAE on September 19.

While October 15 is being looked as a tentative date for the final, the schedule may be crunched should all stakeholders feel the necessity for a longer break between the IPL final and the T20 World Cup.

boundary-hitting at the top of the order and, after a brief wobble, Root took the hosts across the line with an unbeaten 79 as England reached 189 for five in 34.5 overs.

**The scores:** Sri Lanka 185 in 42.3 overs (Kusal Perera 73, Wanindu Hasaranga 54, Chris Woakes 4/18, David Willey 3/44) lost to England 189/5 in 34.5 overs (Jonny Bairstow 43, Joe Root 79 n.o., Dushmantha Chameera 3/50).

# Barty beats Suarez Navarro in emotion-filled contest

The latter was making her final appearance at The Championships; Federer survives a scare

## WIMBLEDON

### AGENCIES LONDON

Ashleigh Barty's bid to win Wimbledon, 50 years after fellow Australian Evonne Goolagong Cawley bagged her first title, got off to a bright start with a 6-1, 6-7(1), 6-1 victory over Carla Suarez Navarro on Tuesday.

Suarez Navarro, who has returned to the circuit after battling cancer, dominated the second set tie-break and won 7-1 after losing the first set. Barty, however, pulled herself together and cruised through in the decider.

The 41-year-old Venus Williams defeated Mihaela Buzarnescu of Romania 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, serving 10 aces in the match.

Former Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber advanced by beating Nina Stojanovic 6-4, 6-3.

In men's singles, Roger Federer survived a huge scare to reach the second round when French opponent Adrian Mannarino was forced to retire with injury at the start of the fifth set. Eight-time champion Federer was level at 6-4, 6-7 (3/7), 3-6, 6-2 when Mannarino called it quits after just one point in the decider.

The Frenchman, celebrating his 33rd birthday, had suffered a bad fall in the se-

venth game of the fourth set. Alexander Zverev served 20 aces and only 18 unforced errors as he swept past qualifier Tallon Griekspoor 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

On Monday, two-time champion Andy Murray won his first Wimbledon singles match since 2017 with a 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 victory over 24th seed Nikoloz Basilashvili. His last appearance in the singles tournament at Wimbledon four years ago ended in a five-set loss to Sam Querrey in the quarterfinals.

A long-standing hip problem, which required surgery, then pushed him tearfully to the brink of retirement.

**Wimbledon gave me a really good gift. One of my last matches here, against Ash. No. 1 in the world. Centre Court, with the roof. Was amazing. I am the most happy player in the tournament**

## SUAREZ NAVARRO

**I keep being asked if this is my last Wimbledon or last match. No. I want to play. He [Basilashvili] is ranked 28 and I have hardly played any matches and I beat him. I will keep going**  
MURRAY

## The highlights

- **1** - 2018 champion Kerber's first match win at a Major since the 2020 US Open. She had three straight first-round defeats - 2020 French Open, 2021 Aus Open and 2021 French Open
- **1** - 2010 finalist Zvonareva earned her first Wimbledon main draw win since 2014
- **90** - Venus' 90th Major appearance in singles, an Open Era record. The win over Buzarnescu was her 90th at the All England Club in her 23rd Wimbledon

**Women:** 1-Ashleigh Barty (Aus) bt Carla Suarez Navarro (Esp) 6-1, 6-7(1), 6-1; Venus Williams (USA) bt Mihaela Buzarnescu (Rou) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; Vera Zvonareva (Rus) bt Marie Bouzkova (Cze) 7-5, 6-4; 8-Karolina Pliskova (Cze) bt Tamara Zidanssek (Slo) 7-5, 6-4; Tereza Mar-

## THE RESULTS

**First round: Men:** 6-Roger Federer (Sui) bt Adrian Mannarino (Fra) 6-4, 6-7(3), 3-6, 6-2, 0-0, retired; 22-Dan Evans (GBR) bt Feliciano Lopez (Esp) 7-6(4), 6-2, 7-5; Sebastian Korda (USA) bt 15-Alex de Minaur (Aus) 6-3, 6-4, 6-7(5), 7-6(5); 4-Alexander Zverev (Ger) bt Tallon Griekspoor (Ned) 6-3, 6-4, 6-1; 9-Diego Schwartzman (Arg) bt Benoit Paire (Fra) 6-3, 6-4, 6-0; 26-Fabio Fognini (Ita) bt Albert Ramos Vinolas (Esp) 7-6(4), 6-2, 6-4.



**Incredible competitor:** Barty, right, hailed Suarez Navarro as 'a fighter and genuine champion.' • AP

tincova (Cze) bt 28-Alison Riske (USA) 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; 13-Elise Mertens (Bel) bt Harriet Dart (GBR) 6-1, 6-3; 21-Ons Jabeur (Tun) bt Rebecca Peterson (Swe) 6-2, 6-1; 15-Maria Sakkari (Gre) bt Arantxa Rus (Ned) 6-1, 6-1.

**On Monday: Men:** Kevin Anderson (RSA) bt Marcelo Tomas Barrios Vera (Chi) 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6(4); Denis Kudla (USA) bt 30-Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (Esp) 5-7, 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-3, 6-3; Marton Fucsovics (Hun) bt 19-Jannik Sinner (Ita) 5-7, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3; 5-Andrey Rublev (Rus) bt Federico Delbonis (Arg) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2; 25-Karen Khachanov (Rus) bt Mackenzie McDonald (USA) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6(3); Andy Murray (GBR) bt 24-Nikoloz Basilashvili (Geo) 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; Dominik Koepfer (Ger) bt 27-Reilly

Opelka (USA) 6-4, 7-6(3), 6-2; 8-Roberto Bautista Agut (Esp) bt John Millman (Aus) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6(4).

**Women:** Viktorija Golubic (Sui) bt 29-Veronika Kudermetova (Rus) 3-6, 6-1, 11-9; 4-Sofia Kenin (USA) bt Wang Xinyu (Chn) 6-4, 6-2; 7-Iga Swiatek (Pol) bt Su-Wei Hsieh (Tpe) 6-4, 6-4; 18-Elena Rybakina (Kaz) bt Kristina Mladenovic (Fra) 6-4, 6-0.

## Fallen seeds

- **Men:** 15-De Minaur, 19-Sinner, 24-Basilashvili, 27-Opelka, 30-Davidovich Fokina
- **Women:** 28-Riske, 29-Kudermetova

# Mark Cavendish wins a stage after five years

van der Poel retains the yellow jersey

## TOUR DE FRANCE

### REUTERS FOUGERES

A last-gasp addition to his team, Mark Cavendish rolled back the years as he claimed his 31st Tour de France stage victory on Tuesday – five years after his last success on the world's greatest cycling race.

The Briton, who finished outside the time limit in his previous participation in 2018, crashed out in 2017 and hinted at retirement last year. He is now three victories away from the Tour's all-time stage win record held by Belgian great Eddy Merckx.

Cavendish, back in the Deceuninck-Quick Step team this season after a five-year hiatus, powered past his rivals in the final straight to beat France's Nacer Bouhanni to the line. Belgian Jasper Philipsen took third



Cavendish. • AFP

place while his Alpecin-Fenix teammate Mathieu van der Poel retained the overall leader's yellow jersey.

"So many people did not believe in me, you know...these guys do," a tearful Cavendish said afterwards, referring to Deceuninck-Quick Step. "I thought I'd never be back."

The day had begun with a rider protest, asking for safer racing conditions after numerous crashes.

# Arjun takes lead but Aronian catches up

## RAKESH RAO NEW DELHI

Arjun Erigaisi continued to impress the chess world by beating Levon Aronian once before the Armenian hit back to make it 2-2 in the first set of the quarterfinals in the Goldmoney Asian Rapid online rapid chess tournament on Tuesday.

In the most-followed match of the day, Magnus Carlsen scored twice over Wesley So before taking the first set 2.5-1.5.

Having escaped with a draw in the first game, 17-year-old Arjun came up with a brilliant finish in the second. He was ready to capture Aronian's queen when the game ended.

A little earlier, Arjun missed a fine tactical sequence where he could have sealed the game by catching Aronian's queen with a knight 'fork'. Eventually, this missed opportunity did not hurt Arjun.

Aronian hit back in the third game to draw level and the fourth game proved an equal draw. **The results: Quarterfinals: Set One:** Arjun Erigaisi drew with Levon Aronian (Arm) 2-2; Magnus Carlsen (Nor) bt Wesley So (USA) 2.5-1.5; Jan Krzysztof Duda (Pol) drew with Ding Liren (Chn) 2-2; Vladislav Artemiev (Rus) bt Anish Giri (Ned) 3-0.



